



Dear Parents and Carers,



Tuesday saw a cacophony of face-paint, tattoos, leather trousers and outrageous hairstyles as we shared our passion for times tables. Thank you children, parents, teachers and Ms Crocombe for making this year's Times Table Rock Stars themed day another roaring success.

I've been particularly thrilled with the fabulous art work on show this week. Hats off to COLPAI artists who took part in a recent social arts project hosted by the Guildhall. The project inspired the children to think about the issues of homelessness, refugees and the importance of home and the community. Pupils were challenged to make their own miniature dolls houses. Many pupils chose to work with a partner or in a small group of three, while other opted to go solo. The children's work has been on display at Guildhall but this week we were fortunate to receive their fabulous works of art back in school and they are now proudly displayed at the base of the yellow staircase. Excellent work: Isabella K and Gabriella; Liana and Ellie; Leo and Enes; Nina; Alex and Noah; Aiden, Emma and Lara; Teo, Anders and Mason; Dalia and Elissa; Arthur and Akiva; Georgia, Leela and Yasmine; Freddie and Avery; Elena and Tanzeela; and last but not least, Fred.

Another new and exquisite art display takes pride of place on Floor Two, outside of the specialist Art and DT classroom. Year Five pupils have blown me away with their fish works of art using pastels. The children have looked carefully and closely at their chosen fish and rendered its line, shape and proportion with incredible accuracy. The light and dark tones and bold use of colour is beautifully balanced. I love the way they have softly smudged and blended their pastels to graduate the shading and tones of colour. Again, they have looked carefully and closely at all of the dots, lines and patterns to capture the scales and fins of the fish. Bravo to Year Five and Ms Morgan for such magnificent art work.

Ms Kim Clapham
Head Teacher



SAVE THE DATES!

In the final week of term, parents and carers will be invited to Nativity and Winter plays as follows. Each performance will be held in the main school hall at 14.00. COLPAI productions are always a real treat, so we're already excitedly counting down to these very special events and hope many of you will be able to join us.

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A message
from Mr
Spencer

Last Friday, Year Five attended their Health and Physical Activity Workshop down at the Emirates Stadium, home of Arsenal Football Club. We kick started our day with a daily mile around the outside of the stadium, led and cheered on by the Arsenal Hub Coaches who were in great spirit on the day. Having earned a well deserved break, we headed indoors to the Arsenal Hub and took part in our workshop. This year's theme was on anti-bullying: children discussed the importance of respect and the ways in which being respected or disrespected can make us feel. It was fantastic to hear such mature and thoughtful ideas from everyone involved. To finish of the day, the Arsenal Hub coaches put on a series of football and multi-sports games for us to take part in on their indoor pitches. As a surprise treat for their hard work, children were gifted Arsenal FC bags as a reminder of what turned out to be a much enjoyed trip by all!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we've been diving into the exciting theme of fireworks! Our activities have sparked creativity, helped develop motor skills, and built early language abilities, all while celebrating the vibrant sights and sounds of fireworks. To start, we explored firework art with Ms Morgan, our Art teacher. Using kitchen roll tubes with snipped ends, we dipped them in paint and pressed them onto paper to create firework-like patterns. Additionally, we focused on primary colours and discovered how mixing two of them together creates secondary colours. In Literacy, we wrote our own firework poems, incorporating onomatopoeic words such as "boom," "bang," and "pop." In Maths, we've been exploring the composition of the numbers 3, 4, and 5, building on our learning from last week. We used Unifix cubes to create "firework" designs. Each firework was composed of different combinations of Unifix cubes representing parts that added up to a whole number.



YEAR ONE

Year One had an excellent school trip to Kings Square Gardens this week! Rose and Regent Classes honed in on their knowledge of seasonal changes in order to help Cyril the Squirrel, who had his seasons all mixed up! The children identified the four seasons, articulated their ideas and used drama and role play to problem solve. Super scientific work, Year One!



YEAR TWO

On Friday, Year Two had the exciting opportunity to visit the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, where we explored Britain's rich naval heritage. This trip was an unforgettable experience, offering a hands-on learning adventure that brought history to life! The museum, with its vast collection of maritime artefacts, took us on a journey through time. Year Two had the exciting opportunity to participate in the 'Explorers Through Time' educational workshop, a hands-on, interactive experience that transported us back through centuries of exploration and discovery! A big thank you to all our parent volunteers for making the day run smoothly. We can't wait to apply what we learned back in the classroom and continue our journey through history!



