

Key Dates for your Diary

19th April

Festive celebration of Eid and Easter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of the spring term with the first day of summer approaching. Summer seems to be alluding us all despite the clocks going forward this Sunday! Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the term, in particular to the team who are working hard to deliver the best provision for your children. It has been lovely to see classes making the most of the opportunities in our local community and the city.

A highlight of the term was our Children’s Centre Ofsted. A huge congratulations to the Children’s Centre team whose hard work and efforts are reflected in the report. Well done everyone! <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50241611>.

Please take the time to complete our annual Parents and Careers survey. We would really like to hear what areas you feel we are doing well and what you would like to see develop further. Your feedback supports us to develop our community links. Please take this opportunity to share how we can develop our friends and families links further. <https://s.surveypal.com/h4vroy4f>

I am delighted that our soft Launch of the website has been really positive. We are working hard continuing to ensure it reflects our vibrant community and the work we are doing. We are looking forward to our celebration and launch in the summer term. Meanwhile we welcome your continued feedback and support. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our foundation stage easter craft morning and Children’s Centre easter egg hunt. It was lovely to see so many of you here and joining in the celebrations.

Meanwhile, I wish you all an enjoyable and restful Easter break and Happy Eid to everyone celebrating!

House Points

Year totals so far...



Paradise Park



Clock Tower:



Cally Bridge



Market Road

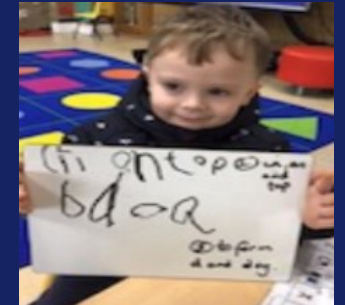
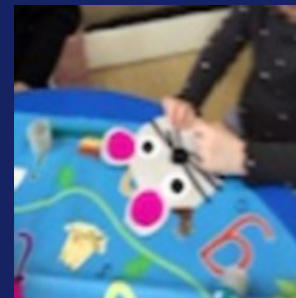
Reception

This week in Reception in our maths we have been busy learning about how to share a group of objects equally. The children have enjoyed practising sharing equally using puppets and food.

The book of the week was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, which is a classical story book about a caterpillar that eats a lot of different food before spinning a cocoon and then emerging as a beautiful butterfly.

The children enjoyed painting pictures of butterflies outside and also making food using playdough for the hungry caterpillar eat. We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and reading non-fiction books that tell us more facts about different types of mini-beasts.

Did you know that the earthworm does not have any eyes? Also, spiders usually have eight eyes! What interesting facts about any mini-beast can you find out about?



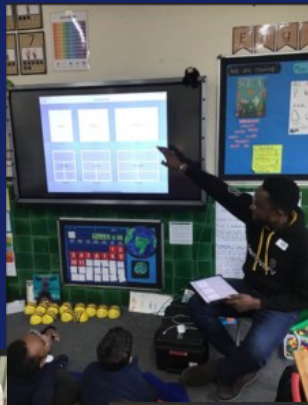
This week our children have roared with enthusiasm as we have been learning about the The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright. In the creative arts we have made craft mice and drawn pictures of the Lion and the Mouse in the story using a variety of mark making utensils as well as on the IWB. The children have worked on using one handed tools such as scissors to cut straight lines on strips of paper and then created a pattern to form the lions mane. In Maths we have explored the language of weight through comparing the weight of different objects using a balancing scale. Phonics has continued to breed budding readers as we have learned new sounds, read new words and tried to segment and write new words. Next week we look forward to learning about the Artic in Oliver Jeffers Lost and Found and exploring Easter through the creative arts. Parents, please feel welcome to join us on Thursday morning from 9:15 – 10:15 AM for our Easter craft morning, which will be held in Nursery and Reception.

Years One, Two & Three

Year 2

On our trip to King Henry's Walk Garden, we learned how to take care of the earth. We practised being 'So Sustainable' by thinking about how to reuse, reduce and recycle! Our presenters Kate and Sam from The Garden Classroom were really helped us think about and share our ideas for a more sustainable world for everyone

Learning how to use the internet safely and create stories using the Book Creator app was so much fun!



Year 3

We have participated in a range of activities. In P.E, we have been focusing OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) where we are encouraged to draw upon our mental as well as physical skills including leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving. We have also have been taking part in workshops with The Institution of Imagination. We have delved into how the science of nature can inspire us to imagine creatives sustainable solutions when designing architecture and inventions for the cities and communities we live in.



