



Newsletter

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is astounding just how quickly the first half term has passed! It brings me great pleasure to share with you plenty of opportunities from across the school that children have accessed since returning from the summer break. Above all, having spent much time looking at learning in classrooms and also in a wide range of children's books, the progress that all children have made is fantastic and something which all parents/ carers should be really proud of. All children have worked consistently hard across all areas of the curriculum—and it is always such a pleasure to hear what new knowledge they have gained. I look forward to hearing about all their new learning next half term but until then I hope that everyone has a restful half term.

Best wishes,
Mr Assig

Key Dates

Monday 21st—Friday 25th October: Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th October: INSET Day—School Closed for children
Friday 13th December: 9:30am and 2:30pm—Y2 Christmas Performance
Monday 16th December: 2:30pm—Year 1 Carol Concert
Thursday 19th December: Last Day of Term—Finish at 2pm

Our School Theme: Diversity

All classes have explored the theme of Diversity this half term. At Phoenix, we are lucky to be able to provide an education to a wide variety of children, all of whom share similar and varied perspectives on the lives we lead. Collectively, children have explored our diverse school community in and amongst the world we live in. Assemblies have explored our school theme in a variety of ways, including: What is Diversity? Who can be a hero? Who is in my family? Black History Month—why is it important?

At Phoenix, we celebrate and embrace diversity. In the first week back after half term, we will continue with the theme of diversity by considering inspirational people from a variety of heritages. Following this work, the school theme will change to consider the Autumn 2 theme: 'Keeping Safe'.



Phoenix Allotment and Borough Market

A range of children from Phoenix were involved in the 'Young Marketeers Project' at Borough Market. Children ran their own fruit and veg stall with produce grown from the school allotment. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to be market holders for the morning. All money raised was then given to the charity FareShare who produce hot meals for vulnerable families. This year Phoenix, along with six other schools, helped to raise **£576.75**. That is a grand total of **2,304** meals for those vulnerable families.



Phoenix Choir & Supporting Charity

On the 4th of October, the Year 6 Choir entertained a very exclusive audience of parents and local people at the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Avondale Community Centre. The choir sang their hearts out with some of their favourite repertoire, including: The Greatest Showman; a couple of songs from our Southwark Council Offices performance with the Voices Foundation- 'Samba Le Le' and 'Opehlia where your letter?'; a complex round called 'After the storm'; and, finally, 'Make Your Own Kind of Music' recently recorded by Paloma Faith. Their commitment to choir has been exemplary and they have been a fantastic ensemble to entertain many audiences.

Year 1: Local Area Visit

As part of their topic 'Ourselves', Year 1 went on a walk of the local area to learn about the human and physical features of our local area to support them in creating their own maps of the area.

During this project, Year 1 also went back in time to the Victorian era to experience what classrooms were like back then. Using chalk and quills to practise their handwriting proved to be a very exciting challenge!



Year 2: Tower of London Visit

As part of Year 2's learning this term, we visited the Tower of London. During our visit, the children got to go inside the White Tower, see the Crown Jewels and talk to the Beefeaters. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and got the opportunity to really enhance all their learning in regards to their topic. The children could use this experience to create some excellent writing including all the facts that they had learnt.

Year 5—Royal Observatory Visit

In September, Year 5 visited the Royal Observatory in Greenwich to learn more about our solar system. Each class took part in a workshop to learn about the size of the planets in relation to one another. As well as learning lots of new information, the children also shared their facts with the host who was very impressed with our prior knowledge!



Local Area—Safety of Children:

All parents are reminded that start and end of the school day is a very congested time. For those parents that choose to drive to school, please do not park on any yellow lines. Also, it is paramount that no cars mount the kerb. We all have to work together to keep children safe and we must work together in order to ensure the safety of all children on our roads and pavements around the school.