

NEWSLETTER W/E 15th November 2024

Dear Families,

This week at SPSL has been full of excitement and learning! Today, we celebrated Children in Need Pyjama Day, with pupils and staff embracing the cosy theme while raising funds for a fantastic cause—thank you for your generosity! Earlier in the week, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors represented the school brilliantly at Poplar Parliament and enjoyed a special meeting with the inspirational artist Macka B, who shared his vibrant reggae beats and message of healthy living. Pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6 also participated in engaging sessions with our local police, learning invaluable tips about online safety. A big thank you to everyone who made this week so memorable!



*Mrs Smith
& Mr Hall*



Pupil absence

If your child is absence from school, please contact the school office daily until they return.

Thank you



DIARY DATES

18/11/2024 - 29/11/2024: Attendance week

26/11/2024: Chefs in School programme - food samples at 3:30pm

04/12/2024-11/12/2024: Travelling Book Fair - browse and buy books

05/12/2024: Jack & The Beanstalk Christmas Panto - All students

18/12/2024: Christmas lunch

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95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**Our school target
is 96%!
Come on
everyone, we can
do it!**

Polite reminder:

Children need to be in school on time.

Gates open at 8:45 and close at 8:55.
Early morning learning at this time sets the children up for the day.

Our Attendance Welfare Officer (AWA), Ranu Begum, attends school every Thursday morning. Ranu checks our school registers regularly and will contact parents & guardians by letter or telephone. Meetings and home visits will be completed if there is a cause for concern.

Formal referrals of pupils with persistent absence or below 90% attendance will be made. Children need to be in school every day. Parents should be aware that they can ultimately be prosecuted for non-attendance offences.

We know that sometimes- even with children at school 190 out of 365 days in the year- they may fall ill. This can be worrying so please see advice from our local teams on

https://www.towerhamletstogether.com/files/Care_Confident_Booklet_A5_InteractiveBooklet2.pdf on common illnesses and when to seek support. Additional sports including swimming benefit children to be healthier and smarter. Please ensure children take full advantage of this by wearing appropriate kit and making sure they bring it with them each week!

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A review of absence procedures by the Department of Education is called for following the death of a 4 year old child in Hackney. We all have to be more vigilant and ensure daily calls are made if your child is absent so that we know your child and you are safe.

We have looked at our procedures for attendance and how we monitor and support families.

To ensure we support families before attendance becomes a concern we will be monitoring and sending letters at different stages:

If attendance falls between 96% - 90% you will receive a letter offering support. If it continues to fall and falls below 90%, which is considered to be persistent absence, then another letter will be sent and school, with support from the LA, will monitor.

If there is no improvement to attendance then a meeting will be scheduled. This meeting will be with the LA, A member of SLT and the school Social worker.

Unfortunately there may be times where school may have to issue a fine. We hope to prevent this by working with you.

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ATTENDANCE WEEK: 18th - 29th November 2024

This November, we're excited to announce a special attendance challenge with some truly delightful rewards for our students! From **18th - 29th November**, students who attend school *every single day* will enjoy *extra break time* to unwind and have fun with their friends. But that's not all—our daily achievers will also be invited to a **high tea with Ms. Begum!**



It's a wonderful opportunity for them to celebrate their commitment and hard work in a special way. Let's encourage our children to take on this challenge and make lasting memories!

Join us in supporting their success—let's make November unforgettable!



WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE!

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CHEFS IN SCHOOLS

As a part of our Chefs in School programme, Chef Dan and Sous Chef Meg are delighted to offer you a chance to sample two dishes from our current menu - chicken pie and chocolate chip banana bread!

**Samples will be handed out on
Tuesday 26th November 2024 at
3:30pm.**

We hope you'll enjoy these dishes
and we look forward to your
feedback.



CHEFS IN SCHOOLS

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Upcoming Educational visits for next half term

Year R
Discovery
Centre
Story telling

Year 1
Soane centre
Plants
workshop

Year 2
Monument
Great Fire Of
London walk

Year 3
Natural History
Museum

Year 4
Tower Of
London

Year 5
Science
Museum

Year 6
Imperial War
Museum

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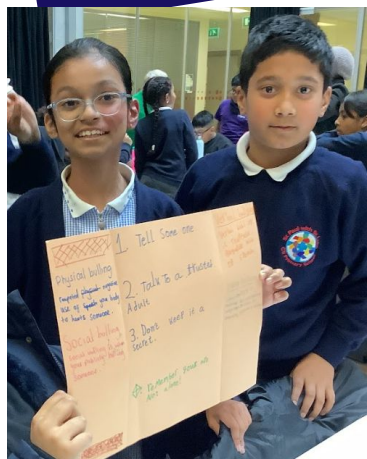
CHILDREN IN NEED - PYJAMA DAY!



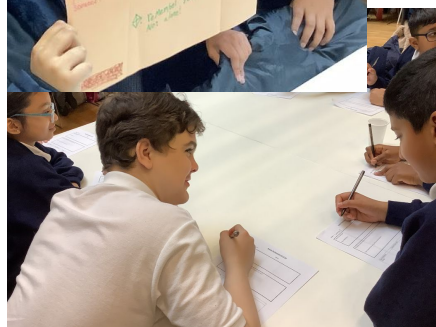
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We are thrilled to share the fantastic achievements of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, who recently represented our school at the Poplar Parliament alongside other schools in the area. This special event focused on the important mission of standing united against bullying, and our ambassadors truly shone as they embraced the opportunity to learn, create, and collaborate.



