



### Assessment briefing—Friday 15 February 9am

Not sure about how schools assess children’s learning? Join Ms Luzmore for a hot drink and a presentation on the last day of half-term. We will look at national testing as well as practices in the classroom. The session should be around 45 minutes in length with time after to look through samples of different papers and ask questions. A crèche will be available.

### Parents’ Evening is on Mon 11 and Tues 12 February.

Sign up sheets will be on the playground window next week. This is an important meeting to find out how your child is progressing and for the teacher to explain next steps. We ask that all parents attend, or arrange a suitable time with the school office if they cannot make those dates.

### Come and learn about education funding

On Friday 8th February, the PTSA is organising a coffee morning on school cuts. It will be a great opportunity to learn about this issue affecting all schools in the country, the impact on our school and how as a community we can take actions. It will start right after drop-off and last 30 minutes.

### Message from PTSA: parent social

We are having a parents social at the Duchess of Kent (corner of Liverpool Rd and Ellington St) on Wednesday 6 February from 8pm. It will be great to have time together socially so please come! We need to do about 5 mins of PTSA business but will keep it really short!

### February

- Mon 4—Year 3 trip to Science Museum
- Fri 8—PTSA education funding coffee morning 9am
- Mon 11—Parents’ Evening
- Tue 12 —Parents’ Evening
- Thu 14—Y4 Cake sale
- Fri 15—Assessment briefing with Ms Luzmore 9am –school hall**
- Mon 18 – Fri 22 **HALF TERM**
- Mon 25—School starts after half term

**New dates added in red**

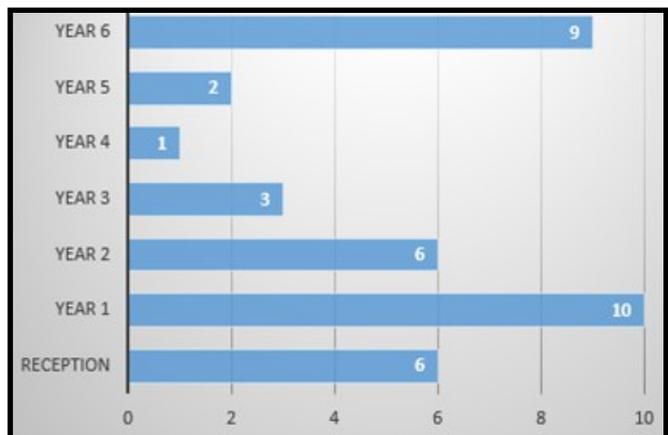
### March

- Fri 1—Y4 Class Assembly 3pm
- Tue 5– Thu 8 Book Fair
- Thu 7- World Book Day
- Thu 7—PTSA KS1 Magic Show
- Fri 8—Reception class assembly 3pm
- Thu 14- KS2 Magic Show
- Thu 28- Y3 Cake Sale
- Thu 28- Shakespeare Performance day

### April

- Mon 1- Y5 Bikeability
- Tue 2- Last swimming session for Y4
- Fri Last day of term – **Finish 1:30pm**

Change in format this week as it has been noticeable that we are continuing to get a large number of pupils arriving late in the last few weeks. We recorded **37 lates** last week! We will be sending letters home about this on parents evening so you can note the number of lates for your child, but please do be aware the very real impact this has not only on your child, but other pupils and staff in the school whose day is interrupted by late arrivals. In order to address this, we will begin a new system after half term, writing to parents more regularly when pupils are often late.



Some have recently been asking for an **update on the playground**. We currently have circa £30,000 in funding, including the £10,000 which the PTSA raised, sitting separately from the main budget. This is the roughly the cost putting astroturf alone, so we continue to look for ways to generate income money so that wider parts of the playground can be improved. I am currently waiting for confirmation for additional money from the 'little extras' our Chancellor promised schools in October last year, which will be added directly to this area.

- Applied for funding grant to Arsenal Community to fund the entire cost of turning the sports pitch into a better surface for games.
- Met with architects to look at how we can improve the design of the playground with the entrance to it to better allow for the flow of people into and out of the school at busy times of the day as well as extend and improve play spaces.

While this may be a slow process, it is a significantly large project which requires care as it will be another significant period of time before any further works could be considered and therefore must be future proof. If you have any contacts for income generation, matched funding, business sponsors or grants I would be grateful to hear from you. **Ms Luzmore**

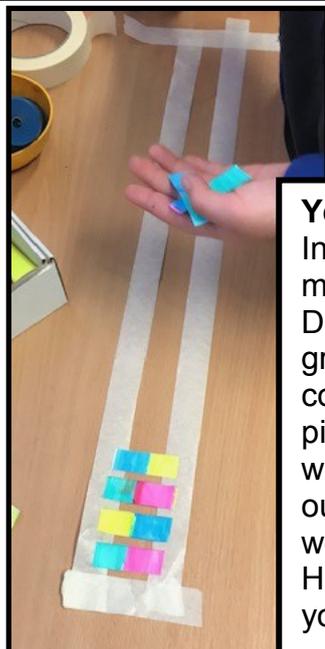
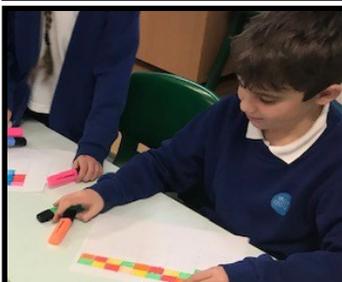
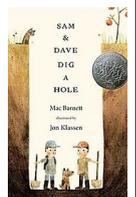
A huge congratulations to our choir who participated in the **Young Voices** concert last Monday evening at the London O2. A truly memorable event, singing as part of the largest children's choir in the world! Michelle was very excited that the children were backing singers to Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet—truly gold. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children on a long day.



**Weather conditions** It has become very chilly in the last week. The site staff do an excellent job in getting salt down on the playground in the morning, but will not be able to get every corner, so please stick to the salted parts in the morning. Once the sun hits the playground, it quickly melts. We have a collection of lost gloves in the office if you are missing any. Thank you!



This **week's assemblies** have been jam packed with a Chinese New Year presentation from the Mandarin department and pupils from secondary. We bid farewell to our visiting pupils from China who have been with us for the past fortnight. Ms Luzmore told the story of Sam and Dave who dug a hole, but just kept on missing out on finding treasure and we thought about how in life sometimes things opportunities are just around the corner, but we don't realise.



#### Year 4 DNA

In Year 4 we learnt about D.N.A. In class we made models of the double Helix which is how DNA is structured. Miss O'Reilly made us a grid which represented the chromosomes and coloured it in with four colours to represent the 4 pieces of code. . We could only use one colour with one other colour. Then when we had coloured it all in, double sided, we cut it out. Then we taped it all on two sides and had the double Helix. You have 9 million kilometres of D.N.A in your body. **By Caleb and Ayo**