

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy week with a number of classes out on trips but a lovely start to the second half of the Summer Term. A reminder that there are a number of further events happening over the next few weeks, so please do check our diary to make sure you have them all in your diaries!

There is also quite a lot of information in this letter about the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fire in Grenfell Tower including how children and families may react at this time of year and how we may support them at this time. Please do take the time to read.

## Dates for next week

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly in the Playground for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fire in Grenfell Tower- 9.15am. parents are welcome to join us in remembering those who died</li> <li>• Please note, Reception children will <b>not</b> be visiting Forest School today</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group of 44 children from Year 5 and Year 6 leaving for visit to Marchants Hill PGL Centre for School Journey</li> <li>• Y2 – wearing International Costumes for their entry point to their5 project 'My World'</li> <li>• Groups of Nursery children visiting Forest School</li> <li>• Y5 classes out to KAA as part of their Science project</li> <li>• Y6 children not going on School Journey- going to see 'Wicked' in the West End</li> </ul>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green4Grenfell Day- children may pay £1 to wear green for Green4Grenfell day. Money collected will go to a local charity</li> <li>• Y6 children not on School Journey going to Holland Park</li> <li>• Emma's Y4 Class out visiting North Kensington Library</li> </ul>

## 5th Anniversary of the Fire in Grenfell Tower

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June will be the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire in Grenfell Tower and we will be marking this with a short assembly in our playground at 9.15am. For any parents new to our area, Grenfell Tower is the tower block now covered with hoarding and a green heart at the top.



On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, there was a tragic fire in which 72 people died. Two families from our school died – including three then current pupils, two former pupils and a Nursery Officer who had worked here for ten years. It was a shocking and terrible day/ week/ months for our school and our community. Whilst many of our children are too young to remember this or are new to the area, we feel it is important for our children to know what happened and to mark this event together with staff and visitors. Our children will be the ones growing up in this community in the future who will need to be able to explain to their children what happened.

### **Assembly to commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire**

We will be holding a short assembly in the playground (weather permitting) on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am. Unfortunately we have very little seating so parents and visitors will be standing behind the children and we will follow the same traditions that we have in previous anniversaries prior to the Pandemic. We look forward to seeing anyone who wishes to attend.

### **Anniversary reactions.**

I attach a document compiled by the RBKC Education Psychology Service referring to how we may be affected by anniversaries and ways in which you can support your children and families. The introduction is below but please read the attached document for more detailed information:

As we approach the date that marks one year on from the devastating Grenfell Tower tragedy, children will be very strongly reminded of their reaction to the fire and how they felt at the time. **How can adults help children understand more about how they might feel or react to the anniversary period?** The information below has been compiled by drawing on our experiences of supporting children through tragic and frightening events and by drawing on relevant literature and research in this area<sup>1</sup>. There is also a list of contact details for organisations that can help at the end for further information.

### What is an ‘anniversary reaction’?

It’s natural and very common to have a negative reaction to a traumatic anniversary. This is known as an ‘anniversary reaction’. No matter how well children may have been trying to put memories of the fire away and only think about them when they choose to, the anniversary will be a powerful reminder.

Research tells us that the greatest distress and highest levels of post-traumatic stress symptoms can occur during the month in which the trauma took place. It’s important to note that not everyone will experience an anniversary reaction, however, knowing what to expect in advance may be helpful.

## Future important dates

**Please note, an additional date has been highlighted as I omitted to include in previous letters when we would be teaching RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). The curriculum for each year group is on the website for Reception – Y5 and Y6 will receive a separate letter.**

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Memorial Assembly in the Playground (weather permitting) for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grenfell Fire- 9.15am</li> </ul>
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 children leaving for School Journey to Marchants Hill</li> <li>• Y6 children not going to Marchants Hill – going to see performance of ‘Wicked’ in the West End</li> </ul>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 children return from Marchants Hill</li> <li>• Green 4 Grenfell Day at our schools. Children and staff will be asked to pay £1 to wear anything green to commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire in Grenfell Tower</li> </ul>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment week 1 for Y1, Y3,Y4 and Y5</li> <li>• Awareness Academy Workshops for all year groups</li> <li>• My Bank Workshops for Y6 children</li> </ul>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment week 2 for Y1, Y3,Y4 and Y5</li> <li>• Awareness Academy Workshops for all year groups (cont.)</li> </ul>

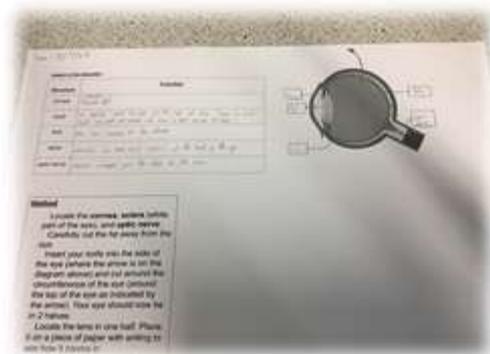
<b>July</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Fair- 3.30-5.00pm</li> </ul>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Drugs and Alcohol (D&amp;A) to be taught during this week</li> </ul>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception Graduation- 2.00pm Parents of children in Reception are invited</li> </ul>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inset Day. School closed to children</li> </ul>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents' Evenings</li> </ul>
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 Leavers Assembly for parents of children in Y6: 2.00pm</li> </ul>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports day for Nursery, Reception and KS1 children</li> <li>• My Bank Workshops for Y6</li> </ul>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports day for KS2</li> </ul>
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's end of year parties in the afternoon</li> </ul>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of term for children</li> </ul>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inset (training) day for all staff</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P3 will be running a Playcentre here for 4 weeks over the holiday</li> </ul>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School holidays for children</b></li> </ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inset days for all staff</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children return to school for Autumn term 2022</li> </ul>

# News from the schools

## Avondale Park School

### Year 5

Recently, Year 5 have been given an exciting opportunity to attend Science workshops at KAA. This week, our lesson related to dissecting an eye. At the beginning of the lesson, we looked at a diagram of the different parts of the eye and labelled it accordingly. Once we understood the different parts, we dissected a cow's eye to find the different parts. We had an amazing time during our session and it really helped us understand how all the parts allow us to see light.





