

### Year 6 Mayan Workshop

On Monday, Year 6 enjoyed a workshop from 'Mexicolore' which was all about the Ancient Maya. The workshop follows last Friday's lesson where the children made a range of Ancient Maya recipes including corn tortillas and a Cocoa drink flavoured with chilli!

The children also had the opportunity to explore this fascinating civilization through chanting, musical instruments, costumes and artefacts. Everyone came away from it having had a fantastic time - what a great way to start our new topic!



### Parent Governor Results

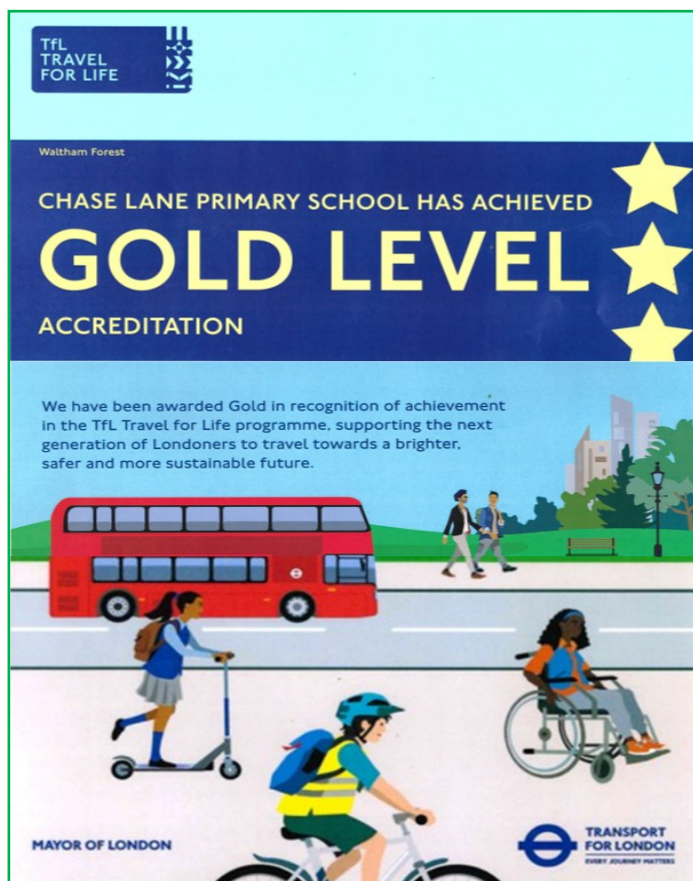
Before Christmas school reached out to parents in the latest school governor recruitment drive. School governors hold the school to account to ensure that the children and families are getting the best value for money and an excellent education. Three governors applied and I am very pleased to share with you that **Shaila Shabbir** and **Shareene Mills** were voted in by parents and will be welcomed by the governing body at the next meeting.

Mr Jeffery



### TFL Gold Level Accreditation

This week we received our Gold level accreditation award certificates (see below) from TfL. We have displayed them around the school.



### Attendance 8th January - 12th January 2024

Well done to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year Groups :- over 96%. The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%.

Year group	Class	Attendance
Year 1	Pine	98%
Year 2	Sassafras	98.6%
Year 3	Hazel	98.6%
Year 4	Cherry	98.6%
Year 5	Beech	96.5%
Year 6	Aspen	99.3%

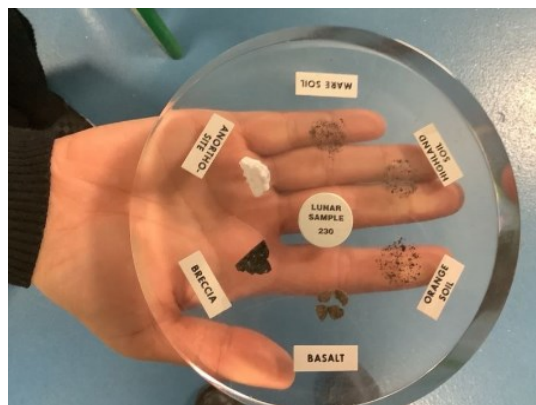


During the above period our overall school attendance was **96.5%**.

### Year 5 Borrow The Moon Initiative

Year 5 children are learning about Earth and Space. They embraced the 'Borrow the Moon' initiative, delving into lunar science through hands-on exploration of moon rock samples.

