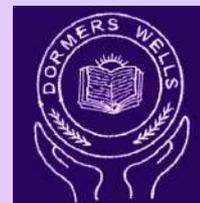


# DORMERS INFORMER

*Believe, Aspire, Flourish*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this term. As the government move to Plan A this term, we are amending our Risk Assessment and are pleased to announce we will be welcoming parents to class assemblies again. We also have a range of parent workshops and classes (some face to face, some online). Please also see DOJO for further details.

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In response to the impact of the pandemic on children and families' mental health; we are able to offer some online workshops to parents and carers of children of this school. The workshops will offer a space for discussion of common challenges faced by parents and carers, along with tools and strategies to help support them. The titles and aims of workshops are as follows:

- Supporting your Child's Emotional Wellbeing - 1/3/21 from 12-1pm
- Supporting Children with Anxious Feelings - 23/3/21 from 12-1pm
- Looking After Our Mental Health- 27/4/21 from 12-1pm

### COVID 19

From 24 February the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. They will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and have removed the legal requirement for close contacts, who are not fully vaccinated, to self-isolate.

### COVID 19 VACCINATIONS

Anyone over the age of 16 can get their vaccine at a number of testing sites and pharmacies. In Ealing you can walk up to CP House, Uxbridge Road W5 5TL and get your vaccine. Useful local information: [www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus) Nearest vaccine centre: <http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccine>

### YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

WOW! 9 of our pupils have had their poems published in a Poetry anthology. Well done to our budding authors in Y5 6, we are very proud of your achievements: Rafi Howlader, Rayan Muhamad, Ashvini Mohanaselvam, Zulaika Zubair, Ezekiel Justin, Harja Saad, Lenza Fernandes, Gia Sangha, Zainab Haling, Vanya Vas and Ariana Sharma for winning author Nathaniel's short story competition.



As you know, improving Reading is one of our school priorities. It's Storytelling and Reading Week and World Book Day (3.3.22)! We have an exciting week of activities including a visit from author, Nathaniel Tomlinson and Book Fair (books are on sale all week- do come and join us after school). Activities include "Read to your teddy", so please encourage your child in your class to bring in a teddy/cuddly toy that they can read to. We are also holding a "Book Swap" in classes. Your child can bring in a book from home that they no longer want and "swap" for a new book with another child. Happy Reading!

### ATTENDANCE

As you know, we want all our pupils to achieve 97% and be in the 97 Club! A big shout out to our amazing children who continue to show resilience and a love of learning by coming to school every day. Our attendance figures for FEBRUARY are:

Infant overall-95.5%,  
Junior overall-96.5%.

A Special Well done to these classes for their excellent attendance:

Infants - February  
1st- Y1 Earhart 98.4%  
2nd- Reception Mahlangu 96.7%

Juniors - February  
1st- Y4 Shiva 99.5%  
2nd- Y5 Zephaniah 98.3%  
3rd- Y4 Wangari 97.8%

We ask that you continue to support us in improving attendance, as it is important that your child is in school everyday learning.

Any leave of absence request must be submitted to the Headteacher/Deputy Head. We do not authorise holiday in term time. If families do take their children abroad/on holiday, you are likely to be fined. Penalty notices are issued per parent, per child at £120. However, if paid within 21 days the cost is £60.

### PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING

Online Parents evening took place with 65% bookings in the infants and 72% in the Juniors. If you missed your appointment, please do contact your child's class teacher via DOJO, to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your continued support and with our school priorities: encouraging daily reading, spelling practice and online learning platforms Collins E Books, Numbots, My Maths and Times Table Rockstars. We look forward to seeing you on site soon.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Toni George (Headteacher)

**UPCOMING DATES**

**28th February – 4th March** – Reading/Story Telling Week  
**1st March**- Selected Year 3/4 girls football competition  
**1st March**- Online parents workshop-supporting your child's wellbeing  
**1st March**- Secondary schools offer day  
**2nd March**- GB Meeting  
**3rd March**- World Book Day (Children to dress up as their favourite character)  
**3rd March**- Curie Class Assembly (World Book Day) parents invited on site)  
**7th March**- London Mayor Maths Challenge (Year 4 and 5)  
**10th March**- International Women's Day Class assembly – Tendulkar Class  
**10th March**- 6W WW2 Bunker trip  
**14th March – 18th March** – Inspire Me Week  
**18th March** – KS2 Gymnastics Festival