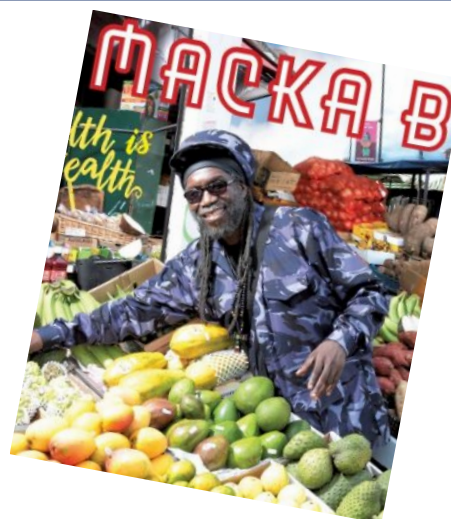
During the workshop, the children took part in a series of engaging activities designed to promote anti-bullying initiatives. They worked together to design a vibrant leaflet, create a unique badge, and even develop a mascot to symbolize the fight against bullying. Their creativity and passion were on full display, and they were eager to bring their newfound knowledge and ideas back to school.



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Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors had a truly unforgettable experience this week as they were treated to a special meeting with the inspirational artist Macka B. Known for his vibrant reggae beats and powerful message of healthy living, Macka B captivated the children with his story, music, and passion for promoting positive change.



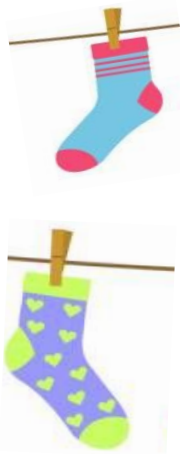
The ambassadors were particularly intrigued by Macka B's creative approach to spreading awareness about healthy eating. On platforms like Instagram, he posts weekly videos such as *"Medical Monday"* and *"Wha Me Eat Wednesday"*, where he highlights the benefits of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. His fun, rhythmic style has made healthy living an accessible and enjoyable topic, with his viral hit about cucumbers (*"coo-coombah"*) earning him international acclaim.

Macka B's message to the ambassadors was clear: focus on the positives and inspire change with kindness and creativity. Instead of saying "stop eating this," he encourages people to explore how amazing nutritious foods can make them feel.

Our ambassadors left the session feeling inspired, not only about their work as role models but also about ways they can promote well-being and positivity in our school community.

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Odd sock day to support Anti-Bullying week!



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PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Nursery	Arisha Rashid Asiya Noor
Reception	Alanta Thomas-Morales Tamjid Alom
Year 1	Zayden Miah Tawseef Salehin
Year 2	Mohamoud Osman Yusra Hussain
Year 3	Shanaya Ahmed Fatin Ishraq
Year 4	Harrison George-Giles Lillie-Jane
Year 5	Ismael Khan Siyana Uddin
Year 6	James Lee Ava-Louise



WORSHIP FOCUS

Mark 1:14-20

The first disciples that Jesus called were fishermen. They responded to the call of Jesus, leaving everything to follow him.



Putting right those things we are sorry about and starting afresh.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO!

Abdul 8 years old
Musa 5 years old
Eshan 10 years old
Ariana 11 years old

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Helping you to understand your child A course supporting parents with their children's emotional regulation

You have been invited to join a course with other parents to help you think about your child's actions and feelings, particularly the way your child copes when they become upset, overwhelmed or over excited. You have been invited to participate in this group as you have shared that you sometimes find it difficult to manage your child's behaviour in specific situations. We use the term emotional regulation to mean how a child manages their emotions in response to a situation or event. We hope that by the end of the course you will have a range of strategies to help you support your child in daily life and understand their needs in more depth.

The course will run for 5 sessions at a children and family centre, and it will be delivered by Educational Psychologists who are used to supporting children and families with this subject in schools. Both you and your child are to attend the sessions. We will spend time together in a play environment to discuss and model approaches to use.

We see this course as an intervention and so it is important that you and your child attend for the entire course. If your child is at nursery we can inform the nursery that you and your child will be attending a course with Educational Psychologists and will need time away from nursery.

Dates of course

Thursday 7th November 2024 10am – 11.30 at Isle of Dogs Children's and Family Centre

Thursday 14th November 2024 10am – 11.30 at Isle of Dogs Children's and Family Centre

Thursday 21st November 2024 10am – 11.30 at Isle of Dogs Children's and Family Centre

Thursday 28th November 2024 10am – 11.30 at Isle of Dogs Children's and Family Centre

Thursday 5th December 2024 10am – 11.30 at Isle of Dogs Children's and Family Centre



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Academic Calendar 2024-2025

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Autumn term 2024

Term 1

04/09/2024 - 25/10/2024

Half term

28/10/2024 - 01/11/2024

Term 2

04/11/2024 - 20/12/2024

Christmas break

23/12/2024 - 03/01/2025

Spring term 2025

Term 1

07/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

Half term

17/02/2025 - 21/02/2025

Term 2

24/02/2025 - 11/04/2025

Easter break

14/04/2025 - 25/04/2025

Summer term 2025

Term 1

28/04/2025 - 23/05/2025

Half term

26/05/2025 - 30/05/2025

Term 2

02/06/2025 - 18/07/2025

Inset days

Inset 1 - 02/09/2024

Inset 2 - 03/09/2024

Inset 3 - 06/01/2025

Inset 4 - 31/03/2025 twilight

Inset 5 - TBC twilight

Bank holidays Eid days

25/12/2024 31/03/2025

26/12/2024 07/06/2025

01/01/2025

18/04/2025

21/04/2025

05/05/2025

26/05/2025

26/08/2025