# Stars of the Week



Class	Name
Nursery	Well Done <b>ALL Nursery children</b> , you have returned to Nursery ready to learn and full of enthusiasm. We are all looking forward to all your new, amazing learning, have fun and learn well.
Karman's Reception	<b>LEV</b> for settling into the school routine and for excellent work with his number formation and counting skills. Thanks!
Kripali's Reception	<b>ZAYNAB</b> for developing your confidence to read and write sentences and for working hard to work out the number bonds for 5, 6, 7 and 8 - keep it up!
Laura's Y1	<b>SAAN</b> for participating so well in maths lessons. We are so impressed by the way that you offer to answer questions, work well with a partner and try your best when completing learning in your book. Well done!
Alexa's Y1	<b>MANAF</b> for listening carefully to the adults in school and working hard to follow instructions! You have tried your best in your learning and made us all smile with your brilliant ideas and super knowledge. We are so proud!
Katie's Y2	<b>RAYAN</b> for excellent focus and concentration during carpet times this week. You have wowed us with your excellent contributions - keep it up!
Phoebe's Y2	<b>AALIYAH</b> for her fantastic Maths. She listened well on the carpet and was able to use a new strategy to solve addition problems. Well done!
Pippa's Y3	<b>AMIRA</b> for being such a kind and thoughtful and positive person, who works hard at all that you do. You always show our school value of Respect to adults and children, whether you are in the classroom or the playground. You are a great role model!
Joy's Y3	<b>MAHSA</b> has been so brave and resilient after her accident. Day to day school life has been more challenging for her and she has approached all of her studies with a smile and a positive attitude. You have shown us all how to be strong and optimistic even when it is tricky to be. Well done Mahsa!

Emma's Y4	<b>WHOLE CLASS</b> for being a wonderful audience at the Lion King, whilst taking in the beautiful songs, dances and scenery. It was a special memory we all shared and it was heart-warming to see how much you all enjoyed it.
Nana's Y4	<b>WHOLE CLASS</b> for creating a wonderful experience and memory to the theatre! The Lion King was a 'roaring' success and we are proud of all our cubs
Francesca's Y5	<b>WHOLE CLASS</b> for behaving impeccably on our trip to Wicked this week. You made us all incredibly proud.
Becky's Y5	<b>VADYM</b> for a wonderful first couple of days at Avondale and settling in really well,
Russell's Y6	<b>WHOLE CLASS</b> well done for such an amazing focus week with Into University. All of the adults were very impressed with your focus, respect and aspiration for the week.
Tim & Mary's Y6	<b>ROBERT</b> for your excellent use of scientific vocabulary during our evolution and adaptation lessons.

**Many congratulations to all our stars of the week!**

## Attendance

Thank you to those parents who have made every effort this week for their children to be in school on time every day.

The classes each Key Stage with the best attendance for the week before Half Term were:

KS1: Phoebe's Y2 Class: **92.9%**

KS2: Nana's Year 4 Class: **96.7%**

Congratulations to our winning classes.

The overall attendance in the week before Half Term was low – unfortunately, although some people were ill, I think that others took their children away prior to the Half Term break. As I have stated previously, any holidays in term time are unauthorised.

The average attendance for the week before Half Term was † 90.1% so I hope we see some improvement next week.

# Community News

## Grenfell update

**Grenfell Tower**  
Memorial Commission

Please note – this event tomorrow is at our school!

### **Green4Grenfell arts and crafts day at Avondale Park School**

The Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission invites you to come along, wear green and make and create crafts ahead of the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy. You can also meet some of the Memorial Commission community representatives and pick up a copy of its recently published [report](#).

- When: **Saturday 11 June, between 11am and 3pm**  
Where: [Avondale Park School, Sirdar Road W11 4EE](#)
- **(Please use entrance in Gorham Place)**
- Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available

Can't make it? Arrange another time to talk to the Memorial Commission by:

- Emailing [\*\*GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk)
- Calling [\*\*0303 444 4831\*\*](tel:03034444831)
- Or go to [\*\*www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact\*\*](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact)

**Grenfell Tower**  
Memorial Commission

### **‘Remembering Grenfell – our journey so far’ – Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission report**

In its report, published on Monday 16 May, the Memorial Commission shares the ideas it has heard so far on what a future memorial could look like. The views of more

than 2,000 people are reflected in the report.

The report is a significant step towards a memorial to all those who lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Memorial Commission will be continuing to have conversations with bereaved families, survivors and the community so that their views on a memorial are heard.

Read more at [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report)

To contact the Memorial Commission:

- Visit [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact), or scan the QR code below and click the 'contact' tab
- Email [GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk)
- Call [0303 444 4831](tel:03034444831)

Follow the Memorial Commission on Twitter and Instagram (@GrenfellTowerMC)

## And finally...

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Best wishes,  
*Katy Blackler*

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