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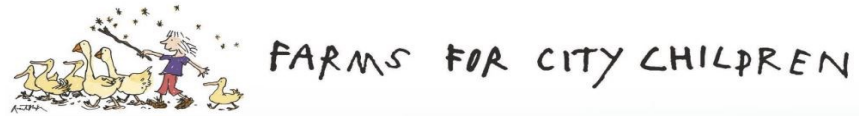
Dear Prior Weston families,

The half term already feels like a distant memory, but I want to start the newsletter by reflecting on Prior West Fest, which was a lovely event. I hope all of you who came enjoyed it. A huge thanks to our PTA for all of their work pulling it together, and also to our Y6 volunteers who were amazing. A special shout out goes to Sam in Year 6 who made some fabulous origami boxes to sell, and raised £57 for the school in the process! Well done, Sam – very commendable.

Training for Run Prior Weston Run has now started! You can still sign up here (<https://forms.gle/rUvjk2wsYjhgQcoT9>) to take part and our online fundraising page is now live! Click here to make a donation - <https://superkind.org/campaign/run-prior-weston-run> . Posters are up all round the school for both the sign up and donations page. Earlier this week, myself, Asma and four fabulous Year 6 pupils had the pleasure of meeting HRH Princess Anne at an event for Farms for City Children, which is linked to our Year 6 residential trip. The children were amazing and conducted themselves so well – I could see Princess Anne was very interested in what they had to say about their farm experiences. At Prior Weston, as well as academic success, we are proud of the confident happy children our pupils grow into. There will be some official photos to follow – once they have had royal approval, of course.

We are coming to that point of the year where we start to think about endings, as well as new beginnings. Our Year 6's will be moving on to secondary school to start the next stage of their education and there are lots of lovely events for them to mark the end of their time here. Sadly, we will also be saying a fond farewell to some staff as well. After nearly 10 years here at Prior Weston, Bernie will be leaving us and moving on to new adventures. This will be a big loss to us all as she has done so much over the years to support our children and families. Some teachers are also moving on – we will be losing Pamela, Dawn, Tamzin and Monica from the teaching team at Prior Weston. I will write more about each of them later in the year, but we will miss their contribution to the school and wish them well in their next steps. We are in the process of recruiting for new staff where we need it, and I will write to you next week to confirm classes for next year, and also to share some changes that will be happening in the building. For now, I wish you all a safe and happy weekend.

Fiona ☐
Head Teacher





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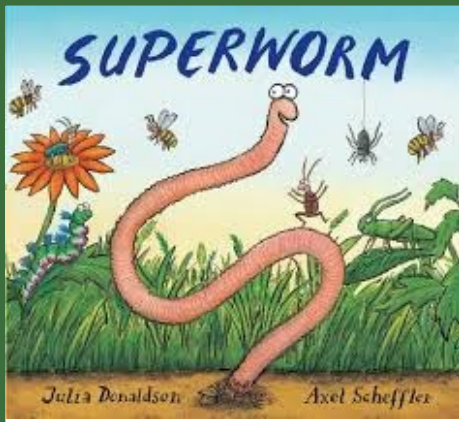
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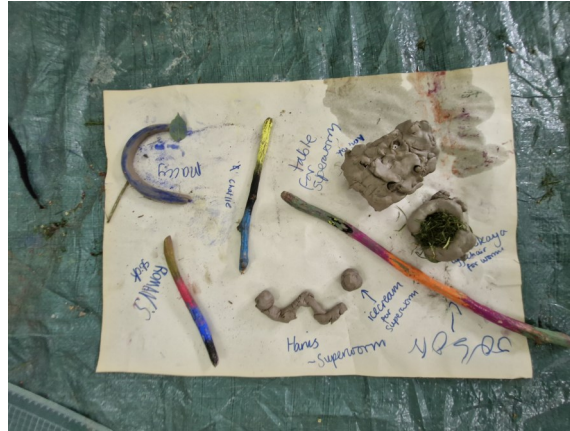
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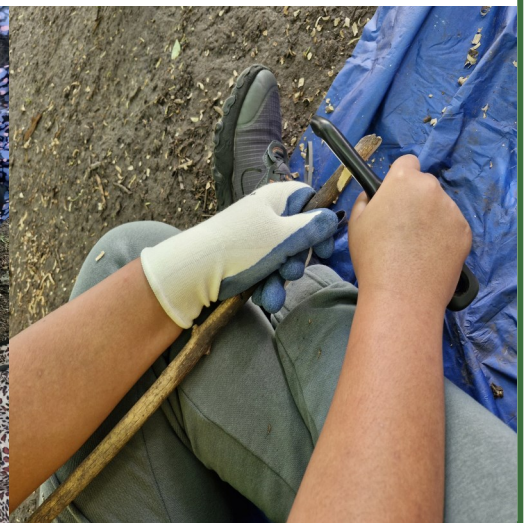




