St Paul with St Luke C of E Primary School

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Friday 24th October 2014

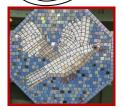












Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is our last day as school is closed for the half term holiday next week. School re-opens on Monday 3rd November. We hope that all of our children and families have an enjoyable week.

In assembly this morning there were some strange goings on! We were visited by some of the characters from Big Maths—our new maths programme of teaching. The characters explained to us how they can each help us in a different way with our learning in maths. Ask your child to tell you all about the characters below...

Happy Half Term,

Emily Wright, Acting Headteacher













Pupils of the Week

Nursery: Jaliyah Adofo Bamfo

Reception: Zakariah Ben Said

Year 1: Abid Ali

Year 2: Ayla Jay Bissessar

Year 3: Imad Khayer

Year 4: Frankielee Wilson

Year 5: Eli Bissessar

Year 6C: Syeda Maryam Ali

Year 6SB: Deontay Taylor - Ming



Last week's attendance:

Nursery: 87.0%

Reception: 93.0%

Year 1: 97.7%

Year 2: 98.9%

Year 3: 96.4%

Year 4: 96.2%

Year 5: 96.6%

Year 6C: 95.4%

Year 6SB: 92.5%

Number of Lates:

Monday: 15

Tuesday: 27

Wednesday: 9

Thursday: 13

Friday: 16





In Year 5 we have been learning about Greek democracy as part of our topic on Ancient Greece. We held an election to choose Greek leaders, just like they did in Athens during the time of Ancient Greece. So everyone in the class

had to write on a post it note explaining why they thought they should be chosen. As it was an Ancient Greek election, when women couldn't vote everyone was given a slip of paper saying whether they were a man or woman and if you had a slip which said woman you couldn't vote. After we counted the votes there were 2 new leaders... Jamie and Noelia. They have decided Year 5 should be called Hermeopolis after Hermes who was a messenger to the Greek gods. I wonder what other new rules they will come up with?

This week in Reception we have been reading the funny bones book by Janet and Allan Ahlberg, we have made our own story boards, made skeleton puppets and enjoyed dancing to the 'Dem bones' Song.

After half term we will start a new book 'The Tiger who came to tea' by Judith Kerr, we to Tea are going to change our role play into a Vet surgery.







"Class 6C made posters to convince men and women to help their country succeed during WW11. The hard work paid off."

Rislat, Year 6C

"Lately in topic 6C has been working on propagandas based on WWII. We very much enjoyed doing these posters and we have learnt a lot."

Ben, Year 6C











This week in Nursery, we have been reading the book 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. We've made animals masks, sang songs about counting the animals at the zoo and did lot lots of fantastic writing. Together, we've written a GIGANTIC letter to the zoo asking the zoo to send us a pet!!! We thought very long and hard about what animals could live in the Nursery. At first, we thought maybe a penguin, but we'd have to get a paddling pool. Then we thought a giraffe, but he would be too tall! So we finally

> decided to ask the zoo for a fish! We look forward to hearing back from the





Year 2 Autumn Term 2 Attendance Challenge Winners



"The cinema was really fun but The Boxtrolls film was disgusting because they eat bugs! The funniest bit was when the evil character, Mr Snatcher ate so much cheese that he exploded! It was like a cheese burst!"

Dora, Reis and Nickie, Year 2

"It is important to come to school everyday so you can learn and maybe win a reward and go on a cinema trip too! "

Riley, Matthew and Joel, Year 2



Year 4 have been reading about the famous Olympics runner named Jesse Owens, an inspirational athlete whose parents were black slaves. People from all over the world remembered him as the 'Worlds fastest human'. He had written

books about the struggles and prejudices that black people had gone through. Year 4 were inspired by his famous quotes...

"We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort."







Children in Nurture Group have really been enjoying their circle times. They have taken part in activities related to speech and language, maths, writing, and their most favourite, art!





This week Year 1 have been writing about Queen Elizabeth II. We have been using power words to describe what the Queen looks like and writing sentences remembering our capital letters and full stops. First we completed mind maps with our partners and then we wrote sentences.

Year 3's homework challenge was to make a 3D Viking artefact was won by Dean. Dean make a Viking helmet, sword and horns. Well done to all those children who contributed!



On Thursday 6SB visited East London Central Synagogue in Whitechapel. Our guide, Leou, had a wealth of knowledge about Judaism and we found out lots more about the religion itself!







Booktime is the national free books programme for reception-aged children.

There will be a book time workshop for Reception parents after half term on Wednesday 5th November at 9am in the Father Duncan Ross Room

Children will be given a free book pack to take home.

Events during Half Term

There are a lot of different clubs, activities and events taking place during the half term in Tower Hamlets. Please check the Parent Display Board and leaflets in the reception area for further information.

Poppy Appeal

Available to purchase from the School Office

Only £1

Every poppy helps to support the British Armed Forces past and present, and their families.





Diary Dates:

Half Term - school closed - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November - Wednesday 5th November - Book Fair—3:25pm - 4pm

Wednesday 5th November - Book time workshop—Reception parents—9am in Father Duncan Ross Room

Friday 7th November - Year 5 class assembly

Friday 14th November - Year 4 class assembly

Mrs Sharpe's Handwriting Challenge

As we say goodbye to October over the half term, I leave you with this half term's last challenge.

Your job is to copy out this wonderful 'October' poem in your neatest, most beautiful handwriting. The best piece of handwriting will receive a prize in our Pupil of the Week assembly after half term!

What to do:

Copy this piece of text out onto paper (you can also decorate the paper if you wish!). Then hand it in to Mrs Sharpe on Monday 3rd November (you will have the whole week to complete this task). Mrs Sharpe will look at all the entries and award a prize to the best on Tuesday 4th November! Good Luck!



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If you wish to purchase a copy of your child/children picture, please complete the order form and return to the office, together with your cash or cheque (made payable to Tempest Photography) by Friday 7th November 2014.

Any orders received after this date will have to be purchased direct from the photographers.