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Dear Parents and Carers,

Stay & Learn Week! Here are the highlights:

- One of our favourite weeks of the term because our mums, dads and carers are invited to join in with lessons beside their children. We've had some exceptionally nice comments from some of you and I can't tell you what a boost it gives to teachers to know that you've appreciated how they are teaching your children. There were some very lively lessons going on as I walked around the school with prospective parents this morning.
- We had a visit from the school improvement team at the Trust this week and they did a walk around the school into classrooms to see what the learning was like. Our chair of Governors, Susan Asser, joined us for the visit and I'm thrilled to say that everyone was pleased with what they saw. Children, as usual, were all engaged in their learning and their learning was matched to their needs.
- Year 1 ditched the PowerPoint presentation on human and physical features and, with the help of their wonderful parent volunteers, went on a walk to investigate what they could find in our local area. They observed a school, a church, some woodland, a man-made lake, roads, fields, houses, shops, and a café. The highlight of the trip was discovering a small river called the River Ravensbourne, which begins at the entrance to the woodland area. Sadly, the children were horrified by what they saw and smelt - "Why does the river stink? Why is there a shoe in it? What about the fish and ducks, they'll think all that rubbish is food?" As upsetting as it was, this became an important teaching moment. Y1 teachers explained that caring for the environment is everyone's responsibility, and that Y1 were part of the next generation who can make a difference. The children were genuinely disappointed to see the River Ravensbourne in such a sorry state. Future Eco Warriors - here they come!
- On Wednesday, some of our children with special educational, physical or emotional needs took part in the Havering School Boccia Games. Our first team of 3 played a version of Kurling and, although not played on ice and not a broom to be seen, it was very similar to the the Curling seen in the Winter Olympics - just in a hall and with hockey sticks! And our children were BRILLIANT! They behaved well and played well and came 3rd overall. A massive



- well done to Henry (6B), Kyle (6A) and Mujtaba (Willow) who shone as bright ambassadors for the school. Another group of children in Y3 & Y4 also took part in a separate New Age Kurling competition and won the whole thing!! Well done to Maia (3B), Mussab (3A), George, (4A) and Sophia (4B). We are so proud of all of you.
- And today, we had a wonderful assembly to inform the children that we have secured the GOLD Award for OPAL. We're so thrilled and a huge thank you must go to our Midday Assistants, our Year 5 OPAL Leaders and most overwhelmingly to Ms Clarke who has implemented the transformative change that's taken place at lunchtimes in our school. Thank you also to all parents for your many donations (keep them coming please - especially wheeled items) - without those, there is no way we could have sustained these changes.
- Wednesday was a really busy day, actually, because EYFS were studying Fairy tales and they all came to school dressed as their favourite fairy tale character..... and Batman! Well, you can't win them all!!
- This week, we planted 30 trees in various positions across our site as this week is National Tree Planting Week. We've been incredibly fortunate to meet Kimberley Squance from Havering Council who has networked with Equans and Mears who are providing and fitting a fence for our Gardening Club, and, in return, they wanted us to plant some trees. So, plant some trees, we did!! Everyone's a winner!
- Today, also, is my favourite day of the year when children dress in non-uniform in exchange for bringing in some chocolate for the Christmas Bazaar. I don't get to eat any of it but I can see it and smell it and that does me for the year! (Ok, just for the day but it's still a feast for the senses!!) Thank you for all your contributions - it will make for a wonderful chocolate stall at the Bazaar.
- And that's the week complete! It just remains for me to wish you a very happy weekend, and a happy St Andrew's Day and I leave you with this thought:

**"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now!"**

With kind regards and best wishes,



Mrs. Searle

Stars of the Week

R1 Zahra	4A Summer
R2 Isaiah	4B Chloe
1A Amelia	5A Roan
1B Amanah	5B Ayanah
2A Sienna	5C Joel
2B Dexter	6A Marharyta
3A Ella	6B Hareem
3B Lauren	Willow Nadia

Kindness Award

R1 Thomas	4A Teddy
R2 Imaani	4B Idris
1A Madalin	5A Albie
1B Ebube	5B Kimberley
2A Layla	5C Mujtaba
2B Emily	6A Penelope
3A Karley	6B Rayquan
3B Kamiliya	



Congratulations to

Maia 3B	Mahilan 5A
Summer 4A	Kara 5A
India 4A	Elsie 5B
Shannon 4A	Nicole 6B



on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Freddie R2	Lauren 4A
Tafeef 1A	Mark 5B
Kian 1B	Aibinu 5C

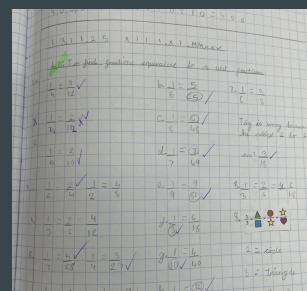


for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

Reaching gold this week

Denys R1	Shalom 1B	India 4A
Nevaeh R1	Haleema 1B	Summer 4A
Vasyl R1	Samraj 1B	Murtajiz 4A
Thomas R1	Harley 2A	Aisha 4A
Myiah R1	Sienna 2A	Laura 4A
Mikaeel R1	Mannat 2A	Elliot 4A
Freddie R2	Musa 2A	Aarshy 4A
Isaiah R2	Rocko 2A	Amelie 4B
Max R2	Lola 2B	Joseph 4B
Juwon R2	Tasnim 2B	Brian 4B
Rayaan R2	Vinnie 2B	Naylaa 5A
Yaqub R2	Archie 2B	Jake 5A
Oliver O R2	Aariish A 2B	Reyan 5A
Franco 1A	Ameer 2B	Ayanah 5B
TeddylA	Arham 3A	Aqeelah 5B
Harrison 1A	Jessica 3A	Mark 5B
Amelia 1A	Kai 3A	Polly 5C
Max 1A	Aaron 3A	Zoey 5C
Soumia 1A	Riley 3B	Aibinu 5C
Chloe 1A	Layla 3B	Drey 5C
Mabel 1A	Darcy 3B	Loris 5C
Tafeef 1A	Ameer 3B	Ibrahim 5C
Mabel 1B	Elizabeth 4A	Keira 6B
Amelia 1B	Ifraah 4A	Oyinlade 6B
Jude 1B	Dalia 4A	Sofia 6B
Kian 1B	Nate 4A	Martynas 6B
Tommy 1B	Ali 4A	

Presentation Award



Joel in 5C





Autumn Term Dates

- Thursday 4th December - Reindeer Run
- Friday 5th December - Whole school trip to the panto @ Queen's Theatre
- Monday 8th December - Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 9:15 and Year 1 Christmas Concert @ 2:30
- Tuesday 9th December - EYFS Christmas Concert @ 9:15 and Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 2:30
- Wednesday 10th December - Year 1 Christmas Concert @ 9:15 and EYFS Christmas Concert @ 2:30
- Thursday 11th December - NSPCC Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Friday 12th December - PTA Christmas Bazaar after school (3:30)
- Monday 15th December - Christmas Piano Music assembly @ 2:15
- Wednesday 17th December - PTA Breakfast with Santa
- Thursday 18th December - Choir singing in Romford Town Centre @ 1:00 pm
- Friday 19th December - Holy Cross Church and break up at 1:30 pm