Trafalgar Class-Forest School



Last week, Trafalgar finished their first batch of Forest School sessions and absolutely loved them. Children learned all about the British legend of the Green Man and his role as a protector of nature. Through the story of Superworm, children discussed different types of insects and came up with creative traps and bridges for the heroes and villains of the story. Children also learned whittling skills and whittled various sticks and decorated them after. They also became bug detectives, investigating and studying the different minibeasts that live in that habitat. Finally, clay was used to create different animals such as hedgehogs, ladybirds, snails and Superworm himself. There was even an eggchair and table for Superworm to eat his food from. All in all, Forest school was a smashing success. Amirah from Year 5 said, "I liked when we whittled and we made stuff for Superworm so he could escape and celebrate. I learned more about nature and different insects. Forest School makes me feel happy and calm and I love being able to do different activities."



Year 3 Sound scaping workshop at the Barbican

On Monday June 6th, Year 3 visited the Barbican Conservatory. This half-term, we will be studying about plants in Science and on the visit we got to see lots of wonderful plants as well as plant art-work hanging in the conservatory.

After our tour of the conservatory, we were able to work with two audio technicians who guided use in creating soundscapes to match imagery. The children then worked in teams and used various instruments to make sounds to bring the Imagery to life. The final activity was to work in two groups to create a musical accompaniment for the Barbican Conservatory. The children thought about the sounds they might hear such as wind, rustling leaves and even animals. The final product was fantastic!

We all then got to return to the conservatory and listen to the sounds they had created whilst being surrounded by the plants. It was truly amazing!



Welly drive for Forest School – Bank of Montreal

We are extremely grateful to all of the staff at Bank of Montreal who supported and donated to a welly drive for our Forest School sessions. One of our governors (Richard Trotman), who works at the Bank of Montreal, kindly organised the drive.

We have received a large number of donations which will greatly support the running of our Forest School sessions. Ensuring that the children have suitable attire, makes the sessions far more enjoyable for everyone and the children get the most out of the sessions that they can. Thank you from all of us here at Prior Weston 🙏



Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics competition

Our years 5 & 6 had a fantastic time at the gymnastics competition. They represented the school excellently and even returned with medals!





ChapterOne/FactSet visit – Y1 & Y2:

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children who have been taking part in online 1:1 reading sessions with Chapter One were invited to meet some of their tutors who work for FactSet. They were invited to their office building in Broadgate and had a wonderful morning. The tutors were really keen to meet all of the children too! The children got to make bookmarks with their tutor, design book covers and got a private tour of the office. On the tour, the children took in some wonderful views of the city and saw lots of adults working really hard. At the end of the visit, each child received a card from their tutor. The cards were thanking the children for their effort and engagement in all of their reading sessions. It was a fantastic trip and the children had a wonderful time meeting their tutors – the excitement was palpable. Thank you to ChapterOne and FactSet for organising.





Perfect Pop-up Partridges



Year 5 happily took delivery of a clutch (meaning: group) of tiny partridge eggs from Incredible Eggs last Monday! They arrived with an incubation pod to keep them between the temperatures of 36°C and 38°C, which is very important, and a cage and heating station for transferring after hatching.

There was still no news last Wednesday, and the (human) adults were starting to get jittery! However, after a few initial tiny cracks in some of the eggs, four feathery cuties broke out last Thursday morning. The chicks were initially exhausted, wet and very wobbly, but over the week, they have grown and grown in strength too.

