



Drapers' Maylands
Primary School

School Newsletter

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It is hard to believe that the end of our second year has come around so quickly. What a year it has been...just during the past week, the children have met wild birds and completed the many animal homes as part of their British Wildlife project. It is sad that we will be saying goodbye for now to Mr Sarkis, our wonderful Artist in Residence. The children have been impressive in their ability to safely and skilfully use tools to build products and this has been a great way to build confidence and self esteem.

We have had such a successful year academically- with our results placing the school in the top 20% of national schools for the second year running, but in the opportunities our children can learn from experiences in and outside the classroom. Feedback from parents and carers in cards and in person is really appreciated by staff, who work incredibly hard to make our school community a happy and exceptional place to be.

100% Attendance

The following children had 100% attendance for the whole year Louis Turner, Melissa Stoian, Sophia French, Sophie Colasanti, Jack Hill, Rafe Kisakye, Riley payten, Daisy Sadiku. All of the names were put into a hat and lucky Louis Turner has won the family cinema voucher to take home and share!

Wildlife Garden Opening

On Tuesday 18th July we had a celebration to officially 'open' our Wildlife Garden. As part of the conservation regulations we are required to have bat boxes on our new building. Instead of buying them, our children designed and built them with Mr Sarkis, our Artist in Residence. They also designed and built Minibeast hotels, bird tables, hedgehog houses and bee homes. These will be placed around our school site as part of ongoing curriculum projects to learn about and support our British wildlife. In addition, with wood which was donated from the new building the children have made twelve benches with Mr Sarkis which will form an important part of the outdoor learning areas. What a wonderful legacy!

Sports' Day

Another soggy year but brilliant celebration for the children. We all had great fun and enjoyed a picnic when the sun finally showed itself! Thank you for coming to support your children and cheer on the teams. It really is remarkable that our brand new school already has such a committed and supportive community.

The winning team was Normans! Well done to you all for taking part and displaying such great sportsmanship and sporting prowess.

Eco-Friendly School

From September, please use our website, Twitter and Facebook to find information about dates and events. We are hoping to achieve Eco-Schools status and show our commitment to protecting the environment by using as little paper as we can. If we contact individual parents or have urgent information, we will use text messages or emails so please make sure that all your details are correct and kept up to date.

Sponsored Read

We raised £445.18 for our Ready Steady Read with Usborne books. The children who took part and successfully raised money: Jiya popat, Melissa Stoian, Sophia Barber, Eduard Banica, Alice Apps, Veer Sidhu, Lucy Torres-Catmur, Liam Jones, Riley Payten, Tayeb Mobariz and Kacie-Leigh Cooper have all helped to choose the books for our new school library. Well done to all of them!

Mathletics Challenge

Over the past three weeks we have been taking part in the international Mathletics competition. Out of 221 schools taking part, Maylands was ranked 29th with an average of 1293 points per child. Veer Sidhu in Rabbit Class was placed in the top 30 internationally. Congratulations to our superstar!

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported with this at home, please keep up the practice with this great resource over the holidays.

Thank you for the many cards, gifts, homemade cakes, kind words and appreciation from all the staff at Maylands.

It really is very much appreciated.

The new building is finally completed and we will be moving our school in over the summer holidays. I look forward to seeing you all at the side gate to the playground (behind the main entrance) at 8.45am on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Have a safe and very happy summer holiday!