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Responsibility

Empathy

Aspiration

Respect

Determination

Friday 21st May 2021

A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

With only a week to go until half-term, we have had another very busy week at school. Ms Joseph announced our 'Caught Being Kind' winners at our remote whole-school assembly on Monday, which is our new initiative where if a child is demonstrating an act of kindness, they are rewarded during assembly. Children also learned about Pentecost, a festival important to Christians.

We have also been working hard on fully launching our new school library. The infection control procedures we have had have made this quite challenging, however we are now in the position to 'soft-launch' this with years 1-6 in the week after half-term. Year 3 have been trialling it and it has been a roaring success. Our new electronic library system enables books to be quickly scanned in and out, allowing children time to relax and read their chosen book. We plan a big launch of our library, with a celebrity guest, before the end of term.

A final reminder that the post code N16 8 has been identified as an area of concern for the so-called Indian variant of Covid-19, and anyone living or working in the area is encouraged to take a PCR test at a test centre. I would encourage you to take up this offer – no appointment is needed – just turn up.

Please stay safe and have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

Free School Meals

The Free School Meals (FSM) voucher scheme is being extended to the next half term. This means that all FSM children will receive £15 to cover the week beginning Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021. Please start checking your emails (your inbox and junk folder) for your child's voucher from noreply@edenred.co.uk Please contact Edenred directly at free-schoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com if you experience any difficulties.

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Covid-19 Variants of Concern

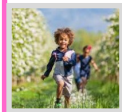
Please read the latest guidance from the government regarding the two variants of concern in **Dalston and Shoreditch**. For more information and details of PCR testing centres, [click here](#).

Pentecost Sunday



We would like to wish all from our Christian community a happy Pentecost for this Sunday 23rd May.

Mental Health Awareness Week



Next week (24th—28th May) we will be celebrating **Mental Health Awareness Week** with a focus on Nature!

The aim of the week is to keep mental health and wellbeing in the forefront of our minds and to enable us all to speak about how we are and to find ways to maintain *good* mental health. Although we can't yet venture out into nature as a school, we'll be finding different ways to appreciate the effect that nature can have on us by listening to birds, watching beautiful landscapes, focusing on our breathing and being still.

Each morning children will be encouraged to say how they are using the [Zones of Regulation](#) and after lunch the whole school will have an opportunity to 'stop and breathe' to ready ourselves for the afternoon ahead using [music](#) or a [calming video](#).

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School Council - Pupil Voice



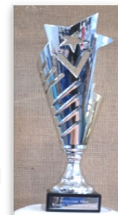
Our twenty two newly elected School Council members have attended their first meeting representing their classes.

School Council members are **Mariyah, Ayaz, Demna, Halima, Aisha I, Ashira, Mac, Zakaria, Miski, T'khi, Kieyarah, De'ajiah, Burhan, Shirley, Taj, Sharon, Anisa, Rachel, Lashay, William, Abdi and Aleya**. Well done all on your election success!

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 and Reception for the highest year group attendance last week!

Help us reach 100% attendance by ensuring your child is in school every school day.



Key Stage 2	Last Week	Term to Date
Year 6	95%	96%
Year 5	93%	96%
Year 4	96%	95%
Year 3	98%	97%
Reception / Key Stage 1		
Year 2	92%	96%
Year 1	93%	97%
Rec	98%	98%

Monthly Coffee Morning



You are invited to our Parent Coffee Morning **Thursday 27th May 11am -11:45am** on Teams.

Watch out for a text with the link to the meeting.

- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Get advice for supporting home learning
- Ask questions
- Make suggestions

Breakfast and After School Clubs



Sign your child up now for a Breakfast Club and/or After school club place! Forms available here <https://tinyurl.com/3byhuzm9> and via the school website.



Term Dates

End of term: 28th May 2021 Half Term: 31st May - 4th June
Back to school: Monday 7th June 2021

Gold Certificates

Congratulations to our Gold achievers! Our children have been aiming high and showing determination in their learning.

Achievers are announced during our weekly assembly.

Well done all!

Reception	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Adonai	Zvezda Ismail	Mac Nawal Bahar Ursula Miski Amna	Hasanali Natalia Denzell	Beyza Flora Alexis Shaan Nubi Sharon	Ashaye Tewodros Rahima Gesille Rayana

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Wash hands



Cover face



Make space



Place 2Be