



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have all been watching the news, listening to updates regarding COVID-19 – The Coronavirus. I want to reassure you that we are following advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education. We heard from our Prime Minister last night that at the moment, there is no need for schools to close. We want to reassure you that we are receiving daily updates from the DfE and we will continue to update you as we receive any further information.

In the meantime, please do ensure that we have up-to-date email addresses and telephone numbers for you. Please reiterate the information that we have shared with the children, regarding the importance of hand washing and hygiene. We have taught the children that they can sing Happy Birthday twice as they wash their hands, ensuring that they wash their hands thoroughly and follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' advice if they cough or sneeze.

Next week, please send your children in with a named water bottle. We will be allowing them to fill up their water bottles throughout the day but they will not be using the drinking fountains next week.

Please do continue to check our website where we will update any further information.



Science Week has been a huge success across the school. We started the week with a science assembly with Mr Smith bravely conducting a science experiment in front of the whole school. The enthusiasm and interest was evident for all.

Over the course of the week, all children have taken part in various science experiments and we have certainly seen budding scientists in all classes.

This morning all classes shared some of their science work with the whole school in sharing assembly. It is incredible to see how much we have fitted in to this week.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

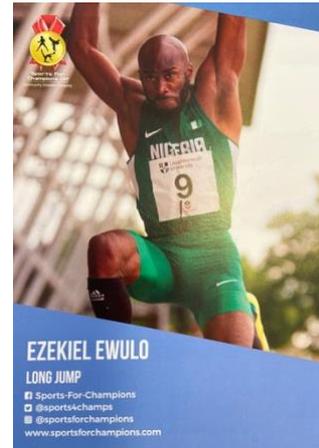


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On Monday, Year 5 also visited London Docklands Museum in connection with their Victorian topic. They had a great time and learnt such a great deal from their experience. Please do speak to your children about what they learnt on this trip.

On Thursday, in connection with Sport Relief Week, Ezekiel Ewulo, the long jump athlete attended our school sharing his story and his talents with the whole school. The distance that we could jump was amazing to watch and the staff were still talking about this in our staff briefing this morning. Ezekiel told the whole school about the need to listen in school and how important listening is with his training.



You will have noticed that once again we have had our lovely workmen back in school. Tommy and his team were not scheduled to be back so quickly but we have unfortunately had some unexpected work that has had to be completed on the top floor. As we always look for silver linings, the damage to the ceiling in Year 6 (St Peter's class) has meant that this classroom will be redecorated over the Easter holidays.

At the beginning and the end of the day, a number of parents are coming in to school speaking on their phone. Our playground is now a mobile free zone. Please put phones away once you enter the school gates. Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile.



If you have any concerns or you are worried about Covid-19, please do speak to Miss Doherty or Mrs Paczensky by ringing the school number.

Please continue to check the updates on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Thank you for your continued support

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Doherty'.

Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)