YEAR THREE

This week, Year Three launched their new History topic: 'Pre-Roman Britain'. After discussing what is meant by the term 'pre-history', examining timelines and considering how we are able to find out about the prehistoric past, the children completed an activity in groups, all about archaeologists. They were given a selection of photographs of archaeologists and a variety of captions. It was their job to match the picture to the caption to learn about how different professionals and techniques have enabled us to find out about the prehistoric past.



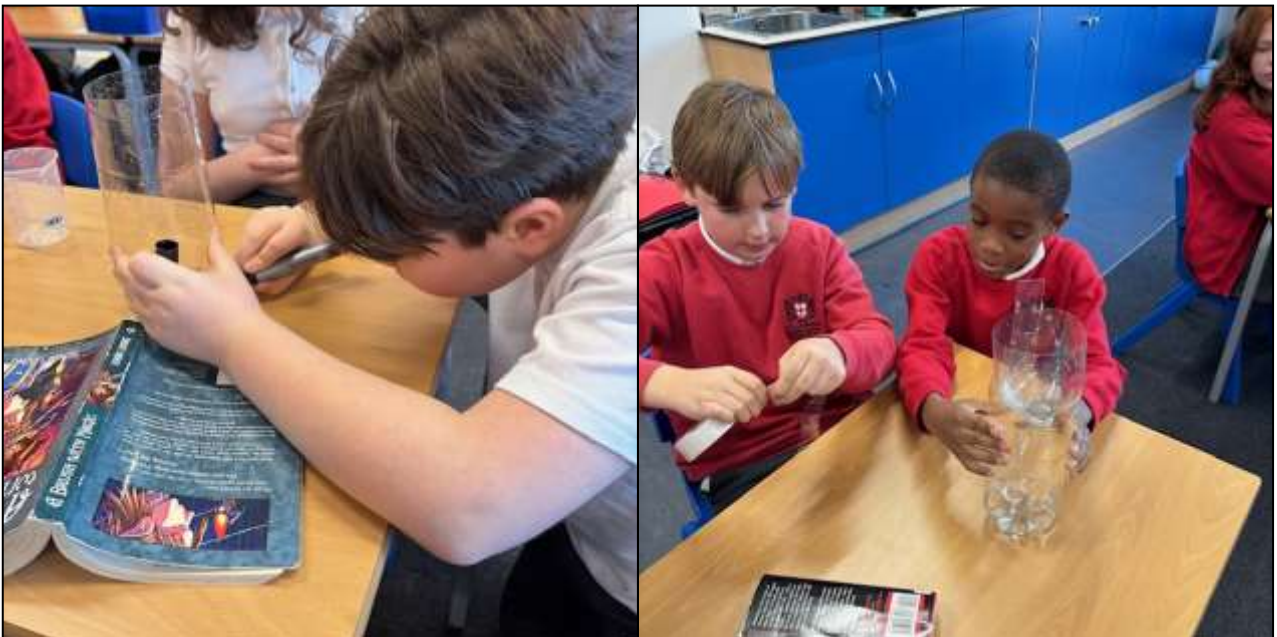
YEAR FOUR

This week, Fleet Class started a new topic in Maths: 'Area'. We learnt that the area of a 2D shape is the amount of space it takes up. We made sure we could clearly state the difference between this and our previous knowledge of perimeter - the measurement around the outside of a shape. Using lots of table top activities, Fleet Class worked together to support one another in solidifying our understanding of this new topic. This meant that we were all able to approach our independent work feeling confident and excited! Great week, Fleet Class!



YEAR SIX

This week, Whittington Class were learning about climate change and its effects. We also learnt about the different ways to reduce the impact of climate change such as planting trees. During the lesson, the class made a water gauge by using a large plastic bottle, a permanent marker and a ruler. Each day, we will be measuring the temperature outside and every week, we will measure the rainfall throughout the unit.



