

MR MOTION'S MEMO

The summer term is in full swing and the sun is finally out on the Wharf!

This week, Earth Day was an opportunity for us all to celebrate our remarkable planet and think about the lifestyle changes that we can make for a more sustainable world. In virtual reality workshops, children explored the impact of climate change and single use plastics. They were surprised to learn that 500 billion plastic bags were manufactured last year - that's one million bags a minute - and determined to make a difference by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Thank you to Year 6 who put their PSHE learning into practice on Wednesday. They organised a charitable fair of their own having learnt about initiatives in the local community - much to the enjoyment of the whole school!

We look forward to next week - the book fair will be with us from Thursday (details on how to buy your vouchers online, below) and Year 4 are off on their first residential trip!



RECEPTION

As always, we have had another wonderful week in Reception! We have really enjoyed the bit of sun we have had this week and are excited to see how things continue to change as we approach summer.

We have been loving our jungle role play area and we so excited to be learning about rainforests and jungles in our topic lessons this week. We explored what a rainforest is, where they can be found in the world, what the weather is like, and the different types of animals that live in them. Did you know that more than half of the world's animals live in rainforests?

In maths, we have been exploring numbers greater than 10. We have been practising recognising them, writing them and building them. We have gotten very good at remembering the pattern for counting past 10!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!
From Reception

Next Week's Show & Tell: Newton House (Luke, Herie, Caleb, Caoimhe)



Have a wonderful weekend.



YEAR 1

Another fantastic week in Year 1!

We kicked off the week with Earth Day, and loved using VR to explore different environments and ways to help the planet. In PSHE, we made a pledge about ways to support the Earth. What will you do?

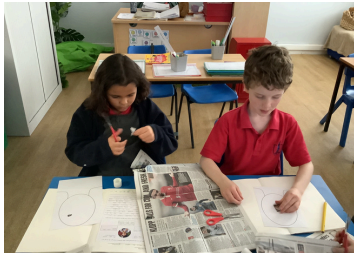
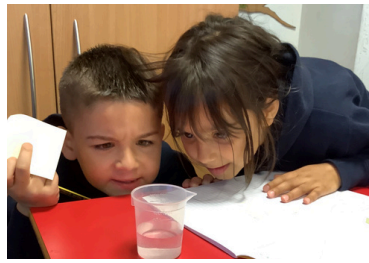
In Maths, we have been practicing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have been counting groups in these amounts, and even trying to count in 2s, 5s and 10s while walking up and down the stairs around school!

In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed our story 'The Sea Saw' by Tom Percival. We have explored role play as different characters - Sofia, the sea, and the bear - and loved the happy ending. We have also been practicing writing the days of the week correctly.

In Science, we are anxious for our plants to grow, but no sign yet! We're excited to see what will happen whilst we are gone over the weekend.

We hope you have a great weekend, Year 1!

Friday Spellings: Sheet 4
Next Show & Tell: Hawking House (Emily, Mridvika, Samantha)



YEAR 2

Despite it being such a busy week and many of us feeling a little under the weather we have immersed ourselves enthusiastically in a range of fun, creative and practical tasks.

The week began with Earth day, providing an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on the seriousness of climate change and the impact plastics have on our environment. We participated in a virtual reality workshop that inspired us to commit to reducing waste by reusing and recycling whenever possible, pledging to be the change our planet desperately needs.

In Maths, we have demonstrated our ability to work practically by using a range of apparatus to make accurate measurements. It was a little bit tricky at times, particularly where we had to apply our knowledge of the four operations but we persevered nonetheless. We're excited to begin learning about fractions next week.

Have a restful weekend everybody.

YEAR 3

This week, we have delved even deeper into the summer term curriculum, using our natural curiosity to ask questions and to also think outside of the box.

In English, we leapt into our new focus book 'Flotsam' where we analysed a collection of objects connected to the book and in groups answered how, what, why and when questions. We discussed if any of the clues were connected in anyway and made predictions about the storyline based on the evidence before us.

