

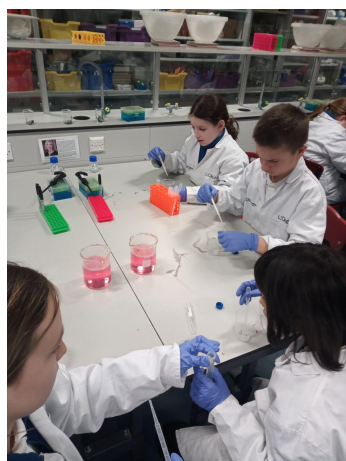
This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is [Let's Connect](#). In assembly last week we began thinking about what it means to connect and the difference that connecting with people can make.

During the week the children will be taking part in activities that encourage them to think about how making connections and feeling connected, can positively impact on our mental health and the mental health of others.

Alongside the newsletter today, I am sharing some resources from Place to Be who have produced some ideas for parents to support with this theme at home.

On Friday 10th February we will be taking part in ['Dress to Express'](#) day. Children can wear whatever they want to express their personality. All we ask is that they are warm enough for the weather and have sensible shoes so they can play outside safely!

On Friday morning last week, we had a visit from Helen Morrison who is Co-Head of School Improvement for Barnet Schools. She was coming to focus on the work we are doing to help our children to become better writers. As part of this, she visited lessons, spoke to teachers and spent lots of time talking to the children. She was really positive about the quality of work that the children are producing and the steps we are taking to help children to make good progress.



[Year 6](#) ventured out of school this week and headed to the 'home of science', The Royal Institute in Green Park. They took part in a fantastic workshop in which they learnt about DNA and then extracted their own DNA from their cheek cells using the full scientific process. The children asked great questions and were really well behaved throughout. Thank you to the parents who came along to help out too.

Monday 20th February is an INSET day so we will see you as usual on Tuesday 21st February! Have a lovely half term.

Laura, one of the BEAT piano teachers, did a note reading competition with the children who are reading the bass and treble clef fluently. She was really proud of how well they did. Congratulations to **Emelie** in **Year 5** who came first, followed by **Dexter** also in **Year 5** and **Andreas** in **Year 6**.

Reception have been solving the mystery of the Gingerbread Men all week. They

Year 1 were doing some lovely writing about Autumn and Winter as part of their work on seasons. The children were also investigating shadows and the sun in science.

Year 2 were learning about different poetic devices and the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. They have made a great start to the KS1 show rehearsals. Information about tickets will be sent out after half term but save the dates!

Year 3 having been learning about Icarus and conducting their own scientific investigations into the effect of temperatures on wax. The children also read the story of Theseus and the Minotaur in preparation for a piece of persuasive writing this week and learning about colour theory in art lesson.

Year 4 have been writing their narratives about the digestive system. I have seen some lovely writing from both classes - the vocabulary choices and the enthusiasm has been excellent! On Friday they began their DT sewing project.

Year 5 have been writing explanation texts about the Solar System combining all the learning that they have been doing this term. In Science lessons they were learning about air resistance.



Two weeks ago, Lucia (Year 6) was selected to take part in the Middlesex Cross Country Championships representing Barnet. This is a great honour as only a few Year 6 children across the borough are selected. In her category she finished 14th out of 75 competitors. She did so well that the points she won counted towards the top finishers and she helped Barnet to finish 2nd overall! We are so proud of Lucia!



World Book Day

Just a bit of advance warning about World Book Day. We will be doing a whole range of reading and book related activities that week. Traditionally 2nd March is the day that the children could dress up if they wish, however because of the potential for Industrial Action that day, we will be doing it on Tuesday 28th February. Children can dress up as a character based on a book if they would like.

