

Headteacher message

We have almost come to the end of what has been yet again another unusual term. Attendance since the children's return to school is good - 95.4% which is very close to our 96% target. Maintaining good attendance has always been very important but even more so now that there has been significant disruption to our children's access to schooling. Please ensure that you all continue to work on this in the summer term.

We will continue to monitor attendance weekly and contact parents/carers where we have concerns. Lack of improvement in attendance will result in referrals to our LA Education Welfare Service.

Parent Review meetings

A huge thank you to parents/carers who attended our parent review this week. 92% of parents booked which is a high level of engagement.

Lockdown Rules Changes

The Lockdown rules will change on 29 March. Please see below:

From 29 March:

- you will be able to meet outdoors either in a group of 6 (from any number of households), or in a group of any size from up to 2 households (each household can include existing support bubbles, if eligible)
- You will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports with any number of people (outdoor sports venues and facilities will be able to reopen)
- childcare and supervised activities will be allowed outdoors for all children
- formally organised parent and child groups will be able to take place outdoors for up to 15 attendees. Children under 5 will not be counted in this number

Easter Holidays

Please let us know via email if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the Easter holiday. This will help us to give out correct guidance if necessary and also ensure that we are able to monitor isolation periods.

Please ensure that you are all taking the necessary precautionary measures to keep you, your family and community safe during the Easter Holidays.

Happy Easter to you all!



Dates for diary



Wednesday 31st March

Last day at school

Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April

Easter Holiday

Wednesday 12th April

Ramadan begins

Monday 19th April

School reopens to all pupils

Wednesday 23rd April

St Georges Day - Mufti day

Thursday 22 April

Earth Day

Week commencing 17th May

Design and Technology week

Friday 28th May

Last day of half term

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half term

Monday 7th June

School reopens

Wednesday 23rd June

Make Music Day

Week com 12th July

Sports Event week

Thursday 22nd July

Last day of term—
school closes at 2pm

| Year group | Start time | Finish time |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Nursery (all day) | 08:30 (am session also) | 3:30 pm (all day) 3:30pm (pm session) |
| Reception | 8:45am | 3:05pm |
| Year 1 | | |
| Year 2 | | |
| Year 4 | | |
| Year 6 | | |
| Year 3 | 9:00am | 3:30pm |
| Year 5 | | |

Your child must arrive to school on time.

Ramadan

Ramadan is expected to begin on Monday 12th April. Please visit the British Islamic Medical Association for guidance and advice regarding Ramadan during the pandemic.

<https://britishima.org/saferamadan/>

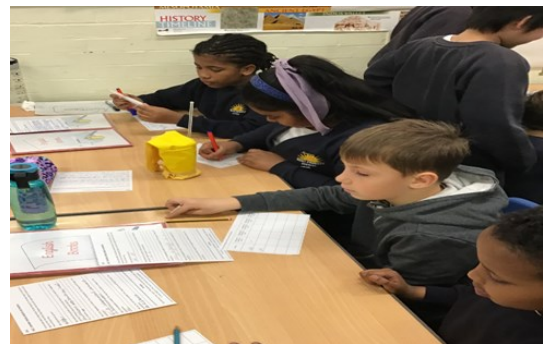
Year 5

Science

This week in science year 5 have been learning about thermal conductors and insulators. We conducted an experiment into the best material to keep things cool and based on our findings, children designed their own lunch box with a lining of their choice. Most children found that the plastic and rubber lining kept the ice the coolest for the longest. This was in line with our predictions.

Conductors and Insulators

| | Good Conductors allow energy to pass through | Insulators stop or slow down energy |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Electrical | Metals e.g. copper, silver, gold, iron, steel, aluminum tap water  | rubber wood plastic glass paper cotton distilled water polystyrene fabric  |
| Thermal | Metals e.g. copper, silver, gold, iron, steel, aluminum  | plastic wood rubber fabric polystyrene  |



RECEPTION



It has been another busy week in reception as the butterflies explored transient art for the first time. Using loose parts, the children created and designed their very own Easter cards. They look amazing!

The butterflies have also been busy writing messages to the Easter Bunny as she will be visiting us next Wednesday to make a special delivery, the children are super excited.



Mr Berry also came to help the children plant flowers and herbs in the reception garden, so we are looking forward to seeing how they bloom in the summer!