



Newsletter

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

Dear parents/ carers,

What an amazing start to this jam packed half term! This half term has been full of Design Technology projects where many classes have enjoyed learning about different foods and cooking techniques. Year 2 baked bread, Year 4 made pasties with seasonal vegetables from around the UK and Year 1 made scones fit for a queen whilst learning about Queen Elizabeth II. Year 3 enjoyed a trip to China Town this week and Year 5 have been learning about the Mayans and how they made chocolate-yum! Year 6 are showing real dedication to their additional booster lessons in preparation for their Year 6 SATs coming up in the Summer term. The positive attitude and their desire to achieve their best is nothing short of the outstanding learning behaviour that we expect here at Phoenix Primary School. It is not only Year 6 who share this drive and enthusiasm for high standards of learning and I have seen even more great examples of learning so far this half term; I am very proud of them all!

-Ms Joines

Key Dates

Break up for half term: Friday 14th February

Return to school after half term: Monday 24th February

Class photo day: Friday 28th February

Y1 Phonics Coffee Morning: Thursday 5th March at 9:30

Y1 Phonics Afternoon Session :Friday 6th March at 2:30pm

Rock Steady Concert: Tuesday 24th March at 9:30am & 2:30 pm

Parents' Evening: Tuesday 31st March



As many of you will be aware, the works have started in order to fully restore the Evelyn Lowe Garden area on the Upper Site. The whole area has now been cleared and it is beginning to take great shape. Once finished, there will be a combination of astro-turf, paving and grass areas that the children will be able to access for different purposes. Work should be completed around February half term, which will create much more space for our Key Stage 2 children. The garden will also provide much richer opportunities across the curriculum for all children in all the year groups.

On Friday 24th January 2020, children from the School Council took part in a design workshop lead by a professional artist – Lara Sparey. The purpose of the workshop was to design a piece of metal artwork that will be attached to the entrance gate of the garden. This was a fantastic opportunity to allow the children to use their incredible art skills for a real purpose, and put their stamp on all the work that is taking place.

Year 3 have been learning about Asia this half term. Whilst learning about Japan and India, they have also learnt about the geographical features of China. This week, the children had the chance to go to China Town in London to inspire their up coming writing. Their trip gave them to chance to see the beautiful lanterns and dragons displayed to celebrate Chinese New Year. They also spent some time looking at the range of restaurants and shops there, thinking about the smells, sights and sounds.



Year 1 followed a recipe to make scones for a tea party with the Queen. They later wrote instructions on how to make them. Sadly, the Queen was unable to come as she had prior engagements but the children enjoyed eating them.



Year 4 have been learning about the United Kingdom this term. They have learnt the names of the countries and capital cities and have used maps to identify different places and physical features. The children went on two trips this half term, one to the Southbank and another to Eynsford. Whilst on the different trips, they were able to look at the human and physical features of the landscape and how the land is used. Back in the classroom, the children then made comparisons and gave their preferences about the two locations.



Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable footwear to school– all children should wear plain black shoes. Shoes should be flat and with suitable grip to keep them safe when they are playing outside at lunch time.

Please also ensure your child wears their school tie everyday and all blazers and jumpers have their name in.

Marlborough Grove and Rolls Road become very congested both before and after the school day. It is imperative that the safety of all children is considered and we would like to remind all parents and carers, who drive to school, not to park on the yellow road markings. They are there to help keep the children safe and ensure drivers can see if children walk into the road. This becomes much harder when the road is congested. Southwark Council have installed cameras along Marlborough Grove to help minimise illegal stopping; your support in keeping all our children safe is very much appreciated. Please remind your children, if they walk to the Upper Site by themselves that they must cross at the zebra crossing.

