

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Week

We spoke this week about Halloween, and we hope that everyone who celebrated had a good time. We discussed that it's important to be mindful that not everyone celebrates or enjoys Halloween. The same goes for Bonfire Night- please enjoy sensibly, but also that it's a difficult time for some people, and pets.

This week has been crazy for weather- we were amazed how many children didn't have a jacket. Please bring coats as you never know what the day will bring.

We said goodbye to Katie Dunkerley from the office today and wish her all the best for her next chapter.

See the bottom of the newsletter for dates for the end of term.

School Leaders

We announced our Prefect Team and our Head and Deputy Boys and Girls. Many thanks to them for their commitment and congratulations on being selected by the staff and pupils.

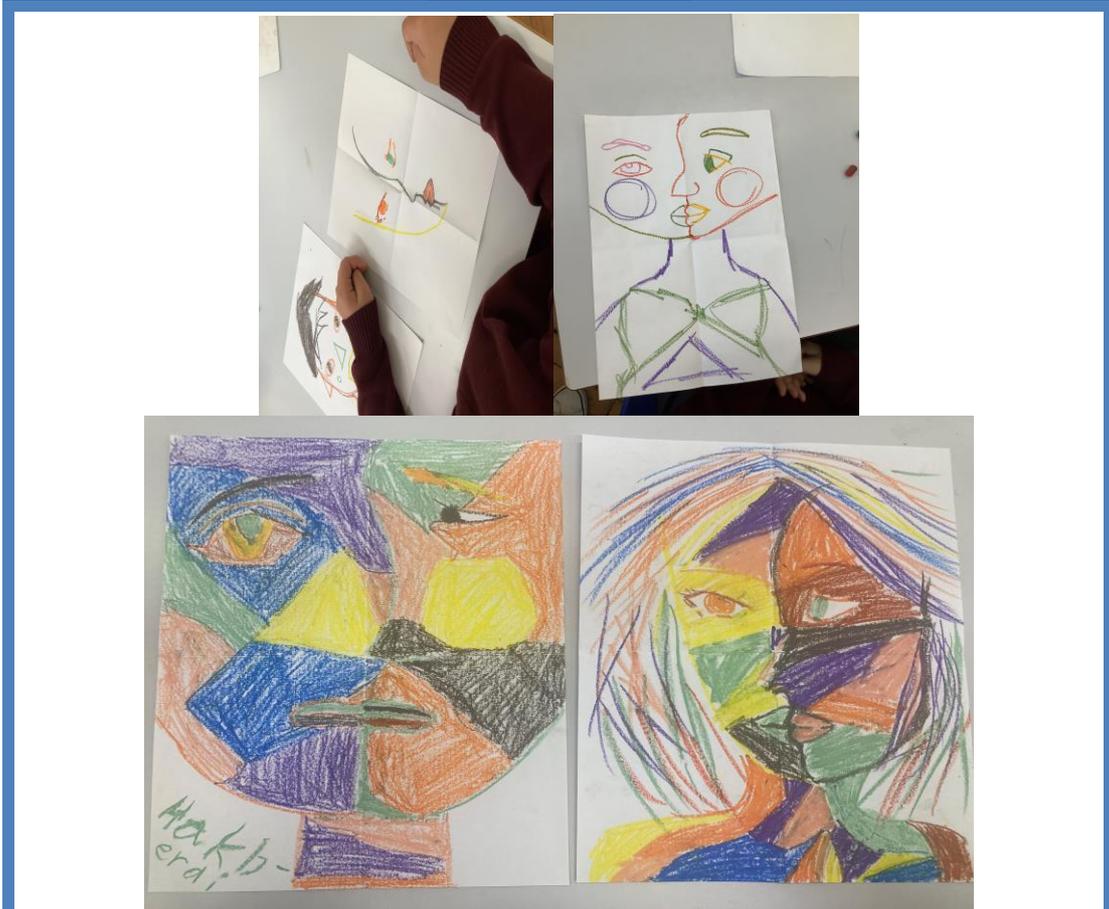
Prefects: Lacey, Layah, Harley, Zuriell, Ayesha, Nadir.

Deputy Head boy and girl: Adam and Amal

Head boy and girl: Leart and Tatum-Li



Photos from this Week:



Year 6 have been continuing their unit on portraiture. They looked at Pablo Picasso and analysed the different shapes he uses in his artwork. They considered the various shapes we can see in our faces and composed our own Picasso portraits.



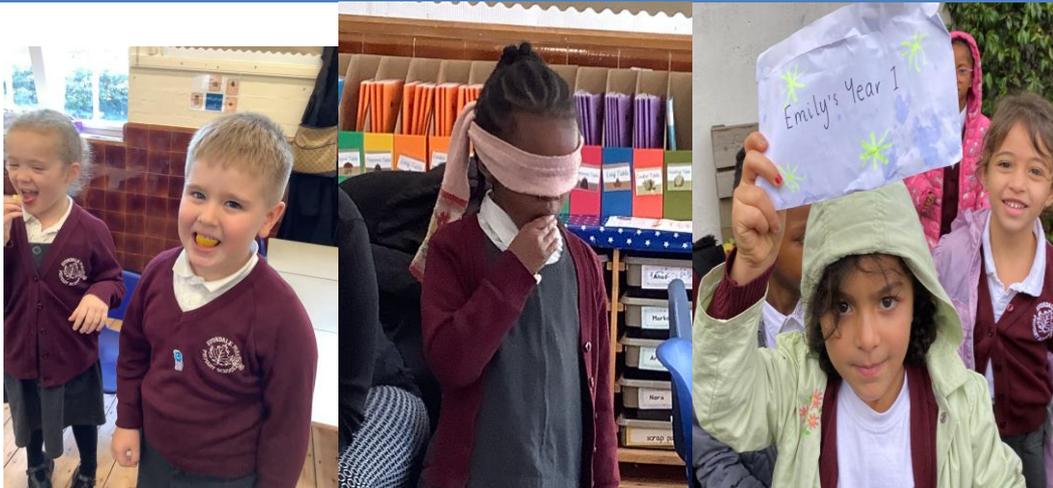
Year 4 visited the mosque in Shepherds Bush. This was linked to our unit of Islam in R.E. We learnt about the five pillars of Islam and got to see inside the mosque, ask questions and see religious artefacts.