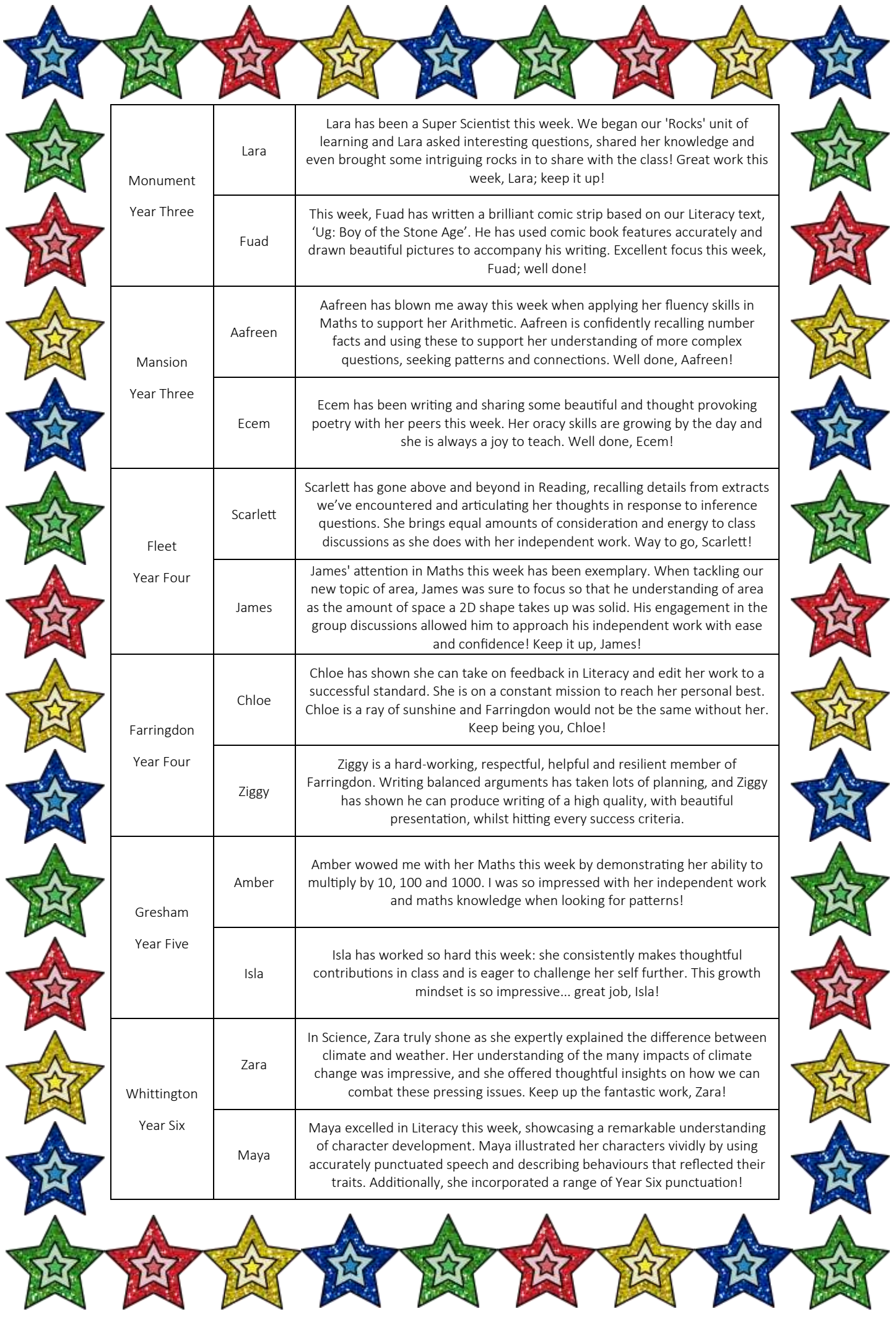
Look out for news from Year Five in our next newsletter!

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS!



Silk Reception	Arlo	For working so hard to listen attentively for increasing lengths of time during carpet sessions.
	Aiden	For settling into COLPAI and our class so beautifully; it's been such a calm and seamless transition!
Sun Reception	Johannes	For demonstrating impressive Maths skills while exploring the composition of numbers up to 5! He showed a strong understanding of how numbers can be broken down into parts and wholes, confidently using different combinations to reach a total of 5. Keep up the amazing work, Johannes!
	Anya	For consistently showing a positive attitude toward her learning, demonstrating wonderful manners, and being a kind and caring member of our class! She brings warmth and enthusiasm to every activity, making our classroom a happier place for everyone. Well done, Anya—keep shining!
Rose Year One	Darcey	Darcey has worked hard this week, engaging more actively in class. I've loved her enthusiasm and effort to answer questions, which has made a noticeable impact on her confidence and learning. I'm super proud of you, Darcey!
	Valentin	Valentin has been putting in a great effort to be consistently ready to learn, focusing on improving his listening skills and class participation. He has worked especially well during Writing, working hard on developing his independent writing skills through extending his sentences.
Regent Year One	Shuayb	Shuayb has mastered all things Phonics this week. He has showcased his excellent decoding and spelling skills, segmenting and blending words! Shuayb has thrown himself back into all other areas of his learning, too.
	Lisette	This week, Lisette has been a marvellous mathematician. Lisette has successfully identified and sorted a range of 3D shapes in Maths lessons. Her hardworking attitude is reflected in the wonderful work that she produces.
Drapers Year Two	Arthur	Arthur is my Exceptional Learner this week for his incredible work ethic! He is consistently trying his very best and persevering, even when he finds a task tricky. I have been especially impressed with his effort in Literacy as he has been challenging himself to use ambitious vocabulary in his writing.
	Josh	Josh's focus and engagement in class this week were OUTSTANDING! He has blown me away with his active listening skills, using his magnet eyes and listening ears in every lesson. He has also shown these incredible skills during transitions and when he is walking through the school. Keep it up, Josh!
Dukes Year Two	Magnus	Magnus and Scarlett absolutely blew me away last week on our school trip to the National Maritime Museum. Their behaviour was exemplary at all times throughout the day. Both children walked sensibly to and from school and around the museum, setting a fabulous example to their peers. Magnus and Scarlett were attentive and respectful during the 'Explores Through Time' workshop and asked some fantastic questions. It was a pleasure to spend the day with you both. Well done, guys!
	Scarlett	