**21st March – 25th March** – Year 5 Residential Trip  
**22nd March and 24th March** -Mahlangu Parents evening (online)  
**23rd March**- Online parents workshop: Supporting Children with Anxious Feelings  
**24th March** – Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Festival  
**25th March** – Year 2 Animal Workshop  
**29th March** – London Mayor Maths Challenge (selected children) with Clifton Primary  
**31st March** – Easter Assembly - Rosen Class  
**31st March**- Movie afternoon for classes with excellent attendance-97 Club  
**1st April** – Last Day of Spring Term – 1pm finish  
**19th April** – Start of Summer Term (children and staff return)

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**Infant Attendance: 95.5%**

**Top 3 Classes**  
 Earheart 98.4%  
 Mahalangu 96.7%  
 Currie 95.9%

**Juniors attendance: 96.5%**

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 Shiva 99.5%  
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 Wangari 97.8%

Well done to the above classes- Excellent attendance!  
 We ask that you continue to support us in improving attendance, as it is important that your child is in school every day learning.

**Nursery**

In Nursery, we read the story of Chinese New Year. We thought about different celebrations and decided we would celebrate by making noodles. The children enjoyed preparing the vegetables and thought the finished product was delicious!



**Reception**

Reception children really enjoyed 'Number Day' on the 4th of February. The children dressed up in their number clothing and engaged with a variety of number activities such as number formation, counting games and bingo. The children used and learned new mathematical vocabulary throughout the day.



**Year 1**

February was certainly filled with fun! At the beginning of the month, we took a trip the Ealing Broadway and looked at how it had changed throughout the years! We are also excited to start our new DT topic where we looked at beam bridges which we discovered weren't very strong!



**Year 2**

Year 2 have been making fire carts in DT. After studying the Great Fire of London, we looked at how fire carts at the time were designed and tried to make some improvements of our own.



**Year 3**

Here are some of the beautiful paintings designed and carefully finished by our year 3 children after their study of the famous Indian artist, SH Raza. All the children enjoyed the artist workshop on the last day of term and as I think produced work of a really high standard!



**Year 4**

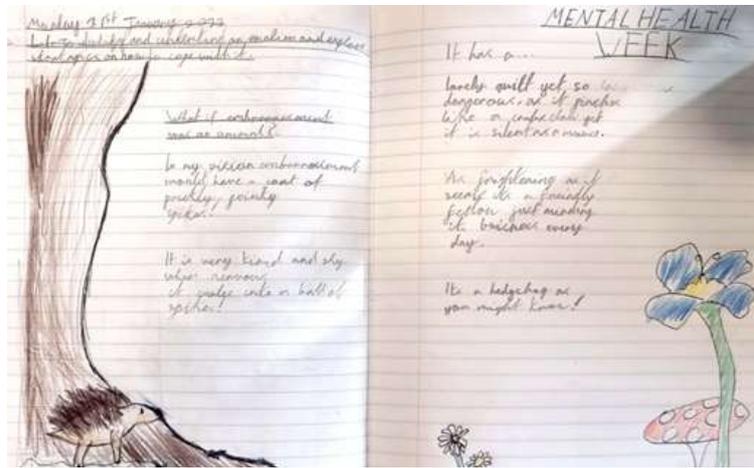
Year 4 have been extremely investigative and using their scientific enquiry skills. They have learned all about circuits and loved using different components to complete circuits!



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

## Year 5

Children in year five were learning about children's mental health in PSHE. They looked at poems that describe mental health in the forms of different animals. They then created some mental health poems of their own choosing their own animals and writing how they see mental health through their chosen animal.



## Celebrating Music

Year 2 went to Royal Festival Hall to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra perform along to a story. We listened to the story of Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants, learnt about different types of instruments and sung along.



## Year 6

This month 6D and 6S both went to the 'Battle of Britain Bunker' to consolidate their understanding of their History topic 'World War II'. They learned more about women's role in helping Britain to stop Germany invading Britain. 6W will be visiting in March.



## NSPCC Number Day

We had a fantastic day last Friday raising money for the NSPCC. We spent the whole day playing with numbers and being creative!



## Mental Health Week

We had a fantastic day making Changi Quilts and wearing green to mark Mental Health Week.



## DWLD Top Reading Tips

Reading for Pleasure is at the Heart of What We Do

### Shared Reading Tips

- ✓ Sit together with your child so they can see the pages you're reading.
- ✓ As you read with your child, get them involved from the start – Can you guess what they story might be about from the book cover?
- ✓ Try to follow each word of the story with your finger so your child can associate the sounds they are hearing.
- ✓ Encourage your child to read aloud with you – reading rhymes and repetitive stories.
- ✓ Listen and repeat unfamiliar words. Talk about what words might mean, build their vocabulary.
- ✓ When reading aloud, use expression so your child can copy what you do.

## Sporting success

Middlesex County Cricket Club have been coming into our school to deliver masterclass lessons. Our students have been loving these sessions and are always excited for the next!