The kit from Incredible Eggs has been paid for by the PTA (a huge thank you!), to support Year 5's current curriculum topic of animals including Humans and living things and their Habitats. Not only do students get to learn to nurture and care for the birds, this is a great opportunity to watch science in action. It also gives the students a chance to compare partridge development to human development, which is the main focus of one of the science topics.

The school has been buzzing with eager students keen to make friends with the chicks! Trafalgar has been open most lunchtimes for children to pop in and see their very small but perfect guests, and this week Year 5 have been able to handle them gently. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to them on Friday when they are collected. Incredible Eggs, however, will make sure these fabulous birds are reared to adulthood and then released into the wild.

Thank you also to Shumi, in the office, for giving them a very cosy weekend home!





Lovely Letter



24th May 2024

The lovely letter goes to Y4

Nathan

What a delight it is to have Nathan in the class. He is one of the kindest members of Temple class and is such a joy to be around. He is incredibly respectful to all adults and children in class. Nathan has a mature attitude towards his learning, it has been great to see him pushing himself to complete his work to a high standard. Nathan is always so positive which makes teaching more worthwhile. He is always so resilient in all his learning and has amazing working habits. Nathan has begun to work even more independently and it is amazing to see! He is a curious learner and attempts all tasks whilst making good use of all available resources. I can tell that Nathan has such determination to finish year 4 on the best note possible. I am so proud of you Nathan, it is a pleasure to be your teacher.



7th June 2024

The lovely letter goes to Y5

Beau

Beau has such a wonderful attitude towards learning. She comes in every day with a smile on her face and an enthusiasm to do her very best. No matter what the lesson or learning is about, she is ready! She shares her ideas in class and works well with everyone! Whether it is in the classroom or in the playground, she is helpful, thoughtful, and kind to everyone. If someone needs help, she will offer her support. Beau, I have seen the progress you are making, especially when it comes to your ideas, whether it is writing or acting. She is also using the resources to support her learning when she is faced with challenges. We are so proud of you, Beau. Keep up the good work.



Celebration Assembly

17th May 2024

Our shining stars were:

Barbican– Muna & Robert

St Pauls– Sienna B & Elizabeth

Piccadilly– Elijah & Maysa

Kew– Saanjana & Rayan

Temple– Sergei & Timur

Parliament– Kingsley & Sahithyan

Trafalgar– Max & Roman

Westminster– Alvin & Kelly

Tower– Sasha & Tylan

Celebration Assembly

24th May 2024

Our shining stars were:

Barbican– Eliza & Alaa

St Pauls– Nuriyah & CeCe

Piccadilly– Itsuki & Charlyn

Kew– Emily & Oscar

Temple– Emily & Antonia

Parliament– Kareem & Mehmet

Trafalgar– Avery & Hanis

Westminster– Olivia & Liyana

Tower– Fatima & Harvey

This week's Shining Stars results to be announced today. See next edition.

Health & Wellbeing Clinic

The next health and wellbeing clinics with a school nurse have been scheduled for the date below:

Monday 24th June 2024

NHS

Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Whittington Health NHS
Islington School Nursing Services
Highbury Grange Health Centre
1-5 Highbury Grange
London N5 2QB

Telephone: 020 3316 8021

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Summer Reading Challenge 2024

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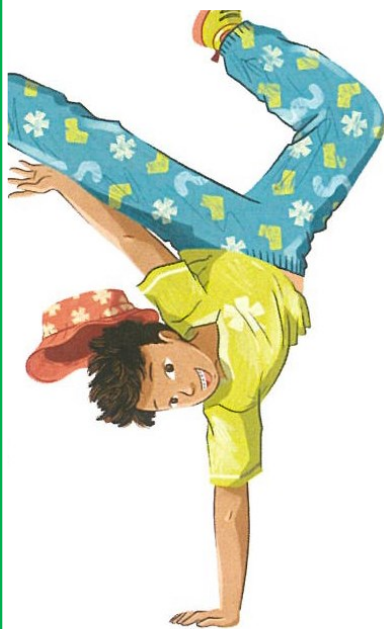
Welcome to the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers, where you can explore your creativity – whether that's arts and crafts, music or dance.

