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Dear Families,

A fantastic week where I think we were all learners in one way or another.... Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the meetings. Staff, pupils and parents have reported how helpful they are in knowing not just where a child is but also what their next steps are and how we can all work together to support their learning journey. If you were not able to meet your child's teacher then do see her or him to arrange an alternative time and date.

This week, I attended a global conference on what works best in education to learn first-hand from experts. We expect the children to learn and so it is crucial they know we all still learning. The things I have learnt I will discuss with governors and staff so that we constantly improve.

Year 6 mathematicians worked with Ms Lord from Nrich and Cambridge University, Developing Problems in Mathematics. This is something we do as part of our community of schools in the Poplar Partnership at Langdon Park. Children and staff enjoyed and learned a lot from their time. We use Nrich problem solving to get our children thinking critically.



Year 5 were learning their cycle proficiency this week. The trainers commented on how absolutely perfect the children were in their behaviour and excellent cyclists! George and Ronnie were especially commended on their bravery and helping one another. Badges and certificates will be with us next week!

Well done everyone, keep learning!

Mrs Smith

Dates for your Diary**February:**

Nursery & Reception parent conferencing next week.

2nd, 9th & 23rd Family Aspiration Workshops for Year 6.Ash Wednesday service; Wed 10th at 2pm.Town Hall Tales – meet the authors and enjoy a performance by the Half Moon theatre 10th-12th Feb. more information to followHalf Term: 15th -19th February**March:**

English Focus and book Week

3rd World Book Day4th Dressing up day9th Year 6 parental workshop16th Year 6 parental workshop18th Sports Relief DayLast Day: Thursday 24th MarchReturn on: Monday 11th April**Closed for Polling: Thursday 5th May**

Worship: Our theme this week is Candlemass: Luke 2 v25-36. We have sung "This Little Light of Mine" as part of our worship and thought about how we are lights in our world.

The key question is **what do we have to be thankful for** in our school, home, community? The glass technically is always half full.

Polite health & safety reminders:

Parents stop your child from...

* Climbing on equipment before and after school or entering garden areas

* Playing with them before or after school.

We all have a responsibility to keep everyone safe, thank you for doing your part. Also thank you to all parents who no longer walk through school or class to hang their children's coats.

Congratulations to Reception winners of the Attendance Cup!


Nursery:	88.24
Reception:	99.33
Year 1:	95.33
Year 2:	99.00
Year 3:	94.14
Year 4:	97.33
Year 5:	94.33
Year 6:	97.78

Let's try and all achieve our goal for next week which is 97% - thank you

**Stars of the week:**

Reception: *Ellie & Robert D*
 Year 1: *Amy & Isabella*
 Year 2: *Tanan & DJ*
 Year 3: *Shania & Jasmin*
 Year 4: *Ryan & Othoye*
 Year 5: *Theo & Najifa*
 Year 6 *Ryan & Daniela*

Happy Birthday toyou! 

Milly	4 th Feb	Year 6
Niamh	19 th Feb	Year 6
Sienna	6 th Feb	Year 5
Emma	18 th Feb	Year 5
Mae	9 th Feb	Year 4
Anjali	9 th Feb	Year 4
Scarlett	14 th Feb	Year 4
Olivia	22 nd Feb	Year 3
Amy	25 th Feb	Year 3
Sophie	7 th Feb	Year 2
Elijah	23 rd Feb	Year 2
Molly	6 th Feb	Year 1
Denas	17 th Feb	Year 1
Odin	7 th Feb	Rec
Riley	11 th Feb	Rec
Daniella	25 th Feb	Rec