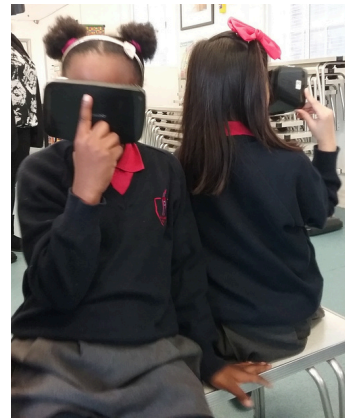
In celebration of world Earth Day the children had the opportunity to partake in an hour long VR workshop around this year's theme, Planet vs Plastics.

In Computing, the children learnt that they would be tasked with creating an interactive playground for school children. We were introduced to the software Tinkercad and had fun practicing using some of the main features such as, placing 3D objects onto the plane, lifting, rotating, stacking and duplicating them.

In Science, we discussed what weather station's are used for and how meteorologist use them to gain understanding about the climate of a particular environment as well provide information for weather forecasts. The children are excited as we will be setting up our very own weather station to observe our local weather over the course of a week.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate one of Year 3's very own; **Drushaan Taylor** on winning his category for the 'Fourth Plinth school awards'. We are immensely proud of his achievement as a school and as a class.

Have a wonderful weekend!



YEAR 4

Throughout the week, the children enthusiastically engaged in lessons, showcasing their best efforts.

In English, they crafted a persuasive brochure inviting readers to explore a fictional civilisation called Westlandia, demonstrating impressive vocabulary skills.

In Maths, they diligently worked on mastering decimals, a challenging topic. Year 4 eagerly anticipates their DT project, focused on building a car with emphasis on chassis and launch mechanism.

This week, the children celebrated Earth Day with a theme of "Planet vs. Plastic." They immersed themselves in a VR experience centered on reducing plastic waste and caring for the environment, thoroughly enjoying the educational journey. Also, our visit to the guinea pigs sparked fascination among the students and they are looking forward to caring for them at home.

Additionally, the excitement for the upcoming residential trip next week is palpable, with some students already packed and prepared.

Have a fabulous weekend.





YEAR 5

This week, we dedicated time to Earth Day activities. The children are very knowledgeable and have various ideas on how we can take care of the environment. They impressed the session leader with the depth of their answers, extending their viewpoints at every opportunity!

In English, Year 5 have fully immersed themselves in our book, 'Kaspar, the Prince of Cats.' They have completed various writing tasks, including writing a letter, writing a persuasive advert and writing a setting description.

In Maths, we finished our unit on Angles. The children are very attentive in maths and enjoy reasoning skills, it was good to see them working so hard as they were taking on new challenges throughout the week,

In History, we began a new unit on Baghdad and The Middle East. Our Year 5's are eager historians, giving various reasons on how great civilizations started in the world and how they came to an end.

In R.E., we explored the story of Ruth and Naomi in detail. This linked in well with our previous knowledge of Judaism, as well as how Bible Stories help Christians in their daily lives through positive messages.

Lastly, the children had a lot of practice in Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning. They are becoming used to the various question types and continue to apply themselves in these lessons.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's homework record. In addition, a new spelling list will be given out next week.

Have a good weekend!

YEAR 6

Throughout the week, Year 6 dedicated time to Earth Day initiatives, looking at the theme of "planet vs plastic," advocating for reduced plastic usage and recycling to safeguard marine life and the environment. As a culmination of their efforts, they collaborated to create an educational video addressing climate change.

In their reading sessions, students explored Shakespeare's timeless classic, "Romeo and Juliet," analysing soliloquies and translating them into modern English while exploring thematic elements. Writing tasks continued to challenge students as they composed formal letters in old English to the "duke," urging action against the suspected charlatan, "Mr. Amicus."

In maths, they calculated the area, perimeter and volume of compound shapes. Religious Education focussed on prayer and worship in Sikhism, with students later tasked with writing their own prayers and reflecting on their significance. In P.S.H.E. students actively engaged in community and charitable activities. They created products, conducted market research and received positive feedback from the school community, particularly for their delectable waffles and ice cream treats.

Have a fabulous weekend.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Aadya (R), Xavier (Y1), Eva (Lovelace), Adrian (Einstein), Aarav (Y3), Henry (Y4), Owen (Y5), Joshua (Y6).