Year 4 enjoyed their first lesson of dance. They will be taking part in dance sessions every Friday this half term with our specialist dance teacher. In our lesson, we did a warm up, learnt simple step routines, learnt a side roll and played games practising our balance, rhythm and listening.



Y5's workshop at the Science Museum!



Taste testing in science and a journey to the circle garden to find a mystery letter in RE!

News and reminders

Events happening next week

Monday 7 November	
Tuesday 8 November	Y4e Library trip

Wednesday 9 November	Y4h Library trip Y3 synagogue visit
Thursday 10 November	
Friday 11 November	Y5 library trip

School Tours

We offer school tours for prospective parents at 9am; here are the next dates. If you know of a family interested in having a look around, please pass on the info. Bookings via the office.

23rd November
7th December
10th January
1st February

Calendar

A live calendar for school events is found [here](#):

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission questionnaire

Please let the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission know how you think the future memorial should be owned and looked after by completing their short [questionnaire](#). You can read more about what ideas for a future memorial the Memorial Commission has heard so far in their [report](#).

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission drop-in 12 November

Talk to some of your community representatives at the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission's informal, monthly drop-in. Pick up a copy of their [report](#), and meet their design adviser.

- When: **Saturday 12 November, between 12pm and 3pm**
Where: [Henry Dickens Court Community Centre, 104 St Ann's Rd, London W11 4DH](#)
- There will be family activities and refreshments.
Everyone is welcome.

Can't make it? Get in touch to arrange another time to talk the Memorial Commission:

Email GTMCsecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk

Call 0303 444 4831

Go to www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk

Follow the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

Friday afternoon

School finishes on a Friday at 2.15pm. The full 32.5hrs of schooling is fulfilled during the week. For parents and carers in work or education who have no other childcare, there are a limited number of places and these are allocated following application and at the school's discretion.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all parents that have booked clubs this week. We request that you arrive on time at 4.30pm to collect your child using the main school gate in Gorham Place.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AFTERSCHOOL – 3.30pm – 4.30pm					
	Yr1/2 Football Matt/Ella	Yr1/2 Multi Skills Tris/Arzu	Yr1/2 Arts and crafts Mandy/Tina		
	KS2 Judo Kelly Judo/Alison	Yr5/6 Football Matt/Alison KS2 Drumming Joe/Marie	Yr6 Football League Matt/Alison	Year3/4 Football Matt/Izora Year 4-6 Guitar Joe/Arzu	



Stars of the Week



Nursery	Well done to ALL Nursery children for your enthusiasm during our 'Blast off' entry point. You sent rockets to discover the planets in our solar system and managed to bring them back home safely. Congratulations to all our little astronauts!
Alexa's Reception	NAKAI for showing perseverance during learning tasks. You always try so hard and never give up!
Kripali's Reception	KONSTANTINOS for making progress with your reading skills. You are now beginning to read words - well done!
Cassi's Yr 1	ADRIELLY for putting in her full effort in every lesson this week. We are all really impressed with Adrielly's positive attitude towards her learning - she makes valuable contributions in lessons and is extremely focused during Core Practice. Great work, Adrielly!
Emily's Y1	MICHAELA for trying her best in all of her learning. For being a fantastic class role model with her amazing handwriting. She is creative and has fantastic listening skills. We are so proud of her!
Nana's Y2	EESA for your ever-growing confidence in the class this week! You have found your voice in class and outside in the playground – We love hearing your voice in playground
Becksy's Y2	ORSON for his consistent enthusiasm towards his learning and continued hard working attitude!
Pippa's Y3	BELLA-ROSE your learning this week has been outstanding! We have been so impressed with your effort, understanding and confidence in maths, and your excellent questions and knowledge in Science and History. You are always ready to learn and we love your aspiration. What a great start to this half term Bella-Rose!
George's Y3	EDUARDO for an amazing effort this week. You have tried really hard to contribute in all lessons. Keep it up!
Emma's Y4	WHOLE CLASS For their thoughtful questions on our trip to the Mosque in Shepherds Bush. You were respectful and showed off your knowledge of the faith of Islam. Well done!

Hanna's Y4	ABDOULIE for making a great start at Avondale after joining mid week. You have made a fantastic effort with your learning and have settled in well. Well done!
Francesca's Y5	MADISON for being a polite and positive member of our class this week. Your enthusiasm towards your learning has been amazing- keep it up!
Jodie's Y5	SHYLA for always helping other students with their learning and guiding them through tricky questions.
Natalie's Y6	MANOYLA for using her initiative and constantly dedicating herself to her learning.
Tim's Y6	VADYM for the incredible effort you are putting into all of your learning - you are making great progress as a result. Keep it up!

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory and all children should be in school unless they are ill. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, I remind parents that they need to contact the school office either by phone: 020 7727 7727 or via the Parent mail App or via email: info@apsafederation.com before the start of the school day.

We are having a real push on attendance and punctuality this year.

Thank you

The classes with the highest attendance in each Key Stage are below.

KS1 and Reception	Nana's	95.7%
KS2	Emma's AND George's	97.7%

And finally...

Enjoy the fireworks!

Have a lovely weekend.

[Ben McMullen](#)