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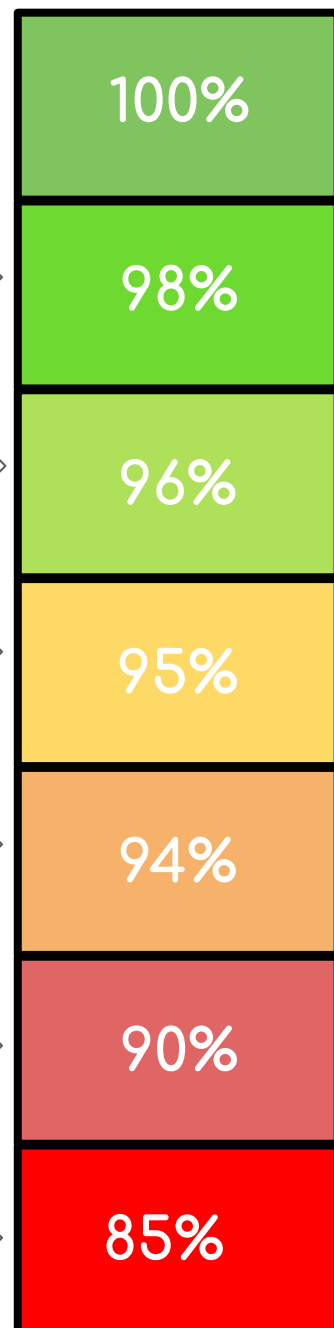
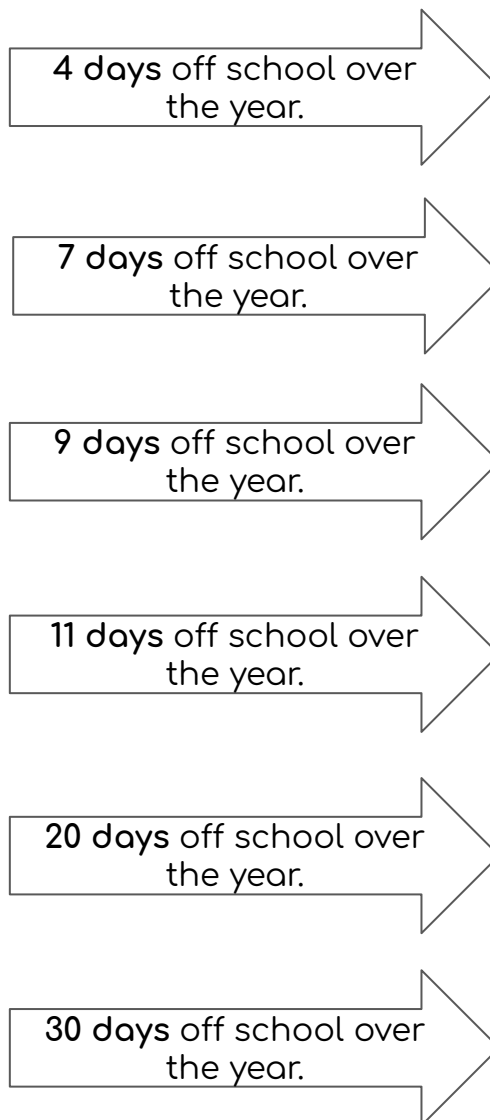
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Week commencing:
30th January 2023

Attendance

Whole School	94%
Reception	89%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97%



Thank you to everyone for the huge improvement in attendance last week (although it has dropped again today)! I hope we can keep it up for the rest of this term. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you choose to take holiday during term time, you could face a fixed penalty notice. Details can be found [here](#).

Numbots

Times Tables Rockstars

Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned in the last 7 days
Kian, 2P Eva, 1K Milan, 1K Marco, 1C Valentina, 1K Zayn, 1K Adrian, 1C Isabelle, 1K Carlos, 1C Adriana, 1C	George, 2P Krish, 2C Zak, 1K Adrian, 1C Joel, 1C Reva, 1C Isla, 1C Sienna, 1K Shubha, 1C Persia, 2P	Krish, 2C George, 2P Adrian, 1C Zak, 1K Reva, 1C Joel, 1C Ellie, 2C Isla, 2C Persia, 2P Shubha, 1C Sienna, 1K

If your child is in Reception, you will soon receive your child's Numbots login details so that they can start practising their early number skills.



Overall School Leaderboard

1. Cos, 5K
2. Deeyar, 5K
3. Daniyal, 5K
4. Adam, 5K
5. George, 5K
6. Khloe, 5K

Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improved speed in the Studio in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins in the last 7 days
Dina, 4S Fausto, 5K Alfie, 6LD Philip, 4S Ruby, 4S Anastasia, 4S Bronwyn, 4S Lewis, 4S Ayah, 4P Danyaal, 4S	Ruby T, 4S Mara, 4S Mouhit, 4S Heidi, 4S Sofia, 4S Micah, 5F Jaiden, 4S Bronwyn, 4S Valentina, 4S Jack, 4S	Mara, 4S Nina, 4P Nick, 4S Kacper, 6B Bronwyn, 4S Mouhit, 4S Maximus, 4S Nayan, 5F Sophie, 4S Adam, 5K	Kacper, 6B Nick, 4S Mara, 4S Mouhit, 4S Nayan, 5F Sophie, 4S Shrina, 5F Anna, 4S Jaiden, 4S Noah, 4P



Key Dates for Spring Term 2023

Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 6th February - Wednesday 8th February - Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 6 after school

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February - Dress to Express Day

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 20th February - INSET DAY 3

Wednesday 22nd February - Year 5F to visit North Finchley Mosque

Monday 27th February - Year 5K to visit North Finchley Mosque

Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March - KS1 Spring Show 9.30am **this is a change due to potential Industrial Action

Tuesday 28th February - World Book Day Dress Up Day

Friday 3rd March - Year 4 Viking Day

Monday 6th March - KS2 Dance Club to the Dance Festival

Monday 6th March to Friday 17th March - Year 5 Swimming lessons

Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March - Science Week

Monday 27th March to Friday 31st April - Autism Acceptance Week

Friday 31st March - Break up 2pm

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April - School starts back at normal time

Thursday 4th May to Friday 5th May - Year 4 One Night Residential (details to follow shortly)

Monday 8th May - School Closed for King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs week for Year 6

Sunday 14th May - Friday 19th May - Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Monday 29th June to Friday 2nd June - Half Term

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Monday 19th June - Sports Week

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

Friday 21st July - Break up 2pm