

Newsletter 26 (2021-22)

May 6th, 2022

Dear Parents,

This week showed both the best things about our school and the worst. On Tuesday, a resident, from the St. Mungo's Hostel next door, caused great distress to parents and children by noisily and rudely protesting about the number of people on the pavement. This was also done in a very aggressive and threatening manner.

Mr. Higgins was called up from the playground as the situation was becoming extremely difficult. A number of parents (Elijah (R), Isabelle (Y2), Kleanthis (4) and Niovi (2), Tess (5), Jack (R), Bayley (6), Summer (R) and mother of Archie (5) and Jude (2) helped by being super calm and providing a safety barrier between the man and the children.

I included a discussion in assembly today about Tuesday's incident. I congratulated Year Six (and all the children) for acting with such maturity when taking all the waiting Reception children to the playground - I think this helped somewhat – Year Six received a spontaneous round of applause – instigated by Olivia (3). We did our best to consider the Fruits of the Spirit (our school motto) when empathising with the challenges this individual obviously has.

These are: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**. It's a hard thing to ask when faced with anger and threats but, as Christians and families of other Faiths, we need to at least try.

Miss Rogers, Mr. Higgins and I discussed how best to make sure the entry to school is as safe as we can make it. You will have noticed that Mr. Higgins is now at the gate each morning as Miss Rogers is now supervising the Breakfast Club children in the playground.

The Police were called and Mr. Higgins, two parents and I made official statements. We have arranged a meeting with the managers of the hostel on Tuesday. Miss Julie Bromilow, the Governor in charge of Safeguarding, hopes to also attend.

The man concerned no longer lives at the Hostel so will no longer provide a threat to any of us.

Elections for new Parent Governors – the Results

I am writing to formally announce the results of the Parent Governor Election. The votes were counted today by the Returning Officer, Mrs. Clark and in the presence of Miss Granite and Miss Simmons.

The results are as follows:

Angie Garvich: 74 Martin Beauchamp: 48 Ani Gregorian-Coates: 33 Cedar Ekblom: 30

Angie Garvich and Martin Beauchamp are duly elected to represent you on the School Governing Body with immediate effect. Congratulations! Thank you all four candidates for showing how much you want to work with our School Team and to everyone who voted.

Year Six SATs – Next Week!

Year Six have been working what seems like for ever to prepare for their SATs test next week. We are so very proud of your maturity and the expert way you have prepared yourselves. I have attached a poem found by Miss Hodgson which sums up what we think of you!

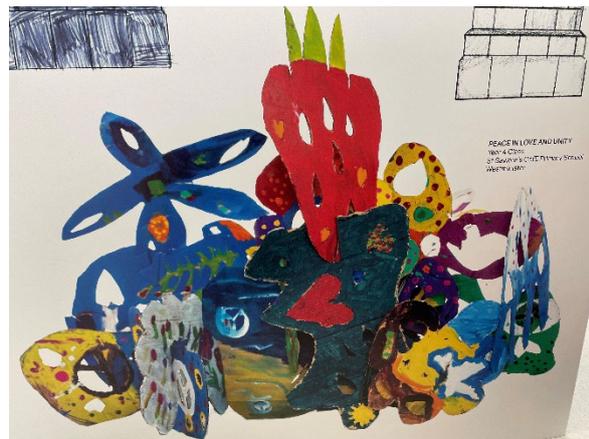
Year Four – Winners of the Westminster Prize for a Fourth Plinth Design

Recently, there was a national competition to find ideas from children to design a piece of sculpture for the empty Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, Imagine our delight when we heard that our Year Four had been won the First prize for Westminster! There were over 2000 entries and only 35 prizes (awarded by the Cass family) - many congratulations to you all!

The winning design was created by Year Four working with Miss de Perlaky during their specialist art lessons. They gave it the title “Peace in Love and Harmony”. On Wednesday, the whole class (accompanied by Mr. Goulding, Miss Granite and Miss de Perlaky travelled to the new City Hall in East London for the award ceremony. Here are some pictures:



Justine Simons' twitter photo today – with Eludd!