Monument Year Three	Lara	Lara has been a Super Scientist this week. We began our 'Rocks' unit of learning and Lara asked interesting questions, shared her knowledge and even brought some intriguing rocks in to share with the class! Great work this week, Lara; keep it up!
	Fuad	This week, Fuad has written a brilliant comic strip based on our Literacy text, 'Ug: Boy of the Stone Age'. He has used comic book features accurately and drawn beautiful pictures to accompany his writing. Excellent focus this week, Fuad; well done!
Mansion Year Three	Aafreen	Aafreen has blown me away this week when applying her fluency skills in Maths to support her Arithmetic. Aafreen is confidently recalling number facts and using these to support her understanding of more complex questions, seeking patterns and connections. Well done, Aafreen!
	Ecem	Ecem has been writing and sharing some beautiful and thought provoking poetry with her peers this week. Her oracy skills are growing by the day and she is always a joy to teach. Well done, Ecem!
Fleet Year Four	Scarlett	Scarlett has gone above and beyond in Reading, recalling details from extracts we've encountered and articulating her thoughts in response to inference questions. She brings equal amounts of consideration and energy to class discussions as she does with her independent work. Way to go, Scarlett!
	James	James' attention in Maths this week has been exemplary. When tackling our new topic of area, James was sure to focus so that he understanding of area as the amount of space a 2D shape takes up was solid. His engagement in the group discussions allowed him to approach his independent work with ease and confidence! Keep it up, James!
Farringdon Year Four	Chloe	Chloe has shown she can take on feedback in Literacy and edit her work to a successful standard. She is on a constant mission to reach her personal best. Chloe is a ray of sunshine and Farringdon would not be the same without her. Keep being you, Chloe!
	Ziggy	Ziggy is a hard-working, respectful, helpful and resilient member of Farringdon. Writing balanced arguments has taken lots of planning, and Ziggy has shown he can produce writing of a high quality, with beautiful presentation, whilst hitting every success criteria.
Gresham Year Five	Amber	Amber wowed me with her Maths this week by demonstrating her ability to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000. I was so impressed with her independent work and maths knowledge when looking for patterns!
	Isla	Isla has worked so hard this week: she consistently makes thoughtful contributions in class and is eager to challenge her self further. This growth mindset is so impressive... great job, Isla!
Whittington Year Six	Zara	In Science, Zara truly shone as she expertly explained the difference between climate and weather. Her understanding of the many impacts of climate change was impressive, and she offered thoughtful insights on how we can combat these pressing issues. Keep up the fantastic work, Zara!
	Maya	Maya excelled in Literacy this week, showcasing a remarkable understanding of character development. Maya illustrated her characters vividly by using accurately punctuated speech and describing behaviours that reflected their traits. Additionally, she incorporated a range of Year Six punctuation!

ATTENDANCE

Silk: 92.70%
Sun: 99.66%
Rose: 90.83%
Regent: 97.69%
Dukes: 98.62%
Drapers: 97.78%
Mansion: 97.83%
Monument: 98.40%
Fleet: 96.40%
Farringdon: 98.40%
Gresham: 99.29%
Whittington: 956.90%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.10%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 26th November: Year 3 trip to the Islington Problem-Solving and Teamwork Festival.

Friday 29th November: Small group of pupils attending the Islington Panathlon Challenge.

Monday 2nd December: Year 5 'something special' assembly. Parents and carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 4th December: Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition at Beacon High.

Friday 6th December: Small group of pupils attending the Islington Boccia Festival.

Tuesday 10th December: Year 4/5 Indoor Cricket competition.

Wednesday 11th December: Individual parent/carers meetings with teachers.

Thursday 12th December: Reception trip to the Little Angel Theatre.

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