



School News

The month of May is here and we have the first Monday of the month free as a bank holiday. May is the month of the national tests – SATS! These are very important for the school as we are judged by Ofsted and others for the results the children achieve. It seems strange to me that all the learning – both in the classroom and outside- is judged through four one hour tests in Year 6. We already know what your child is good at and where they need to improve, every single child. But that is another story.

The children can get very anxious about the SATs and they should not. They are very well-prepared to take the tests and will do absolutely as well as they can. The key stage 2 SATS begin on 14th May and the key stage 1 SATS on 18th May.

Other news this week is that I went to central London on Wednesday to a meeting at the Department for Education on the development of good practice in Early Years. The government has produced a paper - *'Unlocking Talent, Fulfilling Potential'* and wants to get the best from all children from the very beginning of their lives. We discussed ways that schools are able to provide outstanding care and education for younger children.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy Monday!

Mr. Brown

EXIT POINTS FOR OUR IPC YEAR 3 TOPIC - ACTIVE PLANET

The exit point is the chance for children to share their learning with their parents, who are encouraged to come into the classroom. The children presented facts about volcanoes, the earth's crust and evacuation strategies. They even had erupting volcanoes! Thank you to all the parents who attended. Your support is appreciated.



LEARNING THIS WEEK IN CLASSES -

Each week we will let you know about some of the learning in class so you can talk about this with your child.

The learning will be taken from the whole curriculum, English, maths, IPC and science, music or PE.

Nursery – we have practised counting and sequencing numbers to 10, and building by following a plan and finding missing pieces.

Peach and Rowan class - we have compared sizes of objects and put them in order and doing observational drawings of vegetables.

Hazel class – we have been learning to add and subtract one and two digit numbers and been writing our own

poem based on Michael Rosen's work.

Holly class – we have been looking at posters and how they present information and seeing multiplication as repeated addition

Maple class - we have been learning about telling the time to 5 minutes and reading a story and answering questions about it.

Sycamore and Olive classes – we have been using non-fiction texts to find out information on a subject, dividing a two digit number by a one digit number (eg. $69 \div 3$) and we had our exit points from our IPC topic- *Active Planet*

Magnolia and Willow classes – we visited Kew Gardens and have been learning about tenths ($1/10$) and hundredths ($1/100$) of a number.

Elm and Plum classes – we worked with *IntoUniversity* on science activities linked to life forms, and how they adapt to the environment as well as multiplying by 10s, 100s, and 1000s

Hawthorn class – we have been reading texts and answering questions about these and practising arithmetic and reasoning in mathematics

PLEASE TALK ABOUT THIS WITH YOUR CHILD THIS WEEKEND

REMINDER - LOST PROPERTY – IF YOU HAVE LOST SOME UNIFORM, PLEASE LOOK IN THE CRATES IN THE KEY STAGE 1 AND 2 PLAYGROUNDS! THEY ARE BOTH FULL OF SWEATSHIRTS, COATS AND BAGS.

STAY SAFE WITH YOUR CHILD ONLINE –

The game “Fortnite” is becoming popular with children, particularly boys at the moment. It is really aimed at 12 years and older but many younger children play. It can be terribly addictive and there is the possibility to link with other friends to play with or against. Advice is to monitor who your child is playing against and restrict the time they are allowed to play.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

HAWTHORNE HOLLY PLUM classes had the best attendance in the school this week! The attendance table is below. Our target across the school is 96% for the year.

Group	%Authorised Absences	%Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	L
1 Hazel	3.8	0.7	95.5	3
2 Maple	1.1	3.0	95.9	3
1/2 Holly	1.4	0.7	97.9	4
3 Sycamore	5.5	1.8	92.7	4
3 Aspen	6.2	0.0	93.8	4
4 Willow	2.2	1.1	96.3	3
4 Magnolia	5.2	0.9	93.5	4
5 Plum	2.2	0.7	97.0	8
5 Elm	5.2	1.4	93.4	9
6 Hawthorne	1.3	0.0	98.7	8
R Peach	5.2	1.7	93.0	5
R Rowan	4.8	1.0	94.3	1
Totals	3.5	1.1	95.4	56

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 7th May – Bank holiday, school is closed

Thursday 10th May – Get, Set, Play music programme in the lower hall for younger children and adults from 3.30pm -4.30pm

Monday, 14th May – SATs tests begin for Year 6

Friday 18th May – SATs begin for Year 2

