

Friday 11th February 2022

A message from the Head Teacher

I really cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone by! Children and staff have packed in so much in the last 6 weeks – accelerated learning, our school pantomime, after school clubs and so much more.

Today we celebrated attendance for the half term and children selected from the raffle have received prizes for their attendance – well done to those children!

We return to school on Monday 21st February. Please ensure your child is punctual for the start of the school day.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term break!

Music at Downsell!

What a lovely performance to end our Music unit this half term!

Playing 'Mary had a little lamb' and 'Hot cross buns'.



I have really enjoyed expressing my voice and learning different vocal warm-ups especially chewing gum! I want to thank Mrs Betts for teaching us different genre of songs and encouraging us to sing, she has really helped our self-confidence!

Cyenne (Yr6 Krypton)



I have really enjoyed working together with the choir group performing at the Christmas concert. I would like to thank Miss Hakeem for providing us with different opportunities to showcase our singing talent! My two favourite songs that I have learnt this term are 'Fix you' and 'Don't give up on me'!

Janelle (Yr6 Krypton)



I have really enjoyed Choir this term! I have loved learning different songs and meeting new children from year 4 – 6. I love how each song we learn can reflect different moods and emotions!

Ethan (Yr3 Hellum)

Some of the members of our choir!

Voice in a Million

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a very exciting music project taking place on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at the SSE Area, Wembley. The event is 'Voice in a Million' and Downsell Primary School will attend amongst other schools nationwide. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

Children have been given a permission slip; please can this please be completed as soon as possible and handed back to their class teacher. Any queries please come and see Miss Hakeem.



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC)

We provide a broad, balanced and stimulating curriculum within which we promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, preparing them for the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities that life offers.

SMSC is an integral part of school life and the on-going education of all of our pupils. It is not a separate subject that is taught explicitly but an aspect of learning that is present in lessons and behaviour in school.

Through our curriculum planning and assemblies, together with enriching experiences, children have the opportunity to explore values and beliefs, including different religions and the way in which they impact on people's lives. Some lessons lend themselves more easily to direct SMSC development such as PSHE and RE. We ensure opportunities for developing the British Values through our SMSC.

Check out our SMSC Reps page for more information. They're doing an amazing job at spreading SMSC around the school.



Year Group News

Each week we will be celebrating the learning taking place in different year groups.

This week we are celebrating the learning that took place in Young Explorers, Year 2 and Year 3.

Young Explorers

The children in Young Explorers have been making their own snacks – yum!



Year 2

In Y2, we learnt about Eid-ul-Fitr (the festival of breaking the fast after Ramadhan), children made Eid cards.



Year 3

The Natural History Museum delivered a fantastic virtual learning experience for our pupils. What a lovely end to our Geography unit learning all about volcanoes. Children were awarded with their certificates for excellent participation and answering technical questions!



We took part in Safer Internet Day learning all about showing respect online and sending respectful messages.



Our achievements this week

Attendance

As a school, we achieved 94.8% attendance this week (Reception – Year 6)

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target (96%) or above this week: 04.02.22 – 10.02.22

Class	Attendance
Year 3 Helium	99.1%
Year 3 Silicon	96.3%
Year 3 Silver	96.5%

Class	Attendance
Year 4 Platinum	97.4%
Year 5 Cobalt	97.1%
Year 6 Krypton	96.3%
Year 6 Einsteinium	96.6%

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target or above for the Spring Term! These classes will get an additional 5 marbles in their class jar!

Class	Attendance
Year 3 Helium	97.2%
Year 3 Silver	97.4%
Year 6 Krypton	96.2%

We were so close to achieving our school target for our overall Spring Term attendance! Our attendance for Spring Term for all classes, Reception – Year 6 is 95.1%.

Well done to the 259 pupils from Young Explorers to Year 6 who came to school every day this half term!

Pupil awards

Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	READER OF THE WEEK
Iron	Inaya, Floriana	Andreeas	Kacper	Labib
Titanium				
Zinc	Amy	Jaden	Elizabeth	Tiago
Carbon	Iustina	Kareena	Brayon	Hawa
Silver				
Helium	Moinuddin and Zahra	Prenodu and Aisha	Starran	Mazin
Silicon	Tamara, Aeon, Riyaan	Tristan, Ayman, Hafza Z, Aminata(Silver)	Karina	Theo
Platinum	Micheal, Mohamud	Andrian	Riyaaq	Sara
Oxygen	Hussain, Paulo, Kevin, Aman	Teasia	Mahnoor	David
Promethium				
Cobalt				
Einsteinium	Zoya	Shuraim	Yazabelle	Ahana
Krypton	Janelle, Mia, Damian	Adib	Shubham	Shajaniya

Information



AVENUE ROAD ESTATE

You are invited to the
Avenue Road Estate Winter Festival
Thursday 17th February 2022
1pm-5pm

The Nexus Centre Snowberry Close, E15 2AH

Come along and meet officers from Bellway Partnerships to find out more about the regeneration proposals

Seek advice about repairs & rent account

There will also be a host of fun activities for all residents:



Ice Rink
Snow Globe
Winter Warmer Food and Drink
Prized Raffle



Bellway



Diary Dates

Monday 21st February

- Start of Spring 2

Thursday 10th March

- Attendance drop in surgery (please book an appointment at the school office)

Wednesday 23rd March

- Voice in a Million

Important notice for parents receiving Free School Meals

Half Term Meal Voucher

Edenred will be sending vouchers for this half term.

Please cash these in the store of your choice.

SEND

Important Dates

The community nursery nurse will be holding drop-ins at the school on the following dates:

9th March
20th April

If you would like to see her for advice about your child's health, eating, toilet training, sleeping etc, please let Mrs Betts or someone in the office know.

Coming Soon!



Downsell's Got Talent

AUDITIONS

GOT TALENT?

AUDITIONS OPEN
22nd February - 25th February
1:30pm - 3:00pm
See Ms Hakeem and Ms Byrne for more details!

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