

Headteacher message

This week children in year 5 visited the Science Museum. They had a great time and were great ambassadors for our school. Well done Year 5. Unfortunately our children in year 2 were unable to visit Brockwell Park due to the weather, they were disappointed but showed such great spirit and had an eventful day at school. Well done to you all in year 2.

Flu vaccinations

The uptake for the flu vaccinations was low this year and we were also made aware that one class had not received the communication about it via class dojo. Please do not worry, we have arranged for an additional session to take place on 10th November. You will receive communication about this via class dojo and Parentmail in due course.

Toys

Despite my reminder in a previous newsletter, we are still having a number of children bringing in toys. Please ensure that your child keeps all toys/cards at home.

Term time leave requests

As we approach a holiday period, a familiar pattern of term time leave requests are being submitted. Term time leave will only be authorised for extenuating circumstances that can be supported by evidence. Children need to be at school and missed education results in gaps in children's knowledge that can be very hard to fill and result in poor progress. Please do not book extended holidays around school holiday periods. Children should be back at school on the term dates given.

Parent Coffee Mornings



Parent Coffee mornings will resume after the half term every Monday from 9am. Next half term the coffee mornings will focus on 'managing children with difficult behaviour'.

Difficult behaviour means different things to different people and covers a breadth of behaviours that parents/carers may struggle to address or manage. In addition, this can have a huge impact on you and other family members. The sessions will provide you with strategies to try at home regardless of your child's age, as well as give you an opportunity to share techniques you have used that could be helpful to others. We hope to see you there!



Dates for diary

Autumn term class assemblies

Date	class
Wednesday 9th November	Protea
Wednesday 16th November	Lotus

Half term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Inset day

Monday 31st October

Children return to school

Tuesday 1st November

Parents evening

Week commencing Monday 21st November

Attendance Stars

KS1—Jasmine 98.1%

KS2—Orchid 98.5%

Whole school—92.5%

Our school target is 96%

These classes can wear own clothes on

Thursday 3rd November .



School Dinner Menu

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One	Option 1	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast of the Day with Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	French Bread Pizza	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Vegetable Medley	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Seasonal Root Cake	Vanilla Shortbread
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				
Week Two	Option 1	French Bread Pizza	Chicken Fajitas with Rice	Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Mince Beef Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Fish Finger and Chilli Mayo Wrap with Chips
	Option 2	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Potatoes	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Mexican Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Chocolate Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple & Blackberry Roll with Custard	Raspberry Jelly with Mandarins
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				
Week Three	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chicken and Bean Stew with Rice	Roast of the Day with Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Veggie Chilli with Rice	Vegetable Pasty	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Jollof Rice
	Vegetables	Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Green Bean Carrots	Cauliflower Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Marble Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Banana Sponge with Custard	Apple Flapjack
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				

Community

Drumming Workshops

To celebrate Black History Month, Merton Libraries have a number of drumming workshops suitable for all ages.

Booking required

Friday 28 October

[Pollards Hill Library 10am – 1pm](#) (book here)

[Mitcham Library 2.30 - 5.30pm](#) (book here)

Come along to Pollards Hill Library and join Zoolab for a Halloween adventure!

31 October at 3.30pm at Pollards Hill Library

Join Zog, a friendly witch, riding on her broomstick through towns, forests and bog.

Along the way, her magic broom starts to resemble a zoo!

Children will meet a selection of animals throughout this session

For children aged 3-8 years

Booking required via Eventbrite, as spaces are limited - Book now to avoid disappointment

[Pollards Hill Library - Zoo on the Broom Tickets, Mon 31 Oct 2022 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Hello Yellow



Thank you to everybody who got dressed up and donated to the #HelloYellow cause on Monday, 10th October 2022.

A special mention **MUST** go to Santiago from Rose Class, who went the extra mile and dressed up in a fun outfit (as a Chicken!).

Our school made **£129.50** for the charity. **WELL DONE!**

Thank you too, to the School Council for assisting in making this a success! We're looking forward to more opportunities to raise funds.

Year 2

Yesterday, Year 2 sadly weren't able to go on our trip to Brockwell Park due to the weather. So instead, we had a fun art day. We picked some leaves from the playground and field and drew them. We then made some beautiful silhouettes of the Great Fire of London which will be our topic next half term.

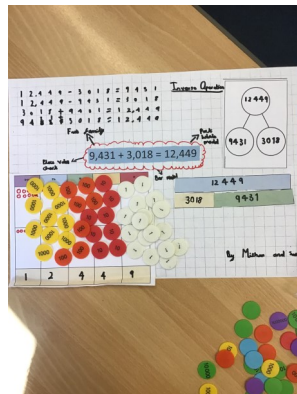
Both Miss Annor and Mr Sutcliffe were very impressed with the resilience of the children and how well they handled this disappointment.



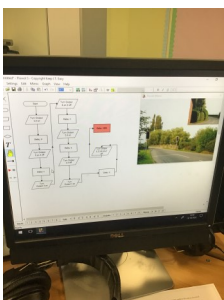
Year 5



Carnation class have been busy looking at inverse operations when solving addition and subtraction calculations in maths. This useful strategy enables us to check that our answers are correct by using the opposite operation.



