

MR MOTION'S MEMO

Another half term comes to an end, and what a busy week it has been!

Most of us were on a trip of one sort or another on Wednesday. The Upper School took to the ice rink at Canary Wharf while Year 2 explored the mysteries of time and space at the Planetarium in Greenwich.

We've enjoyed Children's Mental Health Week too, with assemblies focus on this year's theme, 'My Voice Matters'. The children have all completed different activities, carefully planned around the book 'Have

You Filled a Bucket Today?' There have been many interesting conversations about how we can show kindness and appreciation for each other and use our voices as a powerful tool to speak out and express ourselves. If you'd like to continue this conversation at home, [Place2Be](#) has some excellent resources and tips for families on their website.

Wishing all our Faraday families a very happy and healthy half term. We look forward to seeing you back at school at the normal time on Monday 19th February.



RECEPTION

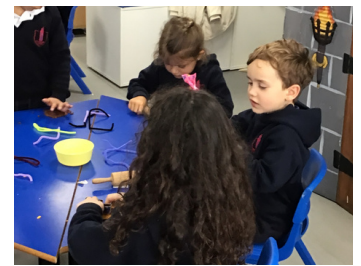
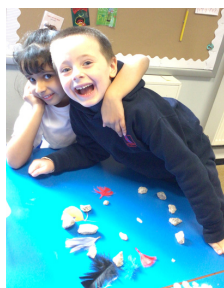
Just like that we've come to the end of another half term and are half way through our year. We have made wonderful progress this term and as so excited to show this through the reading and writing that we are doing in class. We hope you enjoyed coming in last week to see our books and to celebrate all of the hard work that we have been doing.

On Tuesday, for Safer Internet Day, we read a story about Smartie the Penguin and what can happen when we are using various devices. While he was using his tablet, something happened that confused him and he wasn't sure what to do. We helped him to make the smart choice, which is to tell an adult and ask for help. You should always do this when something you're unsure happens on a computer, tablet or phone!

We have really enjoyed Children's Mental Health Week and learning lots of ways to keep our bodies and minds happy and healthy. We read a book called 'Have you Filled a Bucket Today?' and have spent the week thinking about words and actions that we can do to help ourselves and those around us stay full of positive thoughts and feelings!

We hope you have an amazing half-term!
From, Reception!

Next Show & Tell: Darwin House (Imogen, Ayan, Max, Cameron)



YEAR 1

Another half term in Year 1: completed!

We've been very busy in our wider curriculum lessons. In DT, we began developing our sewing skills for puppet making. In Art, we combined all our different methods for sculptures (colour, shape, size) to create a masterpiece.

In Computing, we learned more about Safer Internet Day and had a go at browsing on the internet with adult support. We know what to do if something unexpected happens - tell an adult, and ask for help.

As it was Children's Mental Health Week, we've had a particular focus on our wellbeing and ways we can support our own mental health and others'. We read a book called "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?", and designed 'kindness' rocks in relation to what we learned. We know using kind words towards ourselves and others is so important!

Speaking of kind words - it's with a heavy heart that Year 1 say goodbye to Valentina this week. We will miss her very much, but we are so excited for her new adventures!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Next Show & Tell: Hawking House (Samantha, Mridvika, Emily)



YEAR 2

This week, Einstein and Lovelace, embarked on a journey of kindness and exploration. In honour of Children's Mental Health Week, our students delved into the significance of empathy and support, learning how to "fill up each other's buckets" with acts of kindness while discussing behaviours that might "empty someone's bucket." It was heart-warming to see them nurture a culture of compassion and understanding.

Adding to the week's excitement, our young adventurers set sail for the Greenwich National Maritime Museum. Amidst the maritime wonders and historical treasures, they embarked on a thrilling quest alongside Ted, the astronaut teddy bear, in a cinematic experience to find a hospitable planet. The journey sparked their imaginations and deepened their understanding of the world around them.

As we approach the well-deserved half-term break, let us reflect on the growth and camaraderie our students have shown. May this holiday be filled with cherished moments, rest, and rejuvenation for all?

YEAR 3

And with a blink of an eye, the half-term has arrived!! We spent this week catching up with our curriculum goals and consolidating our learning over this first half of the Spring term..

In R.E we delved into the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to make inferences about Jesus' character traits based on several events which occurred in the bible. We justified our ideas with evidence from the text and discussed why Jesus may have chosen to react to certain people and situations the way he did.

