



# Newsletter

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**Headline!**

**News!**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

This week has been very testing with both staff and children absence. The whole school community has not only been supportive but also shown great resilience. I have had offers from staff offering to work longer hours to parents offering to do playground duties and man the phones! Other schools across InMAT and those at the central office have all been checking in daily and offering support where they can. At the heart of everything, has been the well being of the children with staff making contact with those who are well enough to access work, the delivering of LFD kits and books and staff checking up on each other. Those in school, have continued with their learning journeys and the children have continued to take pride and try their best in all they do.

Our theme in assembly this week was inclusion and this has been visible in everything I have seen in school this week. It has been great to see all the children playing together including the y2/3/4/5/6 all playing football with each other with the larger children supporting the smaller ones, older children playing with the younger children and teaching them games and children being so supportive not caring if a child was a girl/boy/younger/older or had additional needs. I feel very privileged to have seen all this happening throughout the week.

Last week I spoke to staff about the presentation of children's work in books. As a school, we needed to reset and refocus in this area as standards had slipped in the January slump! Staff have relayed this message to the children and I have seen many examples of children trying hard to improve their handwriting and presentation in every aspect of their learning.

As always, we strive to move forward and it is great to see that everyone is moving in the same direction.

To all our community, keep up the good work and I hope you all continue to stay well,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

## COVID

In line with government guidance, masks are no longer compulsory or strongly advised. However, with cases still high at Hall Meadow, some staff are continuing to wear masks, as are some of our families. Please respect those who choose to do this.

Currently we have 3 members of staff who are positive, 1 awaiting results and 17 children have currently tested positive for COVID 19. Please stay vigilant and keep testing where possible.

## Cross Country

A huge well done to our County Cross Country runners! Not only was the sun shining on Abington Park last Saturday, the enthusiasm oozed out of the children from Y5/6 who had made it through two local rounds to the County finals. Well done to Liv, Rosa, Harriet, Noah, Hannah, Darcey, Jessica and Oliver who ran so well and tried so hard.

Harriet came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Y5 girls and is through to the National Finals in March along with Darcey, placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the Y6/7 race and Oliver placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Y6/7 boys and who was the first Y6 pupil to finish.

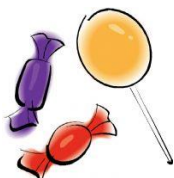
Miss Pallet, Mrs Nunn, Miss Letts and I really enjoyed the morning and came away beaming with pride as were all the parents.



## New Rugs

Mrs Ellerby-Beach, one of our local community helpers in Y1, heard Mrs Greasley discussing book club and her plans for the summer. Within a flash (literally 3 days!) Mrs Ellerby-Beach had spoken to her friends at The Salvation Army and voila! 2 new rugs were delivered to school.

Thank you so much Mrs B for all you do in Demeter class and supporting our school.



## PACT

Just a reminder that PACT will be holding another Sweet Tuck Shop after school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.





## **DATES FOR DIARY!**

### **February**

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Apollo & Athena Mosque Visit

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – PACT Sweet Tuck Shop after school

4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Iris Class Theatre Visit

4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Poseidon Church Visit

8<sup>th</sup> Feb – National Online Safety Day

### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Poseidon Class Assembly (TBC)

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – World Book Day (details to follow)

7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Ares Anglo Saxon Visit

8<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Photographer

17<sup>th</sup> Mar – PACT Cake Sale

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Parents Evening (details to follow)

28<sup>th</sup> Mar – M&M Productions Jungle Book

30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Apollo Class Assembly (TBC)

31<sup>ST</sup> Mar – PACT School Disco

## **2021-22**

### **Term 3**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Training Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – End of term

### **Term 4**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Training day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of term

### **Term 5**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – End of term

### **Term 6**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Training Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term