Mowlem Newsletter

10th November 2023

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On **Friday 17th November 2023**, children can come to school wearing spots or bright colours, and bring in £1.00 to support the Children in Need Charity.

Please rest assured that although we have had plans in place for "Children in Need" this Friday for some time, we also intend to hold an event in the following week to raise funds for the children and families affected by the conflict in the Middle East. We are finalising our plans and will send out further information to parents by the end of next week, with our event being held the following week.

I am aware that this is a difficult and worrying time for our whole school community. We recognise that children may have heard about and be anxious about the war in Gaza, and they may want to talk to you about what is happening or about their worries.

Our advice would be to let them talk to you about what is worrying them and to try and reassure them. For example, you could say:

- I understand you may be worried
- It's happening in countries far away
- People are trying to help
- People are trying to stop the war
- Try to not look at things online as they might be upsetting and wrong
- Talk to me or to school staff if you are worried

School staff have been briefed, and continue to be briefed, on how to respond to children's questions and anxieties, and they follow DFE guidance.

When questions arise they will only present a brief overview of the conflict and will not discuss particular details. We will let you know if your child asks us more detailed questions.

Save the Children has further advice for parents: https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2022/how-to-talk-to-children-about-war

If you feel that you or your child need support with this at school or if you are concerned about anything, please let us know.

Our thoughts are with all those affected by the conflict.

Please monitor your child's internet use because we know that some children may see inappropriate content online, e.g. on YouTube, TikTok or other social media.

The school's website has a range of information on online safety – please speak to us if you need any further information or support.

Upcoming Events and School Trips

Events

Monday 20th November- (Online) Parents Healthy Teeth workshop
Tuesday 28th November – Year 6 Height & Weight
Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th Nov – Phonics
Wednesday 29th Nov – 13th Dec – Fun with Maths

Key Dates

Winter Half Term
Friday 22nd December 2023

Children Return to School
Monday 8th January 2023

Afterschool club snacks
Please could we ask parents not to give children unhealthy snacks, please could you provide fruit and drink.

Kulsuma – Year 6

For her excellent explanation on how different sets of people felt about East London changing over time. Great Job.

Amelia – Year 5

For writing a fantastic description of where Europe is located in Geography using her geographical knowledge.

Sara - Year 4

For writing a well-structured persuasive piece of prose. she provided multiple reasons for who she thought the most important character was in the story and extended her sentences with adjectives and subordinate clauses. She also backed up all her argument with evidence from the text.

Abdullah – Year 3

For their excellent use of vocabulary in their descriptive paragraph.

Enayath– Year 2

For writing a fantastic description of Little Red Riding Hood. He used amazing adjectives such as ‘naïve’ and ‘trustworthy’ and used conjunctions to extend his sentences.

Aliza – Year 1

For a fantastic, positive attitude towards her work. She will always make an effort to complete her work even when she is unsure.

Eliza – Reception

For singing and doing the actions to our Bonfire song.

Eva – Nursery

For being able to recognize her 2D shapes. She was able to discuss he properties of a square and a rectangle.

Attendance Notice

We would like to remind parents to provide evidence for absences more than 2 days due to illness.

Please kindly bring in proof of any medication bought over the counter or prescribed medication from your doctor otherwise your child will be referred to school attendance welfare officer.

0 days off school	100%	Perfect
Equates to 2 days off school year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	VERY CONCERNED