This unique experience sparked curiosity, teamwork and a passion for space exploration with our hallway being transformed into our solar system!



### Spring Term Clubs

We currently have spaces available in the following clubs:



- Year 5 & 6 Quilling club x 1 space. Monday 3.40pm - 4.40pm
- Year 3/4/5/6 Gardening x 4 spaces. Tuesday 3.40pm - 4.40pm
- Year 2/3/4 Dodgeball x 4 spaces. Wednesday 8am - 8.40am
- Year 5 & 6 Wool x 1 space. Wednesday 3.40pm - 4.40pm
- Year 2 & 3 Football x 1 space. Thursday 8.00am - 8.40am
- Year 5 & 6 Fish Keeping x 2. Thursday 3.40pm - 4.40pm

If you are interested in any of these clubs for your child, please email Mrs Blackmore at [chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk](mailto:chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk)

Polite reminder for those parents whose children have places in the after school clubs this term, please familiarise yourself with the end times of the clubs so that your child is not left waiting. This week we have had a number of children waiting way past the club end time.

### Vehicles on Site

Polite reminder that we **do not** allow vehicles to drive in or out of school during certain times of the day:

**AM:** between 8.30am - 9.15am

**PM:** between 3.15pm - 4.00pm (and 4.40pm - 4.50pm on club nights)

The above times are for pedestrian access only.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Year 3 Vikings

This week, year 3 have taken part in a very exciting Viking carousel as part of their Big Bang for their Raiders and Invaders topic. They created Viking helmets, Viking shields and used Anglo-Saxon runes!

Have a look at some of their fantastic Viking shields!



## Waltham Forest Resident's News

Click the links below to view the latest Waltham Forest Resident's news:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/38500bb>

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3851486>

## Children's Glasses

A few pairs of children's glasses have been found around the school and handed into the main school office.

Please check with the front office if your child has lost their glasses.

Mrs Dasilva  
Office Manager



## Week 1 Dinner Menu 22nd January 2024 – 26th January 2024

Next week's dinner menu will be WEEK 1. Please click the link below to view it in full:

<https://walthamforestcatering.co.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/>

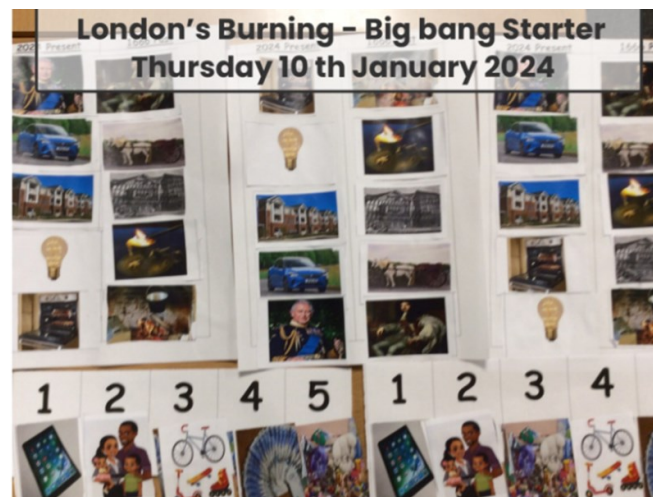


## Year 1 London's Burning

For our Spring topic we had a carousel of learning for the afternoon. We learnt about:-

- the similarities and difference between 2024 and 1666,
- fire and safety
- a fun song/dance
- The great fire of London
- Samuel Pepys

We also looked at all the amazing houses that people made at home.



## Joke of the Week

WHICH DINOSAUR HAS THE LARGEST VOCABULARY?



