

Friday 15th October 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Omariana
Reception	Mohammed
Year 1	Mia-Mae
Year 2	Sydney
Year 3	Kidues
Year 4	Roe
Year 5	Jimmy
Year 6	Maiyah

## Attendance

Nursery	91.1%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	95.9%



Photo of the week

It only seems fitting that this picture of Yolande and her little brother Theo is our picture of the week. Yolanda was in our Reception class and would have left high school this year under different circumstances. We think about them a lot and it was lovely to see that they were remembered by some of Yolanda's classmates who came yesterday to put flowers underneath their apple tree.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday next week to Soraya who will

be 6, Josephine who will be 7, Zanelle who will be 9 and Elsie who will be 10. Have a great time on your special day.

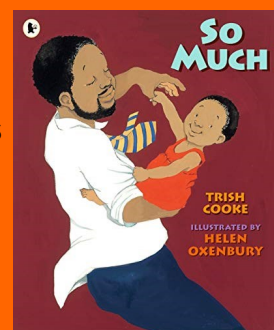
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# In the classroom this week...



This week in Nursery we have been looking at the Kanneh- Mason family. The Kanneh-Masons are seven brothers and sisters ranging in age from 24 to 11 years old all of whom play either violin, piano or cello. We are enjoying watching and listening to them play their music. We are continuing with our Shapes as well as counting. We are making shape pictures, naming the shapes we use. We have been practising our scissor skills by cutting out shapes to make a spider. In literacy we have been learning the sounds of new letters using Jolly Phonics. Each day we are getting better at writing our names.

This week Reception class are enjoying reading *So Much* by Trish Cook. We are linking it to our RE lessons, talking about our families and thanking them for everything they do for us. We are also linking it to Black History month, learning about the author and enjoying the illustrations. In our Maths lessons we are ordering numbers and matching numerals to quantities using autumn leaves and conkers. What have you found this autumn in the outdoors? We have looked at acorns, leaves, conkers, pine cones and twigs. In phonics this week we are writing words for the sound 'i' and have learned new words such as iguana and invitation. This week each Reception child completed their national Reception Class baseline assessment. They showed a great understanding of number, phonics and communication and language. Well done everyone!



What a wonderful week! We all had a brilliant week filled with great writing, problem solving and learning new sounds. The children have been busy learning lots of new sounds and applying this into their writing and reading. In addition, the children became marvelous mathematicians by learning how to order numbers, use comparative language and symbols when focusing on a range of numbers. In topic, the children have had a strong focus on the 'Month of Mary' by learning the Hail Mary prayer and essence of this blessed month. We also looked at how loved our families are and how we show gratitude to our loved ones. I wonder what joys next week will bring....



In year two We've been working on participating numbers and addition using two digit numbers. We enjoyed the story the magic paintbrush and thought about what we'd paint if we had a magic paintbrush. We researched some inspirational iconic figures to celebrate black history month. We looked at people we recognised. We also enjoyed listening to Stevie Wonder's music and learned about Barack and Michelle Obama. In art we looked at the work of

Vincent Van Gogh and tried to create our own versions of his masterpiece starry night . We also made a rosary card to celebrate Mary our mother in heaven. We have worked hard and had a great week

In Year three we have been learning about prepositions and conjunctions in English. In Maths we have been solving problems involving addition and subtraction. For Black history month we have studied the life story of Stephen Lawrence and how his mum- Doreen Lawrence OBE has been campaigning for equality for all no matter which gender, race or religion you are. She made fundamental changes to the justice system. In dance we have composed dances based on our book "The Seal surfer." We are enjoying our guided class novel, "Fantastic Mr. Fox"

Year 4 have had a fantastic field trip today out in the wilds of Turn Moss in Stretford. Although its so close to school and the town centre, you could easily think that you were in the heart of the countryside. The children really enjoyed finding out about nature and natural habitats and there was still time for lots of fun too. We even made 'conker spiders' and brought them back to scare Miss Ward—Shhhh!



This week, children in Year 5 have been working hard and have reached the end of the place value unit in Maths. We have been looking at negative numbers and how we can apply that knowledge to our daily lives such as reading the temperature. In English the children wrote a recount of the events before Annie Taylor's stunt. The children included excellent language features such as: rhetorical questions, fronted adverbial and multi-clause sentences. Mrs Cullinan and I were extremely impressed and proud of how hard they worked on this topic. In Topic, the children have created beautifully designed Greek vases with geometric patterns that we practiced last week. In the coming weeks the children will begin to transfer their ideas onto clay.

Y6 have been continuing to build their confidence in long multiplication word problems and the multiplication of decimal numbers. Our work on fronted adverbials continues in English and we are enjoying our class book, 'Of Thee I sing' by Barack Obama. This links wonderfully with our continuing work for Black History Month and we joined a wonderful poet and rapper on Zoom, Donovan Christopher. While sharing his poems, Donovan encouraged us to all to rise to our potential as we celebrate the many historical figures who have grown to greatness despite adversity like Carter G. Woodson. We began exploring what we know about LIGHT in Science and how we see while observing all the autumnal colours in our school grounds. Many children brought in a variety of leaves that they will use for still life drawings in Art to develop their observation skills and the effects of light creating detailed tonal studies. Mr Flannery helped us to find out more about the GO Green campaign and all the amazing work CAFOD are doing to protect our communal home. Most importantly, what we can do to support poorer countries experiencing the worst of Climate change. Our Eco warriors are presently working on our Environmental display highlighting the importance of COP26 !Children have learned so much on how to keep safe while visiting 'Crucial Crew' this week - I'm sure they have been keen to discuss their trip at home. We continued our discussions in class and wrote about all the vital information we have been taught. With the rain at bay, handball has been great fun outdoors with coach Dan in P.E and children even had a chance to meet and play with their special friends this week in the sun too which has been a true highlight for everyone!