

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

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Headteacher's Message

We have had a lovely first week back at school after half-term, and it has been wonderful to welcome back children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The school has a buzz about it again and it has been so uplifting to hear the children in the classrooms and outside playing. Our main aim this week was to settle the children back into school, focusing on their wellbeing and addressing any worries they may have about returning to school - this has worked brilliantly and they certainly are a happy bunch.

Alongside settling them back in emotionally, we have also got back into a routine of teaching and learning. Our younger children have enjoyed reading the book 'Bog Baby' and have completed some lovely work linked with this, from painting bluebells to descriptive writing. They have also started creating their own garden centre in the outside area. The keyworker bubble have been finding out about Greek myths and writing their own comic strips, as well as completing lots of Maths and enjoying time outside.

Our Year 6 children are really enjoying their return. They have created a fantastic den in the woods, enjoyed playing cricket together, and have made plans for the next few weeks, which include a pizza party and making a nacho hat! They of course have been had a more academic focus, completing daily Maths and English lessons as well as enjoying an Art session on zentangle.

I am very aware that we still have lots of our children at home, and this is a huge concern for me as, undoubtedly, they will be questioning why they are not back at school with their friends. Having my own two children continuing to home-school until the end of this academic year, I understand how hard it is becoming for them to motivate themselves daily and continue learning without a teacher in front of them. Staff will continue to post learning on Google Classroom for those not in school and we are aiming to set the same work that is being completed in school, to ensure equal experiences for the children. As I have said before, please do not feel pressured to complete every task that is set, and if you find other activities that inspire and motivate them more, that's great. Please note that the majority of staff are back working in school now, so it may take a little longer to respond to children's queries about work that has been set.

I will leave you with some photos from home and school. Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe and lots of love.

