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Friday 17th September 2021



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

We are now well into our usual school routines and I know that children are benefitting hugely from the structure and security of a more normal school day. I thank you all for ensuring your child arrives before 8:55am each day so that they start the day off on the right foot.

Now that we can focus on efforts other than Coronavirus, I thought it might be useful to share some of the projects we have planned for the remainder of the year. As well as the current building works going on, which will include the facade and exterior of the premises, we are also planning to completely renovate our dining hall to improve the children's dining experience. Ideas so far include real tablecloths, proper plates rather than trays, relaxing music and art work. We will be asking our School Council for feedback on this and hope to have it completed by half-term.

We will also be working on our office and entrance areas, and hope to celebrate more of the history of the school as well as the good work that goes on here day-in, day-out. I will keep you updated on this as the project develops.

Please do continue to stay safe and have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

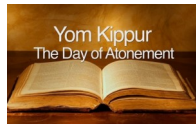


Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

This week, we celebrate with our Jewish community, the holiday of Rosh Hashanah (6th - 8th September) and Yom Kippur (Thursday 16th September).

Rosh Hashanah is a two day Jewish holiday which marks the beginning of the Jewish year.

Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew: ראש השנה, literally meaning the "head [of] the year". **Yom Kippur** is the holiest day of the year for Jews, it comes on the heels of Rosh Hashanah. It is a time of praying in the synagogue, fasting, personal reflection, and hearing the shofar. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement.



Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 they will currently be receiving Universal Free School Meals. Please be aware that this entitlement will end once your child finishes year 2. To avoid having to remember to apply before they enter year 3, please click the link below to complete an application form. This will ensure that if you are eligible for FSM at that time, your entitlement will continue automatically. Click to apply and avoid missing out: <https://tinyurl.com/ves4r5dw>

Gold Certificates

Golds were awarded for excellent impressionist artwork, showing incredible predictive skills in a Destination Reader literacy lesson, demonstrating a positive attitude and being a great role model. Golds were also awarded to some for working hard in maths and really being determined to achieve.

Well done to you all!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Adam Kaya	Derin Aleksandra	Mattia Pele Kiera	Leon Halima	Maryam Kaden	Kyra Hasanali Phoebe	Fatma Ana Renae Reni Regina Taj Nathaniel



School Uniform Labelling

Please remember to put your child's name on all items of uniform so they can be returned if lost.



School Streets Road Restrictions

Hackney Council has confirmed that the **School Streets** road restrictions which affect vehicle access on Princess May Road and Barrett's Grove during term time, have begun. Restrictions are in place Monday - Friday (8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm). Please check the signage on those streets to avoid incurring a charge. For further information: <https://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets>



Specialist Music Tutoring Available

Would you like your child to receive specialist music tuition at school on the recorder, guitar or ukulele?

Lessons are 30 minutes long and are scheduled for during the school day. Each lesson costs £5 and can be paid via ParentPay. For more information and to book for your child, please contact the school office.

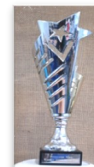
Lessons begin on Tuesday 28th September



Attendance Last Week

Congratulations!

6GI
100%
Attendance



Well done also to Reception for the highest year group attendance.



Key Stage 2	Last Week	Term to Date
Year 6	97%	95%
Year 5	91%	91%
Year 4	93%	93%
Year 3	83%	85%
Reception / Key Stage 1		
Year 2	95%	93%
Year 1	91%	90%
Rec	99%	98%

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Coronavirus remains a serious health risk. You should stay cautious to help protect yourself and others.