



THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER VOLUME 7- JUNE 1ST 2024



COMING UP

CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 3RD JUNE

YEAR 5 & 6 RSE ONLINE MEETING
THURSDAY 6TH JUNE
STARTS AT 4PM

YEAR 5 ALLOTMENT VISIT
HERONS AND CORMORANTS
MONDAY 10TH JUNE

YEAR 5 ALLOTMENT VISIT
SWANS
THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

YEAR 6 VISIT THE IMPERIAL WAR
MUSEUM
ORANGE AND GREEN HUB
THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

YEAR 6 VISIT THE IMPERIAL WAR
MUSEUM
BLUE AND YELLOW HUB
MONDAY 17TH JUNE

YEAR 3 VISIT THE BRITISH MUSEUM
TUESDAY 4TH JUNE

Trust



JUNE



JULY

ATTENDANCE STARS

The attendance stars for June:

WITH **96.5%** ATTENDANCE IS

BLUE HUB!

Well, it looks like Blue Hub knew their exams were due and decided to do everything they could to be in class everyday.

GOOD JOB BLUE HUB!



School Values

The school value of the month for June is Trust

The Bible (and all other religious texts) talk about trusting God. There are many stories in the Bible where God or Jesus asks their followers to place their trust in Him.

When they do, they are helped to deal with their problems and often through miracles.

Examples of Bible stories that show trust:

- Moses experienced a feeling of helplessness when, after leading the Israelites out of Egypt, they were stuck between the Red Sea and an angry Egyptian army. He turned to God, who helped Moses and the people of Israel, by parting the waters of the Red Sea so that they could escape.
- Zachariah and Elizabeth, an old and childless couple, were blessed with a son after they prayed to, and served God.
- Jesus helped many desperate people, who were ill, diseased, poor or an outcast, when they turned to Him.



Do you know of any other Bible stories that show trust in God? Tell your teacher and your class.

How can we observe the value of trust at school and at home?

Trust your teachers that they will help you to learn well.

Trust your parents or carers that they will always love you and take care of you.

Trust that the school will always keep you safe.

Pray to God and trust Him that He will always shine His light on you and bless you.



Year 3 Learning



This month, the Year 3 children visited the Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon as part of their Religious Education curriculum. Throughout this half term, the children have been learning about the Buddhist faith. The temple, with its serene beauty, provided an excellent setting for the children to delve into Buddhist practices.

Led by a monk, the children participated in a workshop that offered insights into the religion. The monk shared the story of the Buddha with us using pictures painted on the temple walls. Did you know it took four years and sixteen artists to complete these extraordinary paintings? In addition to this, the monk shared insights into the Buddhist principles, highlighting the significance of promoting positivity and compassion in our daily lives. The children were captivated throughout the trip, eagerly posing questions to the monk, for new knowledge and understanding.

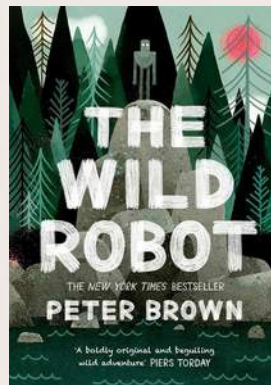
Now that we have returned from our trip, we are excited to expand on this new knowledge in the coming weeks as we delve deeper into learning about the Buddhist faith!

Year 4 Learning



In Science, Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their new topic 'Electricity'. After learning about how to keep safe when using electrical devices, the children have explored how to light bulbs by using batteries, and wires to create a complete electrical circuit. We have now moved onto incorporating switches and buzzers.

This is in preparation to make our own working torches in D.T.



In Teaching of Reading, Year 4 are engrossed with the book 'The Wild Robot,' which is about a robot called Roz who discovers she is alone on a remote island. It is a lovely book which has captivated the children's empathy for Roz.

The book has been made into a motion picture from Dreamworks Studios which is out later this year.

You can watch the trailer here:

Year 5 Learning

Year 5 had a very successful trip to the Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon.

For many of our children, this was their first time visiting a Buddhist Temple. We had lunch in the beautiful, serene temple gardens surrounded by flowers, a Willow tree, a pond and prayer flags.

The Buddhist monks were not only gentle in manner but they also had a quirky sense of humour. This allowed the children to not only enjoy the enlightening talk by the monks, but also to see the attributes of looking at life in a light-hearted way!

The children had the opportunity to meditate as well as to understand more about the Buddhist way of living (such as the five Precepts to Enlightenment).



Year 5 Learning

Our visit to the Tate Modern was a success! We enjoyed the collections and the views of the city. We even managed to view the artwork, 'The Fountain' by Marcel Duchamp.



Year 6 Learning



Community Police Visit

On the afternoon of Tuesday 16th April, our Year 6 pupils were visited by Police Officers from Croydon Police station.

As well as demonstrating some of their kit and showing pupils their patrol car, our visitors discussed a range of ways to keep safe when out and about, and highlighted the dangers of becoming involved in gang-related activity, particularly when transitioning to senior school. Children were reminded that one irresponsible incident at a young age could lead to the loss of career and travel opportunities for life.

