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## Curriculum Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> Edition

Welcome to the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the weekly curriculum newsletter, and what a busy and enjoyable time we have all been having at school. I am very pleased that all of our procedures are beginning to settle, and this makes me feel happy that everything is beginning to embed. Children and parents are safe both on arrival and departure, and I have managed to minimise the number of cars that are coming onto the site. Just recently, a number of spurious reasons have been offered as to why parents simply must drive onto the site. My generosity around these matters is beginning to wear thin, and I am thus eager to ensure that we stick to the rule that blue badge and SEND parents only will be allowed onto the site. This is the safest thing to do, and I know you will all support my campaign to keep our children safe at what is such a critical time of day. My thanks, in advance.

### Arrival Times

To help children and parents in the morning, we have agreed to open the main gates early. Please remember that children come into school at **8.35 am**, and both of the doors from the main playground can be activated automatically. Of late, some parents have been bringing their children into the classroom early, and this goes against our Normal Operating Procedures. There are large digital clocks on both playgrounds, and we ensure that these govern the management of the day. Again, my thanks in advance, for your help with this.

### Sporting Fixtures

Now that our school is safe and secure, we can increase our engagement with the full range of sporting opportunities that are available in the wider community. Our children love to take part, and festivals help to ensure that our able, gifted and talented children can really shine. This week, our children have taken part in the following exciting festivals:

- Year 3 and 4 Festival at Crown Hills
- Year 5 Cricket
- Year 4 swimming (weekly provision)

In addition, we are hoping to open up the green field to the south of our site, and if the weather is kind to us, this could be as early as next week. This is actually our school field, although we are happy to share with our good friends at the Madani Federation. Seeing our children playing and learning in such an open and wonderful space will be an absolute joy, and I know that the children are really looking forward to the time this can happen. When we do open, PE provision, and playtimes at lunch and break will all move into this space. Finally, a shout-out to our neighbours at Leicester Caribbean Cricket and Social Club, who have become our very good friends in next to no time at all!

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## Creativity Council Visit – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

It always makes me happy to see our children out and about in the community. It helps them to understand the interconnectedness of society, and the fact there are so many opportunities that are just waiting to be discovered. On this occasion, our Creativity Councillors went to De Montfort University, which will be the site of the Takeover, which is due to take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024, from 11.00 – 3.00 pm**. The location is the Vijay Patel Building, and our Creativity Councillors marvelled at the space that was going to be made available to them, which includes an amazing window array and multiple levels. They also got to meet the curator of the takeover, and took part in a comedy sketch! Look out for further details soon, and everyone will be encouraged to wear colourful clothes on the day. Needless to say, we shall look forward to seeing you all there!!

## Turkish Sub-Governor Visit

Despite Brexit, school has been working hard to maintain its international links. The loss of the Erasmus Programme had such an impact on the work that we do, and this is very disappointing indeed. Equally, through our very good relationships in the University Sector, other opportunities are being created. On this occasion, we were very happy to host a visit from a large group of Sub-Governors from Turkey. Their special interest was the leadership of language teaching, and how good schools teach reading. The organisation of education in Turkey is quite different to the United Kingdom, and learning from our colleagues around the world is always a pleasure. My thanks to Miss Maguire and Miss McKenley-Ballantyne for supporting with this exciting visit to Mayflower Primary School.

## Local Area Walk

After my entry in last week's newsletter, I am happy to confirm that Year 2 have now completed their Local Area Walk and are recognised experts on 'human' and 'physical' features. I saw them in class on Thursday and was really impressed with the confident way they expressed themselves, including the use of geographical vocabulary. Their knowledge of Evington has also improved, including many of the additional services that are available, and unusual places to visit. When you go looking, it is simply amazing what you can find on your own doorstep! They also enjoyed the return visit to Evington Park House!! My thanks to all involved.

## Attendance

Despite all of the winter ailments that are doing the rounds, I have been very pleased with the attendance figures this week. My thanks for making sure your children are in school every day.

Week Beginning Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Willow: 98.9%	2AP: 97.3%	3KW: 97.1%	6CW: 99.0%

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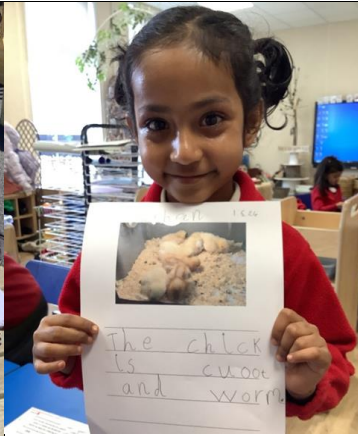


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## Wow Moments in School



Outdoor writing – F2



Indoor writing – F2



Outdoors – Y1



Local Walk – Y2



DMH Concert – Y3



DMH Concert – Y3



Ukulele – Y3



Science – Y4



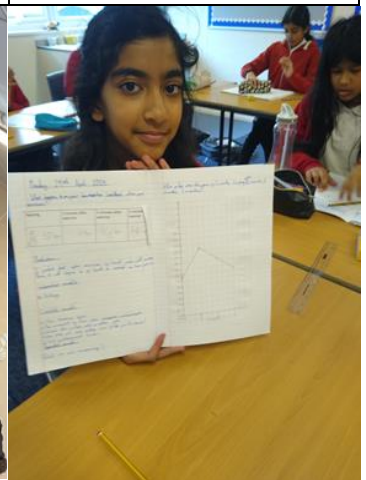
Tricky maths – Y4



Outdoor PE – Y5



Parents Group – Y5



Science – Y6

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