## Dates for the Diary

Any additions/changes to the diary dates are highlighted in purple text

Spring Term 1 - 2024

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024

Thursday 25th January

9.00am PTA Meeting - meeting room

Tuesday 6th February

9.00am - 9.30am Reception - Year 2 Preloved Uniform Sale - Community room

Friday 9th February

9.00am - 9.30am Year 3 - 6 Preloved Uniform Sale - Community room

**Half-Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**

Spring Term 2 - 2024

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

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Inset Day - Staff training day. School closed to children

Tuesday 20th February

Children return to school

Tuesday 27th February

2.30pm - 3.20pm Parents Forum (details to follow)

Friday 15th March

6.30pm - 8.30pm PTA Family Bingo night (details to follow)

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Spring term - school will close 1 hour earlier

**Easter Break Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April

Easter School for Year 6 Week 1 (details to follow)

Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April

Easter School for Year 6 Week 2 (details to follow)



# Parent/Carer Support Programmes

January - March 2024

A comprehensive guide to the parent/carer support programmes available from conception to adulthood in Waltham Forest



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HENRY</b> Healthy Families Right from the Start, Age 0-5 9.30am - 11.30am 29 Jan - 25 Mar Weekly The Paradox Centre, E4 8YD	<b>Triple P</b> Age 0-12 9.30am - 11.30am 30 Jan - 19 Mar George Tomlinson Primary School E11 4QN	<b>Calm Parents</b> Calm Children Age 4-11 10am - 12 noon 10 Jan - 7 Feb Weekly Leyton Family Hub E17 8PJ	<b>Beezee Bodies</b> Age 5-15 5pm - 7pm 18 Jan - 4 Apr Weekly Walthamstow School for Girls E17 9RZ	<b>Strengthening Families</b> Strengthening Communities Age 0-18 9.30am - 12.30pm 19 Jan - 10 May Leyton Family Hub E17 8PJ	<b>Connective Parenting</b> Sessions Age 0-25 9am - 11am 2 and 9 Mar Online
<b>EPEC</b> Being a Parent Age 2-11 10am - 12 noon 29 Jan - 25 Mar Weekly Handsworth Primary School E4 9PJ	<b>HENRY</b> Healthy Families Right from the Start, Age 0-5 1pm - 3pm 30 Jan - 26 Mar Weekly Leyton Family Hub E17 8PJ	<b>HENRY</b> Healthy Families Right from the Start, Age 0-5 10am - 11am 31 Jan - 27 Mar Weekly Online	<b>EPEC</b> Being a Parent Age 2-11 10am - 12 noon 1 Feb - 28 Mar Weekly Mission Grove Primary School E17 7EL	<div> <div>Parenting can be tough at the best of times</div> <div>Parent support programmes are a chance to:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge and understanding of children's development and needs</li> <li>• Build positive relationships</li> <li>• Share ideas and concerns about being a parent</li> <li>• Improve behaviour and communication</li> <li>• Meet other parents</li> <li>• Reduce parenting stress</li> </ul> </div>	
<b>Beezee Bodies</b> Age 5-15 5pm - 7pm 15 Jan - 1 Apr Peterhouse Community Centre E17 3PW	<b>Beezee Bodies</b> Age 5-15 5.30pm - 7.30pm 16 Jan - 2 Apr Leyton Cricket Ground E10 6RJ	<b>Mellow Bumps</b> Age 20-30 weeks gestation 1pm - 3pm 17 Jan - 28 Feb Higham Hill Nursery E17 5PX	<b>Triple P</b> Stepping Stones Age 0-12 9.30am - 12 noon 25 Jan - 21st Mar Weekly Oakhill Primary School IG8 9PY		
	<b>Triple P Baby</b> Age 0-1 9.30 - 11.30am 16 Jan - 5 Mar 7 Saxon Close E17 8LE	<b>Beezee Bodies:</b> Age 5-15 5pm - 7pm 17 Jan - 3 Apr Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP	<b>Connective Parenting</b> Sessions: 0-25 24 and 31 Jan 10am - 12 noon 21 and 28 Feb 7pm - 9pm Online		

## Deal with dinner time distraction



Jodie Plows,  
BeeZee Bodies Nutritionist

### Six quick tips

to help you set boundaries around screen time – for more enjoyable meals together and happier, healthier children:



1. Agree a daily routine with your child, so they know when meals and screen time are.
2. Set timers for screen time and be sure to stick to those boundaries.
3. Give them pre-dinner warnings, like "dinner is in 10 minutes", "5 minutes" etc.

4. Build up time away from screens - start with half the meal without and increase gradually.
5. Try to make dinner engaging - make conversation, play games or do a quiz.
6. Allow movement breaks if needed, to keep them engaged with eating without a screen.



Want to start some healthy habits as a family in 2024?

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