

This week

Thank You!

As you would have read in the newsletter last week, Year 6 visited the Leyton Gurdwara as part of consolidating their learning in R.E. They learnt so much from their visit and came back to school with lots to share!

They then made a booklet of thank you messages and sent a gift to say thank you to those that hosted the visit for them.



Attendance

This week we launched our new attendance initiatives for those with improved attendance and attendance above 96%. Have a look at our school website for information about the prizes for our pupils!

Our school EWO (Education Welfare Officer) will be here on Thursday to meet and greet families at the gate. She will also be hosting a virtual attendance and punctuality information session via Google meets on Thursday 27th at 11am, code: **attendance**

Meet the Senior Leaders!

We have 6 senior leaders and an EYFS Lead in school. They all have a year group responsibility and various other responsibilities across the school.

Join them on Google Meets on Wednesday 26th at 4.15pm to find out more about their role in school.

Google meets code: **downsell**

After School Clubs

We have had a great start to our clubs this half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of clubs we have on offer so far.

Just a reminder - please ensure you collect your child promptly at the end of the session from the collection point listed below in brackets:

Monday

Baking Club 3:15pm -4:15pm (outside Y1)
Football Club 3:30pm-4:30pm (Y5 Livermorium)
Tennis Club 3:30pm-4:30pm (Y5 Promethium)

Tuesday

Arts and Crafts 3:15pm - 4:15pm (outside Y1)
Chess Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Y5 Cobalt)

Thursday

Football Club 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Y6 Krypton)

Friday

Baking Club 3:30pm - 4:30pm (outside Y1)
Science Club 3:20pm - 4:05pm (Year 4 entrance)

Diary dates

Wednesday 26th January

- Whole school panto – Aladdin
- Google meets: Senior Leader parent meeting 4.15pm / **Google meets code: downsell**

Thursday 27th January

- Google meets attendance and punctuality parent meeting – 11am

Google meets code: attendance

Week beginning: 31st January

- Chinese New Year and National Storytelling week

Tuesday 8th February

- Safer Internet Day

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 Nursery and Year 6!

Nursery



This week we have read *The Three Little Pigs*, we made different types of houses using sticks, straws and different material.

We have been learning new technique with paint. This week we did blow painting we used straws to blow bubbles and print them.



Year 6

Shaking up Shakespeare

The children in Year 6 took part in a drama project called 'Shaking up Shakespeare'. They performed the famous play '**Macbeth**' a brief summary of the play: three witches tell the Scottish general Macbeth that he will be King of Scotland. Encouraged by his wife, Macbeth kills the king, becomes the new king, and kills more people out of paranoia. Civil war erupts to overthrow Macbeth, resulting in more death. The children rehearsed and performed to an online audience on Google meets.

A fantastic effort and performance by the children in Year 6.



Our achievements this week

Attendance

As a school, we achieved 94.4% attendance this week (Reception – Year 6)

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target (96%) or above this week: 14.01.22 – 20.01.22

Class	Attendance
Reception Lead	97.1%
Y1 Iron	98.3%
Y2 Carbon	98.6%
Y3 Helium	96.3%

Class	Attendance
Y4 Platinum	97.9%
Y5 Promethium	96.7%
Y6 Krypton	96.5%

Pupil awards

Class	Child's Name		
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Neon			
Lead	Stefan and Madina	Hasan and Daniyal	Aleena
Iron	Labib	Khatira	Andres
Titanium	Ayaan B	Matteo	Zayn
Zinc	Jayden and Ayub	Nazar, Emmanuella and Ilyas	Millie
Carbon	Zahra and Iustina	Zahra	Hawa
Silver			
Helium	Kyiera and Mustafa	Luna and Maria	Vanessa
Silicon			
Platinum	Urwa, Oliwia and Darius	Priteesh	Andrian
Oxygen			
Promethium	Charlie	Jahshay	Aya
Cobalt	Eshaal	Magda	Maria
Einsteinium	Shay	Suhayb	Vlad
Krypton	Cyenne, Shajaniya, Abdul and Hameed	Bernardo	Kene

Information

Cycling

This week children in Years 5 and 6 have been working with specialist cycling coaches to develop their cycling skills and their road safety awareness.

Not only has the course been effective in helping children prepare for cycling outside of school but it has also been a lot of fun!

Well done to everyone involved.



For more courses for developing children's cycling ability have a look at the Cycle Confident courses online.

Cycle Confident will be providing child group cycle training sessions during the school holidays. They run courses from Complete Beginner all the way to on-road training. All training is in small, friendly groups with two qualified instructors.

These courses are very popular and fill up quickly. The next cycle training course will be on the 14th February 2022. Please be sure to check the website in advance to book courses.

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>

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Important Dates

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

9th February

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.

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

The next one is on the 2nd 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

At Downsell, we want to celebrate differences as much as possible. Our new display features many talented and successful people who would have had barriers to overcome in life.

The children are enjoying recognising and identifying with some of the celebrities.