In History we continued our learning on the Ancient Egyptians, discovering how their farmers took advantage of the floods and used a technique called irrigation to water their crops. In pairs we questioned, discussed and identified a number of reasons as to why many Egyptians could have benefitted from living by the River Nile.

This week also marked 'Safer Internet Day' & 'Children's Mental Health Week'. In celebration of these important initiatives we took a look back to observe the use of technology through time. We then put our engineering hats on and designed a selection of futuristic talking white boards, robotic music players and skin recognition watches.

Lastly, we had some really reflective discussions around how we can build our self-esteem by thinking positive thoughts and making positive affirmations about ourselves. In light of these discussions Emily Diaz suggested that we write a note to ourselves to highlight our best attributes and qualities as individuals so that's exactly what we did! Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed this activity!

Wishing everyone a wonderful half-term break from all of us in Year 3!



YEAR 4

This week was filled with memorable moments, the highlight being our skating session at Canary Wharf. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as children and staff alike laced up their skates and hit the ice. Smiles and laughter filled the rink, and everyone made the most of this opportunity.

Alongside our fun-filled outing, we also dedicated time to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. Across all classes, pupils engaged in a variety of activities aimed at promoting well-being and mindfulness. From yoga sessions to creative projects, each activity encouraged self-expression and emotional awareness. The children enjoyed spending time in Year 4 and engaging in different activities.

In the classroom, our academic pursuits continued with a focus on English. Year 4 worked diligently to edit and improve their writing according to national standards, demonstrating their commitment to academic excellence. Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, pupils poured their creativity into the ongoing project, eager to see their ideas come to life.

Also, children enthusiastically embraced the specialist sessions and they thoroughly enjoyed the Art session, fully immersing themselves in the creative process. Overall, it was a week filled with fun, learning, and meaningful experiences that will be cherished by all. As we approach the half term break, it's important to remind children to complete their homework. Balancing work and play is key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, so let's remind our children to tackle their homework diligently while also making time for relaxation and fun activities.



YEAR 5



Another half-term in Year 5, completed!

Ice-Skating was the main highlight of the week; children put on a show-stopping display of their best moves, collaborated on the ice with their peers and demonstrated their striving confidence.

English was a success with children engaging in meaningful conversations about the life of Ignatius Sancho, using vocabulary with careful thought and considerations of his legacy.

Our budding mathematicians have finally finished their unit of Fractions, combining both arithmetic skills and word problems. It is great to witness Year 5 children love the subject and work diligently.

In Geography, Year 5 completed their corridor display - they are so proud to speak to other teachers and visiting adults about their showcased work.

In PSHE for Mental Health Week, the children resonated with the story 'Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?', and gave each other compliments and discussed how kindness and empathy can change the world.

For Safer Internet Day, we discussed how technology has changed over time and what to do if we encounter harmful content on the internet, as well as reporting channels.

Have a wonderful break.

YEAR 6

Another amazing week for Year 6. Here are some of our highlights:

Year 6 explored the life of Georges Méliès through biographical writing after being captivated by our class text "Hugo Cabret." Shedding light on one of the main characters served as a fitting conclusion to their writing journey. During Children's Mental Health Week, they embraced the theme "My Voice Matters" wholeheartedly, expressing themselves through uplifting compliments to the Faraday community, having discussions on emotions and engaging with various well-being initiatives. They also brainstormed ways to enact positive change in society such as starting an Eco Club and persuading Parliament to introduce Junior MPs. For Safer Internet Day, the focus shifted to discerning persuasive techniques online, distinguishing between harmful and beneficial approaches. The main highlight of this week was the ice skating trip at Canary Wharf, where they embraced the freedom on the ice and advanced their skating skills.

Here's to a fantastic week ahead!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our stars of the week!

This week, we celebrate...

Stars of the Week

Caleb (YR), Anaya (Y1), Sara (Lovelace),
Sophia (Einstein), Emily (Y3), Zahra (Y4),
Oscar (Y5), Jack (Y6)

PE Awards:

Imogen, Valentina, Amelia

French Awards:

Caoimhe, Liza, Ada, Manny, Zahra, Yuvraj,
Arthur



MEET THE JLT !



The Junior Leadership Team are the pupil voice and this week they have been very busy. During their weekly meeting with Mr Motion they discussed positive activities and potential improvements to school life.

After which, each of the JLT had their picture taken to feature in a display in the school hall. This will help pupils not in the JLT know who to speak to if they have any fun ideas to put forward.

We also couldn't resist taking a group shot beside SS Robin, here on Trinity Buoy Wharf.

Happy half term from the JLT!

