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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Next week we are taking part in Anti-Bullying week 2024. The

theme is 'Choose Respect.' On

Friday 15th November, we will all

wear odd socks to remind us that

we are all different and all





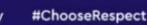
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

CHOOSE RESPECT

Monday 11th to Friday 15th November







DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

We want to make sure your voice is heard so that we can create the best learning environment for your child.

SO HAVE YOUR SAY!

And keep an eye for a link to a survey from the school.

Our parent/carer survey will be launching on **Tuesday 12th November.**

Look out for the link to have your say!

There are £50 shopping vouchers up for grabs!

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ACADEMY COUNCIL

The minutes from all historic meetings are on our website here

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th November at 9.15am

Come in person or join online here

Future meeting dates: 14th January, 4th March, 29th April, 10th June

ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO **OUR 'MY CHILD AT**



SCHOOL' APP? Childschool



All our important information goes out via the app so sign up today!

To sign up, go to https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS /MCSParentLogin

and click on the 'Sign up' link, via the App or on a desktop/laptop.

IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP, **WE WILL BE HOLDING DROP IN** SESSIONS AT SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 9.00AM



Phoenix Outreach Dads Group







This session will focus on understanding what emotional regulation means and sharing practical strategies for supporting your child's emotional regulation and behaviour, including The Zones of Regulation.







For session reminders please email training@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk



Phoenix Upper School, South Building, Paton Close, E3 2QD



9:30am - 10:30am

Friday 15th November 2024



UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES IN TERM TIME

We follow government guidance on term time holidays (see here) and we **do not** authorise pupil holidays during term time. We encourage parents/carers to take their holidays during one of the scheduled holiday breaks.

You can be **fined** or face **legal action** for taking your child on holiday during term time.

PLEASE **DO NOT** PARK ON THE DOUBLE YELLOW OR ZIG-ZAG LINES WHEN YOU ARE COLLECTING OR DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN.





TOWER
HAMLETS
PARKING
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS ARE
CONDUCTING
REGULAR
PATROLS IN THE
AREA





RECYCLING ROBOT!

Our school council are beginning to focus on recycling. We were fortunate enough to have Tower Hamlets council visit us and hold an assembly about recycling. We learnt all about how to recycle and even met their recycling robot!

School council hope to make our own recycling robot in the future. Watch this space!









Supporting you, for a brighter future

Every family sometimes needs support to help their babies and children thrive. Family Hubs brings together local services and advice for children, young people and their families, including Start for Life services for 0–2-year-olds.









IMPORTANT!!!!

Please make sure you clearly label ALL of your children's clothes with their name and class.

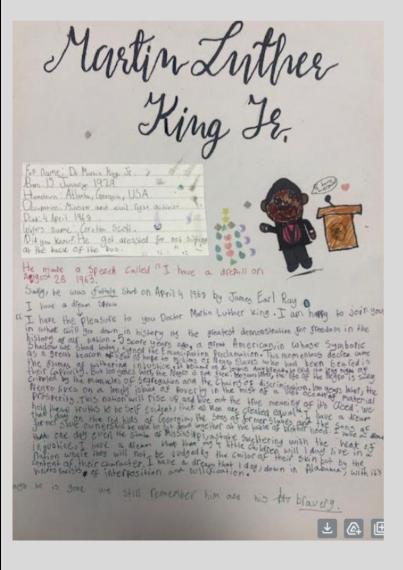
We have dozens of lost jumpers and coats that get left in the playground and lost because we don't know who they belong to!

