

Friday 18th November, 2016

Dear Parents,

It's been a very busy week but another good one, beginning on Sunday with a great performance from our tag rugby team who played in the 'SkyTry' inter-primary school tag-rugby tournament at the Olympic Park stadium. Out of their four games, they won three and drew one!! After a victory parade around the pitch they went on to watch England v Australia in the Ladbrokes 4 Nations Rugby League tournament. A great big thank you to Miss Eboh, Miss Adams and Mr Scott for giving up their time so the children could have such an amazing experience.



On Wednesday, the Y1 assembly was pure gold as well - a big thank-you to all the pupils of Y1 and Miss Akhtar, Mrs Harding and Mrs Mbick for their entertaining presentation that is two gold standard assemblies in as many weeks - well done!

Talking of gold, next week sees the launch of our 'Golden Assembly' (9am on a Fridays). Each week all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 (Reception will join in the new-year) will nominate two children for significant achievement in the past week. The parents of those children will then receive a text from the office on the Thursday before (make sure you have filled in and return your data collection sheet with an up-to-date mobile number!) inviting them to come into the hall at 9am Friday to see their child receive the certificate and then after the assembly have a group photo of parents and children for a display. All class sharing assemblies will remain at 9am. Other school assemblies have moved away from the beginning of the day so we 'catch' the children at their most refreshed but whenever we do assemblies for parental involvement we will aim to do them at the beginning or end of the day.



On Tuesday our Y5 pupils went to Tate & Lyle's to take part in '**Junior Citizen'** - an exciting project organised by the Metropolitan Police. The aim of the event was to make the children more aware of how to be responsible citizens, working with and understanding the roles of the various emergency services: RNLI, transport police, ambulance services, and how to be aware and react to '*stranger danger*' situations. There were many valuable life skills learnt that would benefit not just the children, but their families as well.

Another sports event on Wednesday saw our Y3 & Y4 boys' football team take part in a small tournament at Langdon Academy. Sadly, on this occasion, we didn't get through to the group stage - but onwards and upwards!

Ms Bamford, Newham's Computing Advisor, was in working with the staff this week around ICT and we have booked her to come in for the whole day on Wednesday the 15th March to do workshops, assemblies and lessons around online/phone safety - <u>this will</u> include sessions for parents. Whilst here, she mentioned a really important app called 'Net Aware' which works on iphones and Androids. It shows you the risks and benefits of different social media apps your child might have so you can have some idea of what they might be accessing.

And finally, a great non-uniform 'Spotty' day was held today to raise money for *Children in Need*. Lots of fun as our children came to school in a wonderful array of spotted costumes. Many thanks to all those parents – and pupils – who gave generously.

I hope you have a refreshing and peaceful weekend.



Matt Hipperson

Christmas Dates for Parents

Wed 7th Dec Thurs 8th Dec Rec & KS1 Silent Disco 2-3pm KS2 Silent Disco 2-3pm

(Please bring party Clothes to change in to)

Tues 13 th Dec 09.15am:	Reception & Nursery Nativity dress rehearsal for school
	Childrens' Christmas Party (Please bring party clothes)
Wed 14 th Dec 09.15am:	Reception & Nursery Nativity performance for Parents
Wed. 14 th Dec 2.15pm:	Y1 & Y2 ' <i>The Angry Innkeeper'</i> dress rehearsal for school
Thurs 15 th Dec 2.15pm:	Y1 & Y2 <i>'The Angry Innkeeper'</i> performance for Parents
(KS2 classes will be performing a theatrical production after the SATs in July)	

Fri 16 th Dec: PM:	Visiting Pantomime for the children
Mon 19 th Dec PM:	Christingle celebration
Tues 20 th AM:	Christmas Assembly with Fr Dave
Mon 12th Dec 2.15pm:	KS2 Christmas Carol concert. Parents welcome!