

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week...

Today year 6 children visited Chislehurst Caves as part of their learning on World War II. The children had a fantastic day and came back to school very animated about the experience. We are looking forward to seeing the learning that the children now move forward with over the next few weeks.

Lewisham Music is running a fantastic holiday course over 2 days during the half term break with the return of **Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8 who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion and keyboards) at Grade 1 standard and above)**. The course costs £50 (£15 concessions) and will run on **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October from 10am-3.30pm** <http://www.lewishammusic.org/LJO>

Fabulous attendance this week...

KS1 – Amethyst / Sapphire 99.3%

KS2 – Opal 98%

In Rights Respecting this week, Miss Hockham introduced the Rights Respecting Leaders in assemblies. It was announced that we are going for the Gold award this year. There will be lots more information sent out in the coming weeks. To read the articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of a child, click here: https://www.unicef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Our-rights_UNCRC.pdf

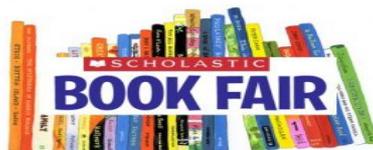


'Meet the Teacher'

We are really looking forward to seeing parents and carers next week at our 'Meet the Teacher' appointments. If you still haven't booked a time to meet your child's class teacher, then please speak with them or contact the office.

Book Fair

We are holding a Book Fair from Friday 4th October - Wednesday 9th October. This is a chance for you and your child to browse and buy books. It will take place in Lee Hall after school from 4pm.



A percentage of the funds raised will be given directly back to the school to spend on books for classroom reading areas and shared spaces around the school.

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th -11th October – Meet the Teacher meetings

Friday 11th October – Individual photos

Monday 14th -16th October – Y5 School Journey

Monday 21st – 25th October – Half term break

Thursday 31st October – PSFA cake sale 3:15pm

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair 3:15pm

Monday 9th- Friday 13th December – KS2 Winter performances

Thursday 12th December – EYFS Winter performance

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner/ Dress Festive day

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Winter performances



Have a good weekend

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Reception: We have been reading and celebrating all of the children's WOW moments from home this week. Our WOW trees are growing beautifully with autumnal leaves. We have been enjoying maths action songs, rhymes and games, continuing to explore numbers to 10 and representing this in different ways such as using numicon shapes, fingers and cubes. We would like to create an Autumn sensory area in class. It would be lovely to receive Autumn leaves, conkers and acorns from your walks after school and during the weekend. Please could you bring these items in over the coming weeks so that we can discuss Autumn and explore the season in more detail.

Year 1: This week in maths, we have continued with sharing a whole amount between parts. We have been using cubes to make number trains and splitting our whole amount between 3 parts. Try using objects at home to create a whole amount and getting your child to split them into 3 parts, counting each part and explaining it in a full sentence e.g. 3 and 4 makes 7, $3 + 4 = 7$. We have been doing a lot of drama to retell stories. The children learned the different parts of a story sequence and used freeze frames to retell one part (beginning, problem, solution or ending). We took photos of the freeze frames and the children wrote descriptive captions to explain their drama. After reading, ask your child to retell the story in their own words and try to identify the different parts of the story sequence. Jasper class have indoor P.E on a Monday and outdoor P.E on a Wednesday. Onyx class have indoor P.E on a Tuesday and outdoor P.E on a Thursday. Please can we ask that all of the children bring in an appropriate P.E kit to change into on these days.

Year 3: This week in maths, we have moved onto adding. We started by using base ten equipment to add two numbers and three digit numbers, we then moved onto using a formal written method to add numbers (column addition). Maybe you could practise this with your child at home. In English, we have been using adjectives to describe settings and learning how to use prepositions in our writing. In Science, we learnt more about magnets and how they attract and repel.

Year 2: This week, Year 2 have begun looking at creating our own characters for a story based in the world of our class book - Journey. We thought about a character's personality and appearance, and how the two things are different. For example, we explored how someone's personality can be friendly, and how we might be able to tell that from their facial expressions. In maths, we continued to explore place value and addition, using physical resources to help our understanding. In coding, we looked at directions - accurately guiding our blindfolded partner around the playground, then applying the same skill to guiding a character around a map in the classroom.

Next week, we will build towards writing our own stories with the characters we have created. Ask your child about their character, and see what they can remember!

This week, Year 4 have continued to delve into their topic about The Tudors and have looked at some of the more prominent Tudor figures including Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth I as well as studying The Battle of Bosworth. They will be using all their knowledge to write non-chronological reports full of factual information and historically accurate language. Amber class have explored the 7 times table in more detail this week - please do continue to learn your times tables at home. If you can recall them fluently and at speed this will help you in all sorts of maths areas so please do spend time at home working on these. We have also been impressed with Year 4 and their netball skills in Amber class and their hockey skills in Topaz class. We will be continuing to learn how to play these sports over the coming weeks - can you share some of the rules of play with your families at home?

This week, Year 5 have been working hard on multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. They have looked at different ways of approaching problems and have been working hard to explain their reasoning. Can they tell you how to multiply by 10 and why it is not just 'adding a zero'? In English and as part of their topic work, the children have been busy learning about, planning and writing instructional texts and non-chronological reports. They have been focussing on 'tious' and 'cious' words in spelling and handwriting and have thought of funny, silly or interesting ways to remember how to spell other tricky words, such as 'amateur'. In Music, we have been listening to and appraising 'Livin' on A Prayer' by Bon Jovi and have been learning the song as well as playing along with glockenspiels and recorders. Perhaps they could have a listen and a sing-a-long at home too!

Year 6: Have been exploring more about light this week in science; looking at how light travels, how we see, how shadows are formed and why the size of shadows change. It's great to hear the children asking scientific questions and generating ways of finding answers themselves.

We had a fantastic trip to Chislehurst Caves today where the children got to experience being underground in what became one of the largest air raid shelters in the country during WWII. It was lovely to see the children in their World War II attire - what great sports they are! Thank you to all parents/carers that accompanied us on the trip, we really appreciate your support.