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Friday 23rd October 2020



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

What an incredibly busy and productive half-term it has been.

The children have now been back for 7 weeks and it has been an absolute pleasure to have everyone back. The progress made has been incredible and I thank you all for playing your part in this by ensuring they complete their homework on Teams each week. We now look forward to our half-term break where we can recharge our batteries ready for our return back to school on Monday 2nd November.

As our infection control arrangements are now fully embedded and successful, we will be continuing with these for at least the remainder of term, meaning staggered start and finish times will continue. We are highly confident our school is a safe and welcoming place for all despite the challenges we have faced and from the parent feedback we have received and our attendance well in excess of 95% it seems you share our view. On that note, please ensure your child is on time and attending school each and every day unless there are exceptional circumstances or an illness that makes coming in impossible; colds and runny noses are not valid reasons for missing school.

Thanks to those of you that have booked your appointments for our parent consultation evenings. Please see the information below to enable you to book. We are currently at 60% capacity, so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

Have a great half-term break and see you all back on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

Term Dates

Half Term: 26th - 30th October
Back to School: Monday 2nd November



Year 1 and 2 Phonics Practice

In this phonics lesson we were using our 'Fred fingers' to help us blend the word 'car'. Then we pinched the sounds on our 'Fred fingers' and wrote the word on our whiteboards. We enjoyed reading the story **Tag** with our partners but really hope that **Tip** doesn't get too far in that Rocket!



School uniform

The school uniform price and supplier list has been updated and is available on our website here: <https://www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk/parents/uniform> Please note that **trainers are now not permitted** as unfortunately there has been a low level of compliance with trainers being kept plain and black. Your child may keep wearing their current footwear (as long as it is plain black) until they grow out of these, however the next purchase of footwear should be plain black shoes. Please also ensure your child comes to school in the correct P.E kit – **fashion tracksuits are not acceptable**. Thank you.

Home Reading Guidance



Another well done to so many of our children for their home reading each day and to parents for commenting on their child's reading! Here are some tips on the questions to ask and comments you can make in their record book.



"Did you enjoy that book?" "Why?" "What did they do in the story?"
He enjoyed reading the story. She was able to tell me about the story

Online Parent Consultation Evenings

Booking is open for the parent consultations in November. Please visit <https://princessmay.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and make your booking before 5pm on Monday 23rd November. Thank you.

Tues 24th
Weds 25th
November
2020



Celebrating Black History Month

Across the school this Black History Month we have eaten, watched, listened, painted, designed and discovered lots to celebrate the efforts and contributions of black people across the world and across the ages. Here are just some of the experiences of our children.



Year 3 Identifying and recording key black individuals from the past



Year 4 Using inspiration from Queen Nzinga's beautiful African Gowns to create their own designs



Year 5 Discovering the history of the West African country of Benin



Year 6 watching Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' Speech.

Upcoming Events

Bonfire Night 5th November
Remembrance Day 11th November
Road Safety Week 16th - 22nd November
Anti - Bullying Week 16th - 20th November

School Streets

As previously advised, from 1st October, Hackney Council began issuing £80 fines to those vehicles that enter Barrett's Grove or Princess May Road during drop-off and collection times. Please take note of the signage and do not park on, or drive through, either road during these times.

School Website

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Make space



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