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# Princess May News Princess May News



Friday 18th September 2020

## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

What a week of incredible weather we have had; it almost feels like we have been gifted another week of summer. Children have really enjoyed their outdoor P.E lessons and play and lunchtimes so let's hope it continues a little longer.

It has been a very busy week for us all with our whole-school assessment week. Teachers have been assessing children's knowledge in Maths and English and will use the data from this to inform what they will teach your child in the coming weeks. Children will be assessed again at the end of the term to measure their progress. I am glad to hear that children have been taking these very seriously and we look forward to putting the results of these into action.

Our attendance this week has been lower than usual due to the seasonal cold that seems to land on us at this time of year. Please do send your child to school unless they are very unwell or demonstrating a cough, fever or loss of taste/smell. It is very important that children attend if they are well enough as a day missed can have consequences on future performance.

Thank you for your support in arriving at gates on time in the mornings and afternoon and for your adherence to the new queuing system put in place today.

Enjoy the weather and have a good weekend.

Mr Reynolds  
Headteacher



### Working Together to Support Reading at Princess May

We all know just how important it is for all our children to develop and improve their reading skills, but that only comes with **consistent practice**. Below are a few important things you should do to help improve your child's reading:

- Ensure your child reads at home (daily)
- Make sure your child brings in their **book, book bag and reading record book** each day.
- Make sure their reading record book is signed **every day**.

Remember, children can choose a reading book on a Monday and return it on a Friday.

Books then go into quarantine for 5 days.



### Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Applications

Very soon you will need to apply for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child. Please read the '**Guide for Parents Of Children in Year 6**' here <https://tinyurl.com/yy8dgd6>, to help you through the process to apply for a place in September 2021. The deadline for applications is **23rd October 2020**. **Do not delay, apply now.**



### Absence

We currently have a number of children and families self-isolating due to colds that in normal times, would not cause a concern. It is unfortunate that some of these symptoms seem to be crossing over with the 'classic' coronavirus symptoms. I want to assure you that the school has had **NO** confirmed cases of Coronavirus amongst any of its staff and pupils, and that we have extremely **rigorous infection control procedures in place to ensure the safety of our children and staff**. I am encouraged that parents are taking a cautious approach to the situation, however if your child is suffering with a very minor ailment, such as a runny nose, with no other symptoms, then please do send your child to school unless otherwise advised by the school office.

Please call or email the office on the first day of your child's absence on 020 7254 1589 or [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) Home visits will be carried out where we do not hear from you on the first day of absence.



### Art using Charcoal

Our budding artists in Year 4 have been learning how to use charcoal to produce artwork. They learned how to create different marks, patterns and they even tried some blending! Watch out for some examples of their finished work.



### Year 5 - Discovering Friedensreich Hundertwasser

Year 5 have been exploring some of the work of Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. The children have been taking inspiration from his work to create their own pieces!

School Website

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