French Awards

Herie, Gabriela, Yaseen, Lucia, River, Deia, Joshua

PE Awards

Eva, Kaira, Henry



FOURTH PLINTH SUCCESS!



You may remember a few weeks ago, Faraday News featured a notice requesting design entries for the The Fourth Plinth Award art competition.

Fast forward to this Thursday and Year 3 pupil Drushaan, along with Year 2 - Einstein teacher Miss Osei were very excited to attend City Hall. Having been invited to celebrate Drushaan winning the 8-11 category 4th Plinth award for the borough of Tower Hamlets .

Drushaan was very excited to receive his award with his parents who were on hand to support him and cheer him on. He received the award with pride and a huge smile. Drushaan was also accompanied by his classmate River who has previously been a borough winner of the Fourth Plinth Award.

If you would like to see Drushaan's winning project, along with the other finalists, the exhibition is in City Hall for public viewing until June



Scholastic Summer Book Fair

Faraday's Summer Scholastic Book Fair opens next Thursday and will be open until Tuesday 7th May! Classes will visit the Fair twice while it is in school .

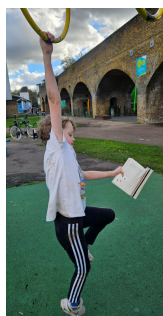
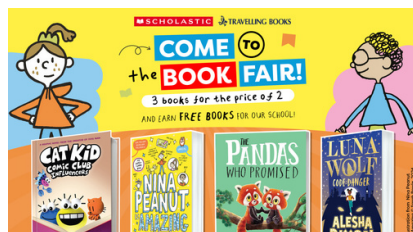
How to buy:

Buy a voucher online and send to your child's class teacher:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift_vouchers

Visit the Fair in person! The Friends of Faraday will be manning the stall on Thursday 2nd and Tuesday 7th May at 3:30 and 4:45pm.

Special offer: Buy 2 books and choose a third absolutely free!



Reading in Unusual Places Competition

To celebrate the return of the Scholastic Book Fair. We are running a Reading in Unusual Places competition!

To enter send a photo of your child reading in an unusual place this weekend to secretary@faradayschool.co.uk by Tuesday 30th April .


Winners will receive a £5 voucher to spend at the Fair.





As part of our ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable travel to and from school. Please see below for details of our Summer Term Travel Events Calendar.

For some of these events, children will be asked to bring their scooter or bicycle into school to take part. Full details will be sent to parents by email, along with consent forms if required.

 **MAY**
Year 4 & 5 Bikeability Workshops
 Week beginning Monday 13th May

Walk to School Week
 Monday 20th - Friday 24th May

Year 2 Scooter Workshop - Wednesday 22nd May

 **JUNE**

Bling Your Bike!
 Summer Theme

Friday 28th June

 **JULY**

Faraday Stroll
 Friday 3rd July

DATES FOR DIARIES

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

MAY	
Wednesday 1st May	First Day - Summer Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd May	Year 4 Residential
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday - school is closed
Tuesday 7th May	Last full day - Summer Scholastic Book Fair
Week beginning Monday 13th May	Year 6 Residential Year 4 & 5 Cycle Workshops – Year 4 and 5 pupils are asked to bring their bicycle and helmet into school Mon – Fri of this week.
Week beginning Monday 20th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 20th May	Reception Class - London Zoo Visit
Tuesday 21st May	Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids Athletics Mixed (Selected children will be invited to attend)
Tuesday 22nd May	Year 2 Scooter PE lesson. Year 2 pupils are asked to bring their scooter and helmet to school.
Thursday 23rd May	Year 4, 5 & 6 Institut Franças Visit
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term at the usual time. Clubs and after school care are open as normal.
Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May (inclusive)	
JUNE	
Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th June	Year 5 Residential
Wednesday 12th June	Year 5 Cricket Fixture against Gatehouse at Mile End (Selected children will be invited to attend.)
Wednesday 19th June	Year 6 Cricket Fixture against Gatehouse at Mile End (Selected children will be invited to attend.)
Wednesday 16th June	Class Portraits
Sunday 30th June	Summer Fair

Please check Dates for Diaries weekly for details of important summer term class visits, fixtures and events.