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NEWSLETTER 5th July 2019

Dear Parents

Sports Day

We very much enjoyed our sports day event on Tuesday 2nd July. The children did so well with all the events. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to mingle and enjoy your picnic in the lovely park. It was wonderful to see the whole school community together!

Transition Day

We had a very successful transition day yesterday when the children had the opportunity to visit their new classes, for September. There was great excitement and anticipation from the children and teachers as we look forward to the academic year ahead.

Staffing news

You may have already seen today's email with staffing news. In addition, I am very pleased to also let you know that Miss Anna, who is currently the assistant teacher in Class 2, will be taking her own half day class this September. We are very much looking forward to her joining the teaching team in half day next term.

End of term

Term ends on Thursday 11th July. Full day children will finish at 12.00 Noon and half day children will finish at the usual times of 11.40am and 3.40pm

French Club

If anyone is interested in joining a French club, for children in September, Mrs Lalliche (mother of Zeina in Class 6) is considering setting one up. Her contact details are below.

Nadia Lalliche nlalliche@gmail.com 075 47 62 24 25

Curriculum News – Songs and Rhymes

Introducing children to a variety of nursery rhymes can help them understand and learn about different sounds. This is an important part of developing early literacy skills. Listening to the rhythm in nursery rhymes and hearing words that rhyme provides children with the foundations in helping them to read and write. It also supports their language and communication skills.

Understanding the full value of nursery rhymes and songs will open up the learning opportunities for children and help create a positive attitude towards language. Children relish listening to songs full of rhyme, rhythm and repetition.

Nursery Rhymes help children:

- learn new words
- develop non-verbal communication skills
- learn early maths skills

Class 6 News

Class 6 have had a very busy term! We have enjoyed exploring our topic through a range of activities including minibeast sculpture work and searching for insects in the garden.

At the beginning of this half term, Class 6 performed a wonderful concert for their parents who I am sure are very proud of the hard work they put in. Not only learning a range of songs and poems but creating spectacular head dresses.

The children have also enjoyed developing their gross motor skills in preparation for sports day which was a huge success on Tuesday. They particularly enjoyed the Fun Run and I am sure will treasure their well-earned medals.





- understand how words are formed
- enable children to copy actions
- follow different beats and rhythms

Rhyming activities can include rhyming stories and traditional nursery rhymes, rhyming bingo, clapping out the syllables in words, matching rhyming words or odd ones out.

Music, songs and rhymes also help children learn to hear a steady beat. Research has shown that children who can keep a steady beat are naturally better readers. So, while singing and rhyming, experimenting with percussion instruments gives children the chance to feel the beat through tapping, clapping or marching.

We are most grateful to Miss Janina of 'Lucy Sparkles' for all the fun and engaging songs and rhymes she has shared with the children this year. We look forward to her returning to us for 'Lucy Sparkles' music in September. Perhaps, you may enjoy taking the opportunity over the summer to share or learn some nursery rhymes with your children at home.

Miss Belzer

Stop and Drop Volunteers for week of 8th July

Thank you for the volunteers that have helped this week. I would like to remind you that if you are unable to do your slot, we would ask for you to find someone to swap with.

Next week the rota is as follows:

Date	First Name	Last Name
08/07/2019	Oscar	King
08/07/2019	Paul	Kiewitz
09/07/2019	Philip	Thomas
09/07/2019	Rafael	Flannery Farren
10/07/2019	Rahul & Ravi	Kalra
10/07/2019	Raphael	Shaikh
11/07/2019	Rayna	Salehjee
11/07/2019	Rayyan	Masri





I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

With best wishes

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Mrs Sylvester

Proprietor Mr B. Berkery