Join the challenge at your local library, read 6 books over the summer and pick up mini prizes after each book.

Completers get a certificate and a medal.

You can join at any time during the summer holidays (from Saturday 6 July) at your local library - it's free to join!

Marvellous Makers

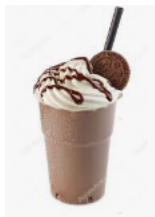


Sign Up Saturday!

Pop into your local Islington Library on Saturday 6 July to join in our Fun Day. There will be face painting, crafts events, stories and more to entertain the whole family. Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and start your summer reading journey!



Icey chocolate milk with the Head Teacher



Zaky: Parliament-

What a joy to have Zaky in the class! He is always so polite and caring. Zaky always demonstrates a positive attitude inside and outside of the classroom. He is a hard worker and is always dedicated to completing set tasks. Zaky ensures that his peers and adults are all feeling green by checking in on them and respecting their space. Well done, Zaky.

Mohammed: Trafalgar-

Mohammed has been AMAZING this half-term. He has worked so hard to follow instructions at all times, makes the right choices and has been friendly and polite to everyone around him. He has shown consistently great behaviour for learning and we are all so proud of him.

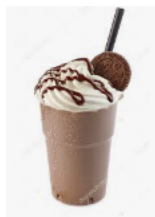
Tower: Amelia-

Amelia has been showing great dedication towards all her learning both in school and at home. She has been steadily but confidently working through all her targets and has shown great resilience too. Amelia has a quite ambition to do well in all her school activities. Her polite manners and kind and friendly attitude and behaviour provide a shining example everyday in Tower class!

Westminster: Ruth-

Ruth always tries her very best, which is all we can ask of anyone! She listens to instructions, is always the first to have her hand up to offer to help in any way that she can and that is a truly impressive trait! Well done, Ruth - you deserve it!

Icey chocolate milk with the Head Teacher



Kew: Kento-

Kento makes me break into a smile every day! He always has a positive energy and he is a fantastic friend to others. It's great to see the huge focus he puts on his learning. He is extremely motivated in his Maths work, and recently he has smashed it out of the park with his English too! You deserve this!

Temple: Ismail-

What a joy Ismail is to have in the classroom! He is always so polite and respectful to all. He is so dedicated to complete all work to the best of his ability and loves to challenge himself! Well done Ismail, I am very proud of you .

Kew: Kilson-

I am so proud of Kilson this year! He has grown into an extremely responsible student who is also pushing himself to new heights in his learning. He is polite and supportive of his peers. He wants to do well in every task, so even when he finds something a challenge, he will still have a go, use his resilience and it's always great to see his smile when he feels he has done well.

Temple: Harper-What a joy Harper is to have in the class! She is always so polite and caring. She always demonstrates a positive attitude inside and out of the classroom. Harper is a hard worker and is always dedicated to completing tasks to a high standard. I am so proud of you Harper.

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Midsummer music event

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Wildlife Garden**
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Bandstand,
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Dates for your Diary

June 2024	
Thursday 20th June	Class Photographs
Thursday 27th June	Parliament class assembly at 9:15am
July 2024	
Monday 1st July	Year 6 Secondary Transition workshop at 9.10am
Tuesday 2nd July	Trafalgar class assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 4th July	St Pauls class assembly at 9:15am
Sunday 7th July	Run Prior Weston Run – starting at 10am
Monday 8th July	Y1 - 6 Sports Day at HAC in the morning
Monday 8th July	EY Sports Day on the school pitch in the afternoon
Thursday 11th July	Barbican class assembly at 9:15am
Friday 12th July	Year 6 Sleepover!
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July	Whitcross St Party
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Production at 2pm and 6pm and Leavers' supper
Wednesday 24th July	Y6 Leavers' assembly at 1pm

Year 6 Secondary Transition Workshop-Monday 1st July 9.10am

This workshop aims to:

- Provide examples of transitions and why they are sometimes difficult
- Explore common worries for children when moving schools
- Explore common worries for parents when their child is moving schools
- Understand What is anxiety?
- Explore what can we do to help? Suggest activities to do with your child