“Peace in Love and Harmony”



The prizes were awarded by Justine Simons who is the Deputy Mayor for Culture. You can also see Professor Samson Kambalu (www.samsonkambalu – who is the Associate Professor of Fine Art at Ruskin School of Art, Magdalene College, Oxford University). Professor Kambalu is a famous artist from Malawi and was the competition's judge. The exhibition will be held until Mid-June

A Message from Gordon Carrick at Maida Vale Library

“We’re having a big sale of ex-library stock at the moment, with lots of children’s books at bargain prices. It would be great if you could publicise it in your newsletter to parents. Come and grab yourself a bargain or three at Maida Vale Library's Big Spring Book Sale. We have a wide selection of books, audiobooks and DVDs for children and adults. Currently set to end on Saturday 14th May - but may be extended to 28th May if stock lasts!”

Stars of the Week – April 29th

Nursery: Barkon, you are our star of the week! We have been so impressed with how sensible and kind you have been this week. You have tried so hard in all the activities and played so nicely with all your friends!

Reception: Alkimini – Congratulations! You are Receptions Star of the Week! You always take your time and great care with your work ensuring it is well presented. You are a role model to your peers by always doing great listening and trying your best at everything you do!

Year One: Bianca, many congratulations! We have been so impressed with how you have been a role model for others in our class. You are very proactive on the carpet and extremely focused during independent work! Fantastic!

Year Two: Aimar, you are our Star of the Week! You are an extremely hard worker and are always trying your best. You are a wonderful and positive influence on everyone around you – well done indeed!

Year Three: Lucy, you have had such a wonderful week! We are so impressed by your writing and how well you concentrate on your work!

Year Four: Julia you are an amazing student! You want to learn everything and focus so well during lessons. You follow instructions brilliantly and consistently make good choices.

Year Five: Joseph, you have had a brilliant week. You have worked so hard and done really well – particularly in maths lessons. Thank you for all your great contributions during class discussions.

Year Six: Congratulations Leon! You have had a super week and are always so calm and focussed during lessons. You embrace challenges and always push yourself in order to reach your full and best potential. This is a great and very positive attitude to have!

Stars of the Week – May 6th

Nursery: Congratulations Maxim! You are the Nursery Star of the Week! We all agree that you are a very happy, kind and friendly member of our class. You play such fun games and you always come into school really happily! Well done, Maxim!

Reception: Congratulations Anastasia! We have been so impressed with how well you are listening and participating during our lessons. You give everything a try and are so creative with your small world play!

Year One: Sane, you are our Star of the Week! This is because you put your best effort into all your work. You are better at believing in yourself and have become more confident in your learning. We love that you take your time to answer questions on the carpet and keep trying to improve your answer. Well done!

Year Two: Isabelle, you are our Star of the Week! You are always working so hard in every lesson but especially English. You come into class every day with a big bright smile and you are such a pleasure to teach!

Year Three: Olivia – well done! You have so impressed us with your positive attitude to Maths this week. You have been so determined to challenge yourself! Just carry on being amazing!

Year Four: Ella – your behaviour was exemplary on our school trip and you were very sensible throughout the entire day. You also provided some excellent answers especially in English this week and always contributes excellent answers. Well done Ella!

Year Five: Phoenix has had a brilliant week. We have really been impressed with her work, particularly in English and Science. Phoenix has also been willing to share her great ideas and thoughts, with the rest of the class, during classroom discussion times. Fantastic!

Year Six: Gabriel has had another brilliant week. He has a fantastic attitude to learning and always tries his best. He is also very positive and has kept everyone's spirits up in the lead up to our tests next week! Well done!

Buster's Weekend Friends

Friday April 29th: Sebastian in Year Two because he is always so positive, caring and considerate. He is kind hearted, goes out of his way to help friends in need. Everyone enjoys being around him and he is an absolute delight to teach!

Friday 6th May: Emma E in Year Three because she is such a kind and optimistic person. She loves a challenge and strives for greatness in every lesson. She is extremely inquisitive, curious and always wants to know more! Emma is constantly helping others in her class – even without being asked and she is never seen without a smile on her face.

Emma is also an invaluable help for Ms. Woodford **Again, Emma was really shocked to hear this news as she thought it must be about somebody else!**

Friday TryDay: This week, we tried raw radishes today. The verdict was, on the whole, yes with a few definite no-s!

I found this video link of a Pole Vaulter and thought you would like to see the very cool ending. I have no idea how anyone could start learning to Pole Vault as it looks really scary!

<https://youtube.com/shorts/IQO1cNHCRvQ?feature=share>

I hope you have a restful weekend and sunny weekend!

With love and best wishes, Ms. Woodford xx