



Fortnightly Update – Friday June 7th 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term, we hope you enjoyed a wonderful half term break. And for those of you celebrating Eid this week, we hope you enjoyed time off with your families and friends.

The summer term is always a very busy time of year in the Early Years, with lots of transition events and new children to get to know.

On Monday we welcomed Ms Chowdhury into Otters class; she has got to know the children very quickly and is looking forward to spending next week with us.

On Tuesday the school was very quiet as some of the children enjoyed their Eid celebrations, we hope you made it to ours on Friday after school.

On Wednesday we had our first Nursery transition workshop. It was lovely to meet the new nursery children and their families at last. We look forward to seeing the children become familiar with the setting over the next few Wednesdays.

Also on Wednesday, the Nursery children went to Reception to enjoy some time in their garden.

Year one have been looking incredibly grown up this week, working at their table's independently. Their rooms have been arranged slightly differently, but all the resources have remained and still easily accessed.

Finally on Friday we had The Great Coin Race. The children enjoyed counting the coins and making huge great long lines in the reception and Year 1 gardens. I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for organising this unique event and to all the

parents who stayed to support us. We had lots of fun! Thank you also to Safa's family who donated over £12 of coins!!! Otters were in fact the winners of 'the most amount of money raised - a whopping £101.55!



NURSERY

The children have come back to nursery after the holiday happy and eager to engage in all areas of the nursery.



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We have been doing lots of building with different bricks and blocks. We have been learning lots of mathematical and positional language when we were building our structures and finding ways to solve problems about how we would reach up higher. We have been counting how many bricks we have used and finding the number on our number square.



Many thanks to all the parents for their £10 contributions, if you haven't made a donation and would like to, please see a member of the nursery team.

Please can we have your empty boxes, pots and containers for our very creative and busy children.

RECEPTION

On Monday Ms Panesar made playdough with the children. At this time of year, the expectation is that they should be able to

write down what they need to make it. Boris, Micky and Nimota made some great lists as they added their ingredients.



In Maths we have been talking about the properties of 3D shapes, learning to describe their features, for example, how many faces, corners and edges they have and what shape they are. Please ask your children to find different shaped objects at home and see if they can describe them.

This week on the field we explored different textures using crayons and paper to rub tree bark. The children described the trees as 'rough' or 'smooth'. They discovered many types of tree bark to rub.





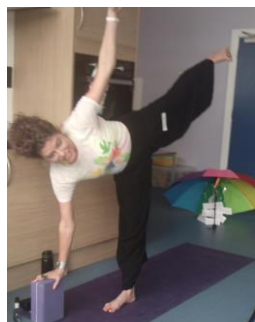
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Julia said that it made a pattern and looked like Polka dots on her paper and Leo said that the bark felt bumpy.



Yusra and Fizza told us they celebrated Eid and showed us their Menhdi Patterns.

We have also been looking at different environments around the world that people live in. On Tuesday Luciano's grandma came in to talk to the children about Italian Culture.



We will also have other visitors coming in over the term to talk about their jobs. If this is something you would be interested in, please let the reception teachers know.

On Thursday Liz, Beatrice's Mum came in to talk to the children about Yoga. The children really enjoyed her demonstrations and tried out some of their own moves.



Thank you so much to both our visitors for spending time talking to our children. They really enjoyed it.

Year 1

This week, Year 1 have started their transition into Year 2. We have all been learning maths and English at tables, like the older children in the school.

In the afternoons we are still focused on our individual projects. For example Noa has been creating a Venus fly trap using Paper Mache and Archie set about improving the playground by adding a wheelchair access ramp to the tree house using the community blocks!



We have also continued to prepare for our phonics test next week and wish all the

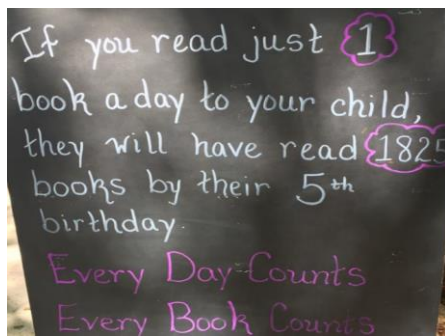


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children the best of luck, they have worked so hard!!!

FINAL WORD

Last Newsletter, I noticed that the '5' in 1825 books was missing!!! Please read this quote again, and enjoy reading with your child each day. Thank you



WEEKLY DATES

Monday mornings - 9.00am - English conversation Classes – these classes are free to all members of the school community.

Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45am – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

Afternoon toddler group is finished for the term and will start again in September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

Friday 7th – The PTFA Great Coin Race 9.00am and 9.30 in Reception, after reading.

Wednesday 5th 1.30 – 2.30 Nursery transition sessions begin for new parents and children Then every Wednesday till 10th July

Thursday 20th – Otters trip to the Fire Station

Tuesday 25th 9.30am – New Reception Welcome Morning

July

Tuesday 2nd 9.30 am – New Reception Welcome Morning

Wednesday 3rd July 3.30pm – Year 1 transition meeting for reception parents; letters out next week to confirm date.

Thursday 4th July – Pine Martens visit the Fire Station

Tuesday 9th - Nursery AM children to visit Henry Reynolds Park

Wednesday 10th July – Early Years transition festival.

Thursday 11th – Nursery PM children to visit Henry Reynolds Park

Thursday 11th 5.00pm – Nursery PIZZA NIGHT!!

Friday 19th July – Last day of summer term