

### This week

#### *Meet the Senior Leaders*

This week we held a virtual meeting via Google Meets for parents / carers to meet our senior leaders.

We have an Early Years Lead and 6 Senior Leaders in school. The Early Years Lead and the Senior Leaders all have a number of responsibilities across the school. After the class teacher. They are the first point of contact for further support or advice. Please do say a hello and introduce yourselves to them, when you next see them at the gate in the mornings or at the end of the day with their classes.



Karen Britton  
Early Years Lead



Farida Kerr  
Year 1 Lead  
Phonics Lead



Mark Rasem  
Year 2 Lead  
Reading and PE Lead



Heather Soar  
Year 3 Lead  
RE Lead



Sansel Guvercintasi  
Year 4 Lead  
EAL and Geography Lead



Steve Rogers  
Year 5  
French Lead



Patius Africa  
Year 6 Lead  
Maths Lead

### Attendance

Thank you to those parents / carers who attended our virtual attendance meeting yesterday with our attendance officer - Farai. We hope it provided you with an overview as to the importance of good attendance, and how the school is moving forward with making this a priority for all.

We will be writing to those parents / carers of pupils whose attendance has fallen below 90% and inviting them in to discuss ways forwards. We will then issue an attendance statement to all families at the end of the half term to keep you up to date with your child's attendance.

#### **Drop-in Attendance Surgery – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Farai will be hosting a drop-in session for parents / carers who would like to discuss their child's attendance. The surgery will run from 10.15 – 11.15am. Please make an appointment with the school office, as she will only be able to meet with six parents in this time.

### Diary Dates

#### **Week beginning: 31st January**

- Chinese New Year and National Storytelling week

#### **Tuesday 8th February**

- Safer Internet Day

#### **Thursday 10th March**

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

#### **Wednesday 23rd March**

- Voice in a Million

This week we have had a report of an unknown adult following children home from school. Please remind your child to stay vigilant and keep safe if they are coming to and from school alone.

# 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 Year 1 and Year 5!

## Year 1

This week during our Science lessons, we investigated which would be the best waterproof material to use to make a raincoat for the lighthouse keeper. We found out that plastic bag, cling film and tin foil were waterproof.



## Year 5

As part of our Stone Age topic, Year 5 have used archaeological digging techniques to excavate and study prehistoric tools.



## Our achievements this week

### Attendance

As a school, we achieved 91.9% attendance this week (Reception – Year 6)

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target (96%) or above this week: 21.01.22 – 27.01.22

Class	Attendance
Reception Lead	96.4%
Y4 Platinum	96.9%
Y6 Krypton	96.3%

### Pupil awards

Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	READER OF THE WEEK
Neon	Iman, Xheskia	Bogdan, Siah-Quan	Rafael	Daryl
Lead	Manaal, Chrislove, Yasmin	Ubaid, Rahmi	CJ, Gavin	Aisha
Iron	Raul	Andreeas	Sofyan	Andres
Titanium	Malika, Violet, Matteo	Naomi, Nimshi	Anaya	Tia
Zinc	Bismah	Kai, Paul, Inaaya	Tiago	Millie
Carbon	Zahra, Iustina	Malak	Jaylen	Malak
Silver				
Helium	Amelia and Starran	Bilal and Abdul-Hakeem	Ethan	
Silicon	Yasmine, Yusuf, Luis	Keanu, Sibgha, Adam	Eman	Ayman
Platinum	Priteesh	Mohamud, Riyaaq, Rayaana	Menaal	Mahnoor
Oxygen		Vasil	Sadak	Aisha
Promethium	Aya	Inaya	Usman	Zaara
Cobalt	Tamarind	Nehmiah	Hajar	Ana-Maria
Einsteinium	Shamil	Samiya	Ehsanullah	
Krypton	Patrick	Nathalie	Damian	Aishah

## Information

### Voice in a Million

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a very exciting music project taking place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, can this please be completed as soon as possible and handed back to their class teacher. Any queries please come and see Miss Hakeem.



### SEND

#### Important Dates

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

9th February  
9<sup>th</sup> March  
20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The educational psychology service** are holding free parent/carer consultation sessions – via phone or zoom.

The next one is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. If you have questions or concerns about your child's learning needs, you can make an appointment with them by calling: 020 8496 1732 or emailing

[educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

## Chinese New Year

*Roasted Lemon Chicken  
served with a Tangy Lemon Sauce*

or

*Pan-Fried Tofu  
served with a Tangy Lemon Sauce (vg)*

or

*Vegetable Spring Rolls (v)  
served with Sweet Chilli Sauce*

*Egg Fried Rice or  
Mixed Rice*

*Stir Fried Vegetables*

*Caramelized Pineapple  
& Ice-Cream*

or

*Mandarin Floating Jelly*

or

*Fresh Fruit Platter*



### Clubs

We are pleased to say that every year group has an after school club on offer to them. That means over the course of the week we are currently operating 18 clubs! Considering all the restrictions we have previously had, this is a great start to resuming our full club offer.

There are still places left for a few of our clubs. Please contact the school office to book a place for your child.

Baking Club – Y2 on Friday

Tennis Club – Y5 and 6 (Monday) Y3 and 4 (Tuesday)

Arts and Crafts – Reception and Y1 (Tuesday)

Baking Club – Reception and Y1 (Monday)

Science club – Y3 and 4 (Friday)

Football – Y5 and 6 (Thursday) Y3 and 4 (Monday)

Pro soccer coaching (outside agency) after offering the first 48 children to sign up, one free session of football. If you are interested, please have a look at the leaflet that went out with your child today.