

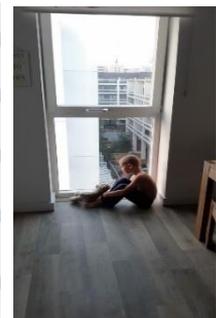
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Dear Parents/Carers

Our return to school this week has been a great success! We have loved seeing all the children and getting back into familiar routines. I would particularly like to say thank you to those Parents and carers who sent messages of support and encouragement to the staff. It has been a difficult and challenging time for everyone as we too have adjusted back to school whilst the level 4 lockdown continues. We all appreciate your thanks and support and will continue to work hard to ensure both each other's and the children's safety.

Today we announced the outcomes of our most recent Headteacher's Challenge, '**Lens on Lockdown**' Congratulations to all our winners, children and staff, as well as a big thank you to all of you for supporting everyone to take part

Overall Winners



1st
Gold Award
Azmath Azar
Year 2

2nd
Silver Award
Naomi Temesgen
Year 6

3rd
Bronze Award
Ronnie Burr
Year 2

Phase and staff winners were:

Phase One:

- Joint 3rd - Lilly Bow (Yr2) & Mahamed Musee (Yr2)
- 2nd - Asmaa Mohammed (Yr3)
- 1st - Kaitlynn Tann-Elliot (Yr3)

Phase Two:

- Joint 3rd – Sophie Thorpe (Yr6) & Haitham Karim (Yr4)
- Joint 2nd – Saif Ahmed (Yr6) & Humaira Ahmed (Yr6)



1st Ahmed El Zein (Yr4)

Staff

3rd – Elsie Hussain

Joint 2nd – Eva Brooks and Eleanor Burrill

1st – Arabella Yapp

Look out for a link to our school website, which will be password protected, to allow you to look at the finalists and all the winners. We can't wait to be able to share all the images when we are fully open and can invite you all back into the building. This will be a great way to share and celebrate, through a whole school exhibition, the wonderful images which captured what we thought about and felt over the last year.

During this week, all our pupils have had the opportunity for lots of discussion around their experiences over lockdown, sharing their thoughts and feelings, and have begun to think about ways we can use what we have learnt moving forward. Please take the time to speak with them at home and talk to them about their first week at school. If there is anything you would like to share with us or discuss further please do let us know. We are very keen to hear what they enjoyed, any challenges they may be experiencing or if you have any questions or concerns. Please speak with the school office in the first instance they will know who to direct you to and how to help you.

Well done to Year 5 and Year 2 who have both experienced days of 100% attendance this week. It was also really great to see the children who got on with Reading Road Map books during lockdown and received certificates this morning.

Despite all the current challenges that everyone is facing there will be some positives from the very strange experience that the children have had. As a generation, they have rapidly learnt new digital skills whilst learning how important connecting with people is – even if it has been mostly virtually! It is important to note how resilient and flexible this generation will be. Comparing them to the children growing up in the post war era, noting the amazing creativity and change that generation realised, we are yet to see how they will begin to use what they have learnt.

We know that remote teaching and learning, in the form of blended learning, for most pupils will continue as part of their daily life. This will be both in school and beyond into their future lives. Thank you to everyone who took part in our remote learning survey. The information will help us to develop our use of technology further as part of our curriculum. You can read the results [HERE](#)

We are very much looking forward to our Breakfast and afterschool club next week. If you are interested in your child taking part and have not yet filled in the survey you can do so via the link below.

<https://s.surveypal.com/gj6dUDlhf>

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Best Wishes



Michelle Bahn

Headteacher