

Spring Whole School Newsletter – 10th February issue 10

Head teacher's Message

Another half term almost over! The children have enjoyed another 6 weeks of learning, trips & visitors! This week the children will be bringing home knowledge organisers & home learning that will prepare them for the new learning after half term. Please spend some time looking over the knowledge organisers & discussing it with them. We love seeing the variety of learning that comes back from home! Don't underestimate your roles as educators! Thank you for your ongoing support! We look forward to sharing with you how your children have been getting on at the upcoming parent's evenings. Don't forget to sign up!!



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BATTERIES AND BOTTLE TOPS

A huge thank you to all the children and families who have brought in batteries and bottle tops. We have managed to collect a whopping 300 batteries! Please remember to ensure your children are responsible with the batteries; handle them carefully and always *wash hands* after touching them. Goldfinch will carry on collecting batteries and bottle tops so please continue to support us in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.

SAFETY

Parents, please be advised that children should be wearing the appropriate safety gear when riding bikes/scooters to school. Helmets **MUST** be worn.

Children need to be supervised by an adult at all times before and after school unless they are attending a club where a teacher/member of staff is present, or your child is in year 5 or 6 and a parent/carer has signed the consent form to allow them to walk home alone.

WELCOME BACK MR COULTAS!

We are thrilled that Mr Coultas is back at Goldfinch where he belongs after recovering from an operation. Mr Coultas will be taking over from Mrs Ahmeed as the class teacher in Earth Class when she goes on maternity leave.



WUHAN NOVEL CORONA VIRUS **Update to Schools, 03/02/2020**

As you will be aware there has been a rising number of cases of Wuhan virus in China as well as a small number reported internationally outside of China. While the risk to the general UK population remains low, Public Health England and the NHS are taking steps to ensure they are prepared in case the situation changes. This does not mean that the risk to individuals in the UK has changed at this stage, but that government should plan for all eventualities.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours so good hygiene practices, such as regular hands washing (with soap and water) and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses should be promoted in schools.

The current guidance is that the best way to slow the spread of most germs is to apply the tested NHS 'Catch It, Bin IT, Kill IT' advice.

- Catch IT: always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze
- Bin IT: bin the tissue
- Kill IT: wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel

There is advice for people who have arrived from China within 14 days at www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

If schools have concerns or specific queries relating to individual children they should contact the South London Health Protection Team directly on 0344 326 2052 (Daytime & Out of Hours) and slhpt.oncall@phe.gov.uk for further support.

For more information on coronavirus, visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Schools should also take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians to ensure that their children are up to date with their vaccinations against other vaccine preventable diseases (especially the MMR vaccine which protects against measles). Parents and guardians can contact their GPs if they are unsure about their children's vaccination histories.

FOG BOOK SALE

There will be a book sale on Monday 2nd March after school. New books will be on sale from £3! Come along and grab a bargain!

MUFTI DAY

On Friday 14th February children are invited to dress in non-uniform/animal themed clothing such as zebra stripes or leopard print. This is to raise money for two charities: WWF Australian bush fire fund supporting injured animals and the Committed Project (for more information please visit <http://committedproject.org/deepfear/>). Please support your children in raising money for these important causes.

MATERNITY LEAVE

On Friday 14th February our wonderful Earth class teacher Mrs Ahmed will be starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best during this exciting time.

Diary Dates

Year 6 Primary Ambitions programme Emmanuel School	Module 3 (17 th January – 14 th February) Module 4 (28 th February – 27 th March) Module 5 (1 st May – 19 th June – no session 8 th /
Reader's cup competition	13 th February
Football Tournament	12 th February
Last day of half term	14 th February
Half term holiday	17 th – 21 st February
First day of new half term	24 th February
Year 3 trip to Botanical Institute	25 th February
School group photograph	25 th February
Year 2 trip Brockwell Greenhouses	26 th February
Earth Class parents' evening	26 th February
Year 1 trip to Emirates air lines	27 th February
Parents' evening (rest of school)	3 rd and 4 th March
Friends of Goldfinch book sale!	2 nd March

POLITE NOTICE- WE ARE A NUT AND STRAWBERRY FREE SCHOOL