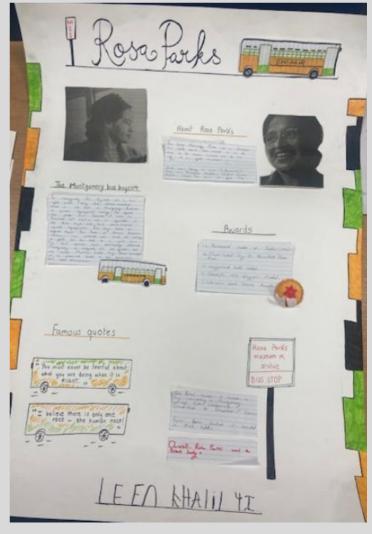


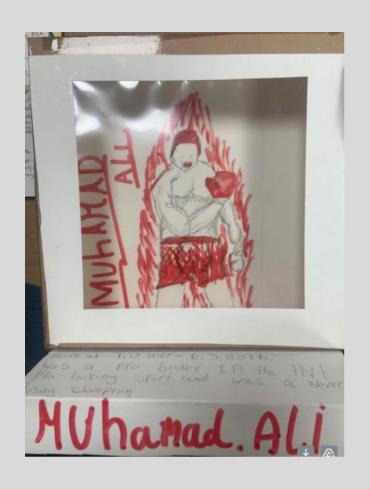
Our pupils have done an **amazing** job completing their **Black History Month** projects at home. These will be on display around the school.