MORNING STROLL

JOIN US FOR A FARADAY...
Morning Stroll!
 Staff, Parents and children are invited to walk, cycle or scoot to school together on Wednesday 21st February

THE ITINERARY
 Meet at East India Station from 8:15am
 At 8:30am - Walk to school via East India Dock Basin
 Stop off for a group picture opposite the O2.
 Onward to school for morning registration!

Date Change: Parents, Faraday Morning Stroll has been moved to after half term.
 We look forward to seeing you then!

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHOIR

All Saints Poplar runs a Junior Choir on Tuesday evenings. The aim is to give local children a chorister experience, focussing on music-reading, musicianship and vocal technique - all totally free of charge. All Saints has space for 2-3 more children in its older, 6pm group, best suited to singers in Years 3-6 with a passion for music and some prior experience. Interested parents are welcome to contact Jonathan via jonathan.pease@poplar.church. Jonathan will also be coming to visit Faraday on Friday 23rd February to do a workshop with the school choir.

All Saints Poplar
JUNIOR CHOIR
 ... welcomes new members!

Tuesday evenings
 5-6pm: Younger children
 6-7pm: Older children
Completely free of charge!
 Please email choir@poplar.church

Calling young singers!
 Come and be part of a brand new children's choir for Poplar.

We are a church choir with a Christian ethos, singing services at All Saints Poplar. We seek to offer a fantastic musical education, free of charge, in a fun, friendly environment.

Services at All Saints
 Mini Mattins takes place on one Sunday per month at 9.15am. It is a child-friendly, 30-minute service of Morning Prayer, led by the Junior Choir and finishing with a children's address.
 Older children also participate in our programme of Choral Services, such as Mattins, Mass and Evensong, either independently or with our adult choir.

Rehearsals
 Tuesdays
 5-6pm Younger children
 6-7pm Older children
 All Saints' Church
 Newby Place, Poplar
 London E14 0EY
choir@poplar.church

SINGING LESSONS



There are two slots left for singing lessons with Miss McLarnon, these can be shared with another pupil or taken as solo lessons. Lessons take place on Mondays during class time for 30mins.

We look at various styles of singing and vocal technique and some pupils are currently working towards LCM Musical Theatre Singing exams. For more info please email enya.mclarnon@faradayschool.co.uk

THE FOURTH PLINTH SCHOOLS AWARDS

Fourth Plinth Schools Awards

What are The Forth Plinth Schools Awards? The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards gives pupils and schools a chance to get creative and produce a work of art inspired by the contemporary art commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth.

There will be a presentation ceremony at the new City Hall and all winning entries will appear in an exhibition in late spring

How to Enter

Entries can be in all art forms including: drawing, painting, sculpture (small models only), collage and digital designs.

Deadline for completed entries:

Friday 23rd February
 Please give your entry to Miss Osei (Year 2 Teacher)

All entries MUST include the following

1. Pupil Name
2. Pupil Age
3. A Title
4. Description (inspiration behind your work)



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Sign up for Mrs Baycanli's half term football camp:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSct-UjUs4XoKvOnwSiuxc0c8nn06GckcEELCVZ7KWQnW65UBw/viewform>



DATES FOR DIARIES

Website link to Parent Google Calendar: <https://www.faradayschool.co.uk/life-at-faraday/calendar/>

FEBRUARY	
February Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February (Inclusive)	
Monday 19 th February	First day Spring term 2 – school reopens at the usual time. Clubs, care and school bus run as normal.
Wednesday 21 st February	Faraday Stroll: 8:30am
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Raising a child in a digital age – Webinar for parents: 7:30pm - 9pm. Details will be emailed to parents.
Monday 26 th February - Friday 1 st March	Empathy Week
Thursday 29 th February	French Day
MARCH	
Monday 4 th March	Reception class visit - Buckingham Palace
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
11 - 22 nd March	Big Walk Big Wheel Competition
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Year 2 Performance - Where the Wild Things Are - 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
Week beginning Monday 18 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings - booking information will be sent by email.
Tuesday 19 th March	Barnado's Guest Speaker - Year 6 class
Wednesday 20 th March	Faraday Stroll: 8:30am
Friday 22 nd March	Year 3 & 4 Drama Showcase - 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
Wednesday 27 th March	Last day of Spring Term - staggered, early finish Early finish from 12pm School buses depart at 12:15pm 12:00 Reception 12:10 Year 1 12:20 Year 2 12:30 Year 3 12:40 Year 4 12:50 Year 5-6

New dates added regularly.
Please check Dates for Diaries weekly!