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aiming high together*



Sutton News

25th January 2019

Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy week in school, with lots of learning for the children and teachers.

I had a lovely morning in Class 1 on Thursday, with the children completing their story maps in readiness for writing their fairy tales, and there was also some brilliant investigative Science happening with the children exploring magnetic materials. While we were busy in the classroom, Mrs Fineran was working with an experienced Rec/KS1 teacher, looking at how we can further improve the provision and learning opportunities for all three year groups. The lady was very impressed with the provision in place and agreed that our children were engaged and making good progress.

Year 2 had a great time at their Cluster Multi-Skills event on Wednesday afternoon, taking part in lots of different activities. They enjoyed playing games which involved jumping, throwing, running, and balancing. Lots of teamwork and concentration was needed!

Class 2 have been studying Anglo-Saxon kings in History, looking at the achievements of Alfred the Great and Athelstan. They did some role play as the two kings and debated which was the greatest using historical facts to support our arguments. It got very heated in the classroom! They are very much looking forward to their visit to DIG and the Jorvik Viking Centre next week.

Class 3 were using the Chromebooks to find out and make notes about the Amazon rainforest, which leads into their report-writing next week. As part of her English Subject Leader role, Mrs Comito attended a course about teaching more able writers, in line with our vision to ensure children reach their full potential. She took some of our children's writing and received very positive comments about the quality of the work.

We had lots of fun at the Beetle Drive last night; thanks to FOSS for organising this event. We raised £58, but the event was really to allow the children to have some fun together. The next big event is the Gin Night on 8th February - please make sure you get your tickets from school soon!

After February half-term, Miss Tubb will be reducing her hours in school to pursue a part-time business venture. She will remain with us during the afternoons to teach interventions, run ELSA groups, and do Forest Schools. I am delighted that Mrs Alexander will be joining the Sutton team to support learning in Class 1 during the mornings. Mrs Alexander is an experienced practitioner who comes to us with excellent references, and is very much looking forward to starting with us. You will see her around before she officially begins her new role, as she will be in school familiarising herself with the children and staff. I know you will make her feel really welcome.

Have a lovely weekend!



Superstars

Headteacher Award

Jacob A, for showing kindness to lots of our school family this week and making us all smile

Stars of the Week

Reception—Harry, for getting stuck in and trying new challenges in Forest School

Year 1—Henry, for working so hard at his spellings

Year 2—Angelica, for super work in Phonics

Year 3—Ella, for her wonderful instruction writing

Year 4—Charlie, for fantastic explanations in Maths

Year 5—Alex, for super enthusiasm and learning in Maths

Year 6—Rebecca, for a careful and detailed feather sketch

Happy Birthday!

23rd January—Lily

25th January—Sam B

Golden table

All of Year 1

House points

This week the winners are Rievaulx (Red)

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Year 4 (100%)

Whole school average - 97.4%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Parents' Evening sign-up sheets

Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday 13th and Thursday February, 3:40-6pm, and sign-up sheets are available in the school entrance hall. If you have difficulty coming into school to sign up for a slot, please let the school office know and we will check availability for you. Please note there will be NO Times Tables Club on Thursday 14th, but Archery Club will still be on.

Homework—MyMaths

We have a very large number of children not completing their MyMaths homework. The activities that are set reflect the unit of work being focused on and should help consolidate your child's learning. If your child is finding the homework difficult, they need to communicate this to their class teacher ASAP - some children have done this and the homework has been adapted. Please encourage your children to complete the activities in the time allocated, or the work will begin to build up and they will become overwhelmed by it. Thank you for your support and apologies to those children who are completing their homework diligently.

FOSS Gin Night, 8th February (8pm)

The much-anticipated FOSS Gin Night is coming up on Friday 8th February, in conjunction with Copper King distillery in Sutton, and with a bar provided by the Mended Drum in Huby. Tickets are on sale in the school office for £15, which includes a welcome drink, antipasti board, and four tasters of gin paired with cheeses. Beer and prosecco will be on sale.

Help! Van to help FOSS to set up for Gin Night

If anyone has a van and could help FOSS transport a portable bar for the Gin Night, please could you let Caroline Clements, Jo Graham or the school office know. Many thanks in advance for any help with this!

Donations of old adult T-shirts for aprons

We would be very grateful for any donations of old adult T-shirts (or older child T-shirts) for our Class 1 children to use as extra aprons for art and craft work. If you have any, please could you drop them into the school office or give them to Mrs Fineran. Thank you!

Forthcoming Events - Spring Term

28th January - Year 3/4 DIG/Jorvik trip, Year 5/6 Parents' Lunch

31st January, 3:30pm - Year 6 SATs parents' meeting

4th February - Year 5/6 York Minster trip, Year 3/4 Parents' Lunch

5th February - Safer Internet Day

8th February, 8pm - FOSS Gin Night

13th February, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 1

14th February, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 2 - NO Times Tables Club

15th February - Tempest class photos

21st February - Cluster Cross Country finals, Knayton Park

21st February - FOSS Class 3 Cake Sale

22nd February - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

4th March - SCHOOL REOPENS

7th March - World Book Day

15th March - Red Nose Day

20th March - Year 5/6 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)

1st April - Bag2School bags available

3rd April - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball Tournament (TBC)

4th April - FOSS Class 2 Cake Sale

5th April - Science Day

7th April - FOSS Easter Treasure Hunt

10th-12th April - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip

12th April - LAST DAY OF TERM