Year 1

This week maths we have been looking at two different strategies at subtraction. We looked at crossing out and counting backwards using a numberline. This week we also went to King Henry Walk Garden to learn all about sustainability and how important it is to our world.



Years Four, Five & Six

Year 4

- This week we have been making a whole using tenths and hundredths (decimal). The children have a fantastic understanding of this and next week we will progress onto partitioning, ordering and comparing decimals.
- In art, the children learned to paint like cavemen! We went to the ecology garden to collect our painting tools (sticks) and mixed earthy tones after analysing the colours we could see on the Lascaux cave paintings. We even made *mammoth blood* by mixing red paint with charcoal! We then used our fingers and tools to paint our own designs.



Year 5

We have facilitated this through amazing collaborations with both the UAL at Central St Martins and at the Institute of Imagination.

You can see our wonderful children at the Lethaby gallery unleashing their creativity at @UAL's Lethaby Gallery, crafting whimsical habitats for animals with paper and card. Bridging architecture with nature, they're redefining imagination!

On the very same Monday we also engaged in the Eco Builders workshop, as hosted by the wonderful people at the Institute of Imagination. The children came to discover how biomimicry can inspire us to imagine creative sustainable solutions for the cities & communities we live in.



Year 6

This term, we're delving into the intertwined themes of pox, plague, and antibiotics across all subjects. This interdisciplinary approach aims to deepen our understanding of these critical topics and their relevance in both historical and modern contexts. Join us as we explore the connections between past and present, fostering critical thinking and analytical skills along the way.

Key Terms		Topic Fact Sheet - Plague, Pox and Antibiotics	
Antibiotics	Medicines produced from microorganisms (the fungi) that we used to kill harmful bacteria.	Plague Doctor	Leather hat Glass eye Mask gathered at the neck Leather gloves
Apertures	A gap or hole, in the past, made and used intentionally.		
Bubonic Plague	A dangerous disease, caused by bacteria and spread by rats. Symptoms included fever, weakness and swelling on the neck, armpits and groin.		
Herbals	A book or collection of herbs.		
Communication	The process that the body goes through to receive, interpret and respond to information.		
Disinfection	A method of getting rid of germs by using chemicals like chlorine or bleach.		
Physician	A professional who treats human disease - a doctor or medical professional.		
Plague doctor	A professional medical adviser of the bubonic plague.		
Smallpox	A contagious infectious disease, caused by a virus. Symptoms include fever and skin rash.		
Vaccines	From the Latin word 'vaccinus' (cow) and 'genus' (kind), they are biological substances.		
		Mask with carried the bacteria that caused the plague. When the rats were bitten by fleas, the fleas then became infected.	
		Full length gown	People with symptoms of the plague were left in their homes and a red cross was painted on their door to warn others that they should not be infected.
		Wash hands	The disease was spread through infected fleas biting humans.

ATTENDANCE

Target 96.5%

Best Attendance this month

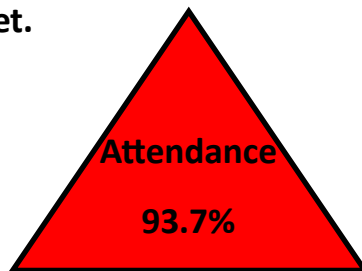
Reception: 95.7%



Best Punctuality this month

Reception: 99.2%

Unfortunately, due to high levels of sickness and a number of persistent absentees we have not met our target.



We expect every child to be in school, on time, every day!









We remind you that all holidays during term time will not be authorised and will incur a fine from the Local Authority.


After School Enrichment Clubs – Summer term 1

Clubs will run for 5 weeks from 3.45-4.45

Monday

	Almeida Theatre with Mr Marsh Suitable for children Y3 & Y4 Starting Monday 22 nd April 2024	
	Home Work Club Ms Lisa Suitable for children Y1 to Y6 Starting Monday 22 nd April 2024	
	Mark Making with Ms Megan Suitable for Reception-Year 2 Starting Monday 22 nd April 2024	

Tuesday

	Football with our Sports Coaches Suitable for children Y1 to Y6 Starting Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	
	Sewing club With Ms Browne Suitable for KS2 (Y3-Y6) Starting Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	

Wednesday

	Multi-Sports with our Sports Coaches Suitable for children Y1 to Y6 Starting Wednesday 24 th April 2024	
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Thursday

	Gardening Club With Caroline Suitable for children Rec to Y6 Starting Thursday 25 th April 2024	
	Bollywood Dance Club With Haleema Suitable for children KS2 Starting Thursday 25 th April 2024	

Little Reminders...



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