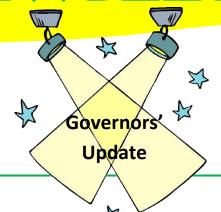
#### Mayespark Primary School



### NEWSLETTER



**March 2023** 

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent survey, your opinion and feedback is always warmly welcomed. It has been wonderful to see such a wide range of responses and has given us an opportunity to collect your views on specific topics within the school. We are happy to report the feedback from the survey was over-whelmingly positive. Any area where there has been a trend in concerns will be followed up via a *Link Meeting* - where an appointed Governor will speak with the appropriate staff member and address progress and statutory compliance. These will be conducted on a termly basis. Next term we will be conducting a staff survey and further monitoring visits which link to our school improvement plan. Once again, thank you for your time.

Co-chairs of Governors Daisy and Derryck





#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

It has been great to see all the hard work the children have been doing this term - hopefully you follow our Instagram and Facebook pages to see the children's work being celebrated. I hope you will enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter and seeing all the exciting things the children have been doing recently.

Thank you for those of you who are helping the children at home with reading, spelling and times tables, it really does make a difference to their progress and confidence in class. Keep it up!

Ms Davies Headteacher



# A PEEP INSIDE CLASSROOMS

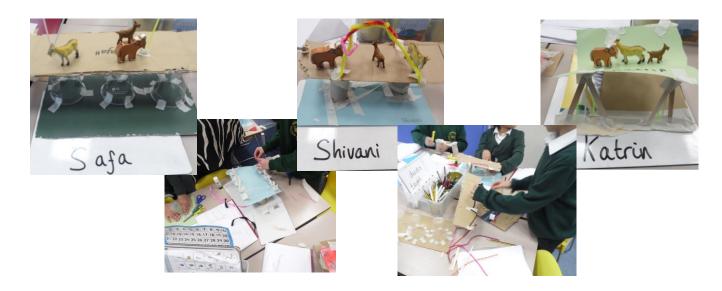
#### Year 3 Science

In science, our Year 3 children have been learning about different types of plant roots. They have focussed on the two main systems of roots - the taproot and the fibrous. After cutting a carrot in half they were able to use a magnifying glass to look at the main 'primary' root.



#### Year 2 Design & Technology

In Year 2 the children have been designing and making a bridge for Billy Goats Gruff! After looking at the structure of different bridges they planned how to make their own bridge. They then selected which material to use and how to join these effectively. The children had great fun making their bridges and Billy Goats Gruff was able to cross the bridge and get to the other side!





In Year 4 this term, children have been learning about the Roman civilisation. To make their learning memorable, they spent an entire day being immersed in the Ancient Roman civilisation. Some children were Emperors, others were knights, Roman citizens and even slaves - it almost felt like they had time travelled!

During the course of the day, the children had the opportunity to look at how Roman soldiers dressed, how the army was divided into legions and how rigorous an army drill was - some even had the opportunity to practise one! Added to this, the children explored artefacts, played board games used during Roman times and made comparisons to modern life. The grand finale consisted of sword fighting and chariot racing! Children recreated an arena atmosphere and witnessed the races with lots of cheers. It was thrilling to watch the girls emerge victorious in all three year 4 classes, much to the contrary of the Roman times. The boys did present as tough competition and demonstrated true sportsmanship. Indeed, it was a truly unforgettable day!

Mrs Ramesh





































## MUSIC AT MAYESPARK



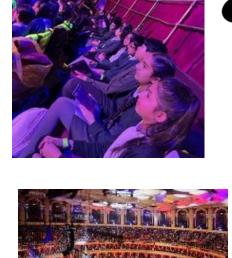
At Mayespark, every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. This is something which we are very proud of and our Year 4 children have just marked the end of their tuition with a wonderful concert! There are many proven benefits from children learning a musical instrument such as improved co-ordination and maths skills. At Mayespark, we also offer a range of peripatetic lessons as well as Rocksteady sessions. If you would like to sign up for lessons, please do so via the following link: <a href="https://visionrcl.org.uk/theatre-and-music/redbridge-music-service/music-service-sign-up/">https://visionrcl.org.uk/theatre-and-music/redbridge-music-service/music-service-sign-up/</a>

Recently, some of our children from Years 4&5 had the opportunity to perform at the Royal Albert Hall alongside other schools from Redbridge. Over the last few months, the children have been attending choir and learning new songs. This was such a wonderful occasion, one which our staff and children will remember for years to come. A huge thank you to Mrs Bhogal for organising this visit.















This week some of our Year 5 children have been on a residential visit to PGL. They have had a fantastic time experiencing various adventurous activities including raft building, rock climbing, abseiling and archery. Mr Radmore has reported that all of the children were very well behaved. It was lovely to be able to welcome them back to school on Wednesday and we look forward to hearing all about their excursion which we trust they will remember for years to come.





### DIARY DATES

Below are dates for the coming months. Please note that calendar dates are often added and can be amended. We therefore ask that all parents download MySchoolApp, where our most recent school calendar can be accessed throughout the year.



March 2023		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Children leave for Year 5 residential visit	
27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS visit from Wellgate Farm	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tagore Class Assembly	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Children return from Year 5 residential visit	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Attendance Assemblies	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Children break up for Easter holidays	

April 2023		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parents' Coffee Morning (writing)	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to start swimming lessons	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Parents' evening (communication)	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 visit to local church	

Please don't forget that our school uniform does not include hoodies. Please come to school wearing a green school jumper/cardigan and a white polo top.



May 2023		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week	
16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> round of fluoride treatment for Nursery,	
	Reception & Year 1	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 climbing wall experience	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Children break up for half term	





We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Richards has given birth to a healthy baby boy and Mrs Sharman has given birth to a healthy baby girl! We are looking forward to them visiting us in the coming months.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

What a wonderful World Book Day we had this year. The children and staff were invited to come to school dressed as a book character or a word. During the day the children participated in a range of wonderful reading activities which culminated in a special assembly. They were also invited to take part in a competition to design a bookmark based on Shaun Tan's book 'The Lost Thing'. Well done to **Agata in class Coleman** who was the overall winner for the whole school. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day special, particularly Mrs Shamim and Mrs Razin, our reading champions!





































## OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS



If you have a child in Yr 5 and you would like them to go on the residential visit to France next year, please send in your deposit as soon as possible. Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our collection for those affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. We raised a staggering

£2,179.54

Every penny of this money has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee.



Our Friends of Mayespark Committee work really hard to put on amazing events for our children and to raise money for our school. They have recently presented Mrs Davies with £4,000! This money will be used to purchase new interactive whiteboards for classrooms. Plans for our summer fayre are already underway so if you are able to volunteer and help make this happen, please do get in touch!





We are now taking bookings for Summer Term after school clubs. Please sign up via:

<u>SchoolCloud</u> - <u>Mayespark</u> Primary School