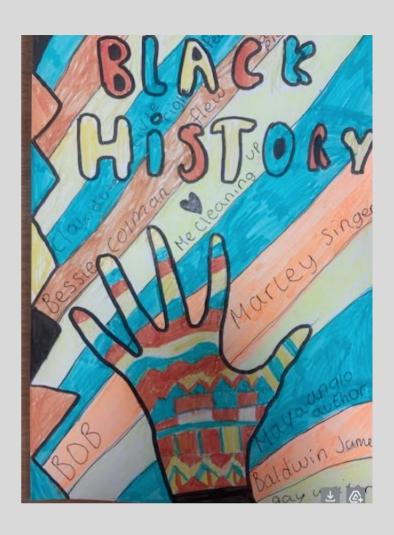


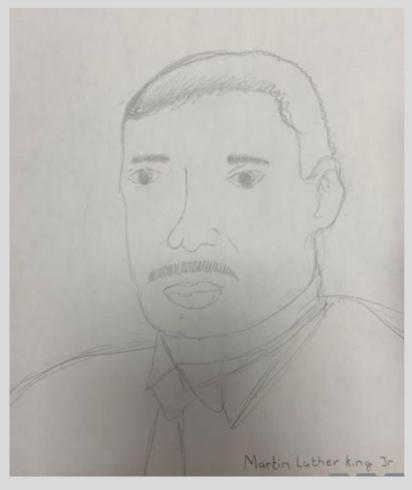








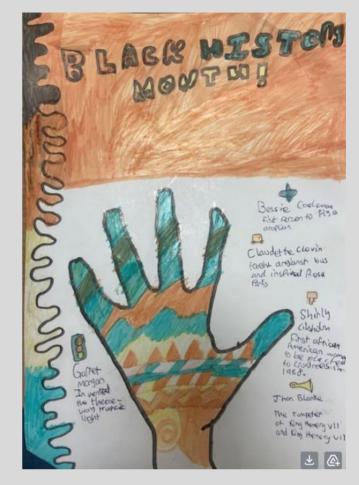


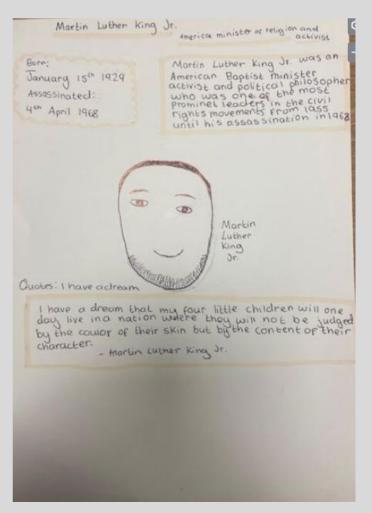




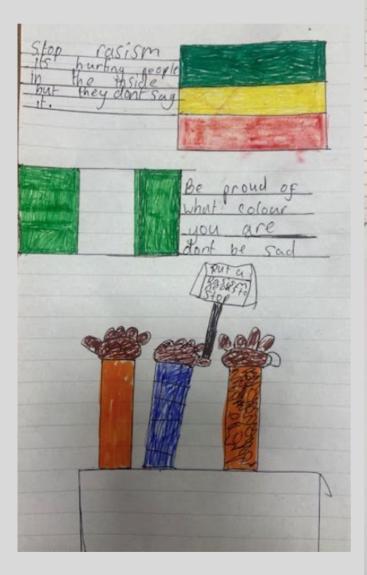














Vinicius Junior

Bernin 12 July 2000, Vinious Junior or Vini Ir is a

I Brazillian perif essenal footballer who plays as a left
wing inform forward for taking the Real Madrid and the
Brazil be national teams considered one of the best
footballers players in the world he is known for his
pace and dribbling and finishing ability. Born in São
Grancala, Vinicious Junior began his proffession consecue
coreer at Flamengo, where node his server debut in
2017, at age 16. If few weeks later Vinicious Junior
was the subject of a bransfer to laliga club Real Madrid
whom he signed for in a £ 32 million deal, which was a
national record for on U-13 player. The transfer was
node a espective after his 18th biethday, with Vinicious
debuting for the club in 2018-2019. Over the following
seasons, Vinicious established him self as a prominent
member in Real Madrid's squad helping the club to use two botion
landsign champions league doubles scoring the winning goal
in the 2022 and 2024 Brasis I being named the tour naments
best player of the season in 2024.

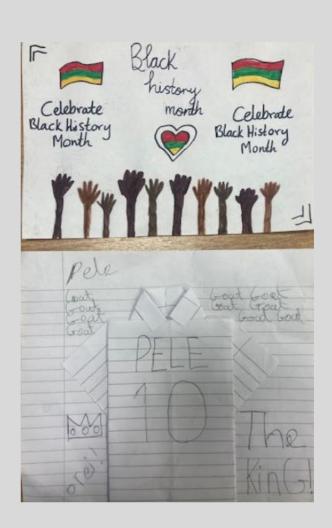
Selma to Montgomery The March for Freedom

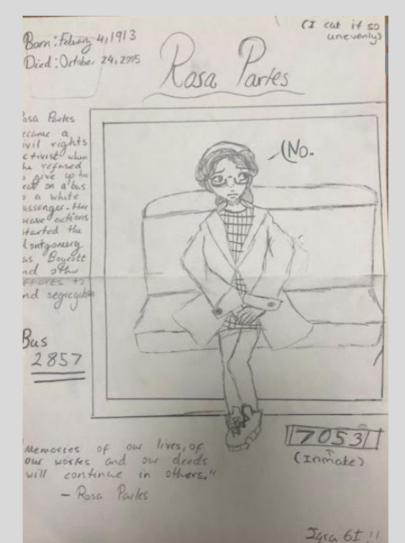
The civil rights movement was a laborious struggle which advocated for the equal treatment and opportunities for minorities across the United States that took place mainly in the 1950s and 1960s. A one of the many events that have happened is Little Rock Nine. After the case Brown v. Board of Education the United States Supreme Court ruled that segregation is illegal in public schools in which after the ruling Little Rock Nine took place on September 4, 1957 as nine Black students known as Little Rock Nine arrived at Central High School to attend classes there but instead were met with a screaming, threatening mob and the Arkansas National Guard (on order of Governor Orval Faubus). The Little Nine rock tried again a couple of weeks later however were removed for their safety after violence ensued. Finally, President Dwight D. Eisenhower intervened and ordered federal troops to escort the students into school however still prejudice and discrimination ensued. This event brought light on the issue of desegregation and fueled protests on both

Though I have talked about Little Rock Nine and the Civil Rights Movement we are here to focus on one topic here the march from Selma to Montgomery. The Selma to Montgomery march was a key event in the American Civil Rights M ovement, driven by the persistent disenfranchisement of African Americans in the South. Despite the Civil Rights Act of 1964, many states continued to implement measures such as literacy tests and poll taxes to prevent black citizens from voting. This systemic racism sparked outrage and the desire for change, culminating in a call for federal intervention to secure voting rights for all.

The march began on March 7, 1965, known as "Bloody Sunday," when peaceful protesters were brutally attacked by law enforcement at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. Led by civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The marchers faced violence yet remained determined. A subsequent march