As well as answering many of the children's questions, the officers gave out advice on staying safe online and encouraged the children to keep studying hard.

Year 6 Learning



[Croydon Vision visit](#)

A team of volunteers from the local charity, 'Croydon Vision' visited the school on Thursday 25th April to promote awareness of their services, which support Croydon's visually impaired population. Croydon Vision, which has its headquarters in Bedford Road, has now been providing support to people in local area for more than 100 years!

Our visitors explained about the many activities held at the centre, which include social events, computing lessons, art workshops, dance classes and cookery lessons, and encouraged people to visit and consider volunteering.

Equipment that is sometimes used by visually impaired people was demonstrated, including a hot-plate that talks when it is ready to use, a braille 'Rubik's cube' and digital pens which can read aloud any written words that are scanned.

We hope to take children who expressed an interest to visit the centre later in the year.

Reading at The Minster Junior School



We held an amazing Scholastic Book Fair, children came from across school to browse a vast array of fiction and non-fiction books.

Children were able to use their World Book Day vouchers towards purchases and some had won vouchers for their book cover designs. Here are some photos from the fair!



Success in phonics - a shout out to the pupils who have completed the Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme!



Book of the Month:



Recommended for 8-12 year



There is something strange about Coraline's new home.

It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger that Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, her new neighbours, read in the tea leaves. It's the other house - the one behind the old door in the drawing room.

Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay with them. Forever. She knows that if she ventures through that door, she may never come back.

MATHS



At our school, Maths has been in focus this month as we have had the Year 6 children sitting their end-of-Key Stage 2 SATs and the Year 4 children practising for their Multiplication Tables Check.

Fortunately, the response of the children has been very positive and they are benefiting greatly from the extra maths that they have been doing. One child was heard saying, "Maths is actually not hard."

MATHS STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Make links between the times tables in order to learn them quicker:

The 4x table is double the 2x table;

The 8x table is double the 4x table;

The 6x table is double the 3x table

MATHS WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<https://www.themathsfactor.com>

This website has been created by Carol Vorderman and includes video lessons in addition to games and fun maths activities. It has good reviews and it may be worthwhile to have a look at it. It includes a 21-day free trial and then becomes a paid website, with a nominal fee.

When you solve the puzzle correctly, please inform Mrs Bhasin, who will announce your name in worship!

Puzzle time

Balloon bursting

If a number in one of the balloons is included in the answers to the four problems below then that balloon will fly away.

1. Balloons with a multiple of 9
2. Square number balloons
3. Prime number balloons

WHICH BALLOON IS LEFT?

SPORTS

SOUTH
LONDON
AND
PROUD

CLAIM YOUR

FREE GIFT

WITH A FREE
PALACE MEMBERSHIP

INCLUDES:

- » A PALACE DRAWSTRING BAG, IDEAL FOR PE AND SPORTS KIT
- » COMPETITIONS TO WIN MATCH TICKETS FOR MENS, WOMENS AND ACADEMY FIXTURES
- » BIRTHDAY WISHES FROM THE MEN'S OR WOMEN'S TEAM & MUCH MORE!

SCAN TO JOIN NOW »



SPORTS

A huge congratulations to our basketball team for winning the Croydon Finals, becoming champions of the borough. We ended the tournament as undefeated and will therefore represent Croydon at the London Youth Games on June 10th.

It's a massive achievement as we've not won this tournament for 4 years. An extra well done to Mr Grant for all his training each lunchtime.



SCHOOL DISCO

A huge thank you to Mrs Robertson for organising our first Years 3-5 school disco. As you can see from the photographs it was enjoyed by all!



A message from the Head

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in supporting our pupils through recent challenges. Your cooperation and dedication have been invaluable in helping our children navigate these times. I deeply appreciate all that you have done to ensure their well-being and success. The formal SATs have been completed and we hope that Year 6 embrace the learning that continues until they leave. We still have the writing element to submit there will be a greater emphasis on teaching the core subjects through history, geography, DT & science. It is imperative that Year 6 are still attending every day.

As we look forward to the warmer weather, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining our school uniform standards. It is essential that all students wear the correct uniform. Please take the opportunity during the half-term to acquire any uniform items that your child may need, especially appropriate footwear. Ensuring that all pupils are dressed according to our uniform policy helps us to maintain a focused and respectful learning environment.

A message from the Head

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of monitoring and safeguarding your children's use of apps and online platforms, when they are away from school. Too often staff are having to spend learning time addressing issues that originated outside of school but have significantly impacted school life. It is crucial that we work together to ensure our pupils are using appropriate apps and are safe online. Please take this matter seriously and review the apps and online content your children are accessing.

Remove any apps that are not suitable for their age or that could potentially expose them to harmful content. Your cooperation in this matter is vital to maintaining a positive experience for all our students.

Once again we celebrate the great successes our pupils continue to achieve in sporting events. Their hard work and team spirit have been truly inspiring, and we are proud of their accomplishments.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure the best possible environment for our children's growth and learning.