As part of our learning and investigating, we had to prove that the answers were right by demonstrating many ways to represent a calculation. In pairs, we used a variety of resources from part whole models, to dienes, counters and bar models to explain our answers.



In Computing this week, we have taken knowledge about digital systems and put them into practice by sequencing traffic lights. We know understand the importance of outputs and inputs in regulating our everyday lives. This lesson took alot of patience and logical thinking but we pulled



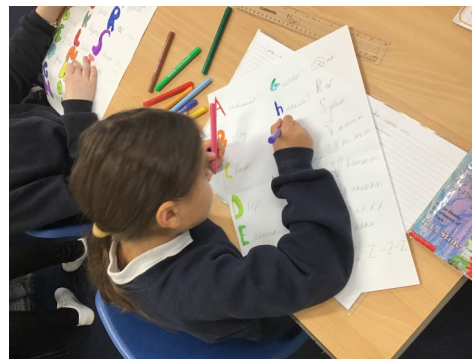
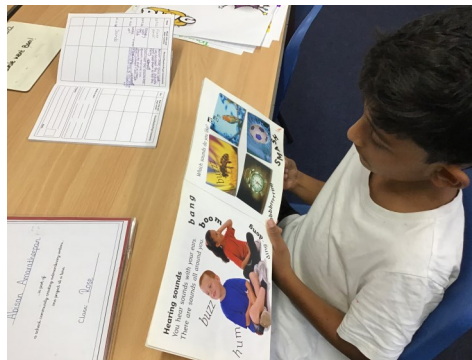
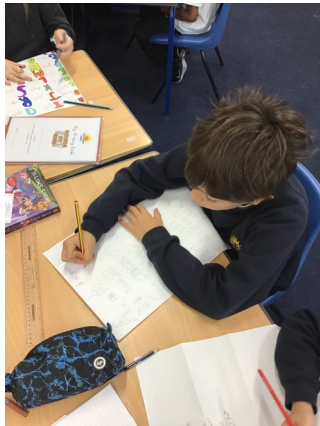
it off to make sure there were no crashes on the bridge.



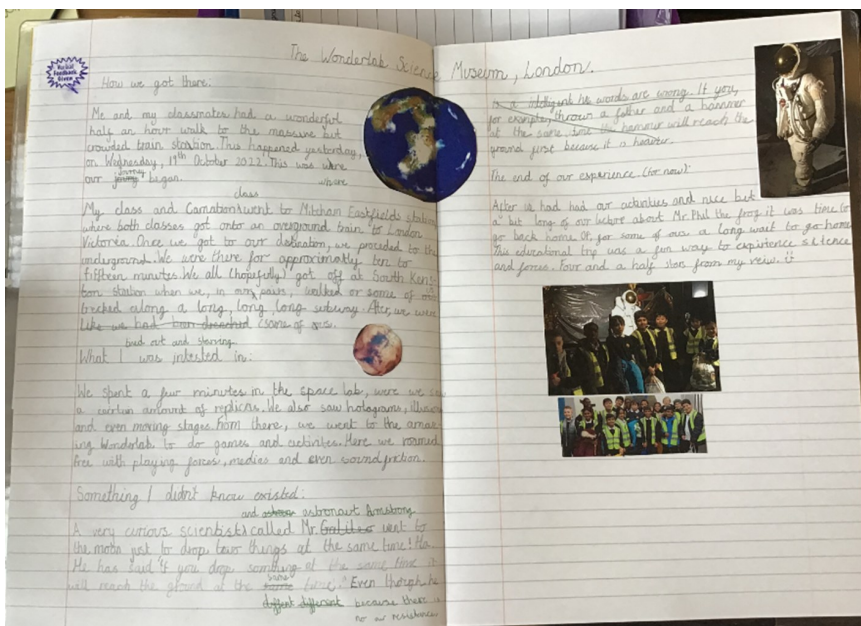
Finally, each day we look forward to exploring a new word in Word of the day- one of us takes responsibility for writing it up on our wall and then we challenge ourselves to use it correctly in our writing.

Poetry

We have been learning about onomatopoeia, to include in our poetry. We've enjoyed creating posters emphasising our learning.



Science Museum



On Wednesday, 5th October 2022, Year 5 went to the Science Museum in London. Upon return, Samreen (Rose Class) wrote about her experience. She did a great job at reflecting on her time at the museum and took the verbal feedback on board to make changes to her writing. Well done, Samreen!

Year 1

It has been another busy but fun filled week in Year 1. Here are some of the highlights!

In English this term the children have been creating their very own non-fiction books all about themselves. They wrote about their families, their favourite food, their hobbies and their favourite animal or toy. To celebrate the completion of their books we had a book launch party where the children shared their books with Year 2 and enjoyed a biscuit to mark the occasion.



This term in Art we have been studying the work of Paul Klee called Castle in the Sun. This has been the inspiration for the children to create an image of their own home using primary colours, secondary colours and printed shapes. They really had lots of fun with this especially with mixing the paints.

