



Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

5th Anniversary of the Fire in Grenfell Tower

It has been an emotional week commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy but there have been some special moments and our children were respectful throughout.

We were proud of those performing and those watching at our memorial on Tuesday and say a huge well done to everyone.

A particular congratulations should go to Ayesha for her emotional reading of her special poem, 'I will never forget'. As many of you will know, she repeated her performance with even more confidence at a multi-faith service at the foot of the tower later on in the afternoon and it was shown as part of the BBC coverage on News at 10.

Dates for next week

Monday 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment week for Y1, Y3, 4, 5• My Bank Workshop for Y6 (A workshop delivering financial education)
Tuesday 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group of Reception children visiting Forest School
Wednesday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Groups of Nursery children visiting Forest School• Y5 classes out to KAA as part of their Science project• Governors MGB Meeting- bottom hall- 5.00pm
Thursday 23 rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception classes – working with 'Keep Smiling' dental team
Friday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katie G moderation all day• Y3 out to V&A Museum• Nana's class out – library visit

News and Information

Consultation regarding the changes to the timings of the school day from September 2022.

Ben McMullen (our new Headteacher) has analysed the responses to the proposal to change the timings of the school day for September – please see my letter attached.

Nursery Classes 2022-23

Over recent years we have had fewer children applying for our Nursery. Our funding is dependent on the number of children attending nursery, and so Governors have taken the difficult decision that there be two Nursery classes (we currently have three) for academic year 2022-2023.

There will only be one intake of children in September 2022, and no second intake in January 2023. Therefore, if you are interested in a Nursery place for September 2022, it is important that you apply as soon as possible so that you are not disappointed.

Rail Strikes

You will be aware that there are planned rail strikes next week which may affect the journeys of those who use public transport. Please be aware of this and try to make plans. Remember that traffic may also be a greater volume than usual so you may need to leave a little earlier. The strikes planned currently are:

Tuesday 21 June

Two strikes:

1. TFL (affecting tube and Overground services) and
2. National Rail (affecting mainline rail services)

Wednesday 22 June

- TFL are advising that tube services are likely to be disrupted in the morning.

Thursday 23 June

- National Rail strike (affecting mainline rail services, including some disruption expected on Overground services)

The latest information can be found on TFL's website and we advise you to check this regularly for updates: <https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/tube-strike>

Future important dates

Mon 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment week 2 for Y1, Y3,Y4 and Y5 • Awareness Academy Workshops for all year groups (cont.)
July	
Friday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Fair- 3.30-5.00pm
Mon 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Drugs and Alcohol (D&A) to be taught during this week
Thurs 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Graduation- 2.00pm Parents of children in Reception are invited
Fri 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset Day. School closed to children
Mon 11 th - Weds 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evenings
Weds 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Leavers Assembly for parents of children in Y6: 2.00pm
Mon 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports day for Nursery, Reception and KS1 children • My Bank Workshops for Y6
Tues 19 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports day for KS2
Weds 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's end of year parties in the afternoon
Thurs 21 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term for children
Fri 22 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset (training) day for all staff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3 will be running a Playcentre here for 4 weeks over the holiday
Fri 22 nd July – 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School holidays for children
1 st and 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset days for all staff
Mon 5 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children return to school for Autumn term 2022

Activities in the Summer Holidays

We have been informed about free theatre tickets for children during the summer – please see link below. I imagine this will be very popular so book quickly if you are interested!

<https://officiallondontheatre.com/kids-week/>

News from the schools

St Anne's Nursery

We have started a new IEYC project 'Ocean Treasures' in nursery with the children immersing themselves in activities and learning all about the wonders of our oceans. As well as exploring the beauty we have also been exploring what is happening to our oceans as pollution levels rise and what we can do to reduce this. The children are absorbing so much information and key vocabulary whilst having lots of fun. We created a swimming pool role play area in the playground and used slime to represent ocean pollution in the classroom amongst many other activities across all three classes.



Avondale Park School

Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring shape and colour through the work of the artist Kandinsky, as part of our art project this term. First, we made colourful, concentric circles. We then explored using paint and colour mixing. Finally, we produced our final artworks using different materials including soft pastels, pen and paint. We think they look beautiful!



Year 3

Year 3 had their Fashion Exit point on Friday. They strutted down the runway in their fabulous tie dye t-shirts. By creating tie dye t-shirts the children were given an opportunity to look at what colours mix to make different colours and create their own unique patterns and designs.



We also showed our adults the sewing that we have been doing for our Jubilee cushions.





Stars of the Week



Class	Name
Nursery	Well Done Willow class what wonderful Ocean artists you are you are thoroughly enjoying the new project and all the creative artwork.
Karman's Reception	ALEXANDRA for being able to recall number bonds to 10 and for being a role model in the class!
Kripali's Reception	IKHLAS for being a kind member in our class. You're always willing to help the adults and your friends and you also work very hard with your learning - keep it up!
Laura's Y1	MUHSIN for such a positive attitude to learning this week. You have been so focused in lessons and answered lots of challenging maths questions! Well done!
Alexa's Y1	KAINE for fantastic maths learning this week! We have been so impressed by your number facts and how well you have applied them. Keep up the good work!
Katie's Y2	EDURDO for outstanding learning and behaviour this week. You have listened carefully during carpet times and showcased your excellent knowledge and understanding. We are very proud of you. Well done!
Phoebe's Y2	NALA for her fantastic Maths this week. We have been learning the very difficult expanded column method and Nala has worked methodically to show beautiful working out and complete lots of addition problems! Well done Nala!
Pippa's Y3	AYEESHA , you have truly demonstrated our school values this week with your creativity, determination and resilience. We were overwhelmed by your poem about Grenfell, Never Forget. You put so much thought into writing it and learning it, and worked hard to prepare. You spoke clearly and proudly, not just to the whole school community, but to a much wider audience outside of school. We are so proud of you.

Joy's Y3	OSMAN has really impressed me in Maths this week. He has worked really hard to understand how to use the column method for addition and subtraction. He has asked for support when he needs it, this has really supported him in his learning. Keep up the hard work Osman!
Emma's Y4	QAIS for his amazing Maths learning this week, learning about money in class. Well done Qais great preparation for our end of year assessments next week!
Nana's Y4	KASHAI for being a reliable and resilient member of our class. You are also striving to improve your handwriting each day and we are proud of your improvements. Well done Kash!
Francesca's Y5	AYUB for putting a smile on our faces this week. Your kind and happy demeanour has helped us all stay positive.
Becky's Y5	JANNAAT for always showing resilience and determination in all of her learning even when she finds something difficult and always putting her full effort into all of her learning.
Russell's Y6 group	LAYLAH for having such a positive attitude this week. You made the most of school journey week, showed exemplary behaviour on our trips and produced some lovely graffiti artwork. Well done!

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: Kripali's R Class: **96.3%**

KS2: Francesca's Y5 Class: **97.2%**

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 † 91.4% so I hope we see some improvement next week.

Community News

Grenfell update



‘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

To contact the Memorial Commission:

- Visit www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact, or scan the QR code below and click the ‘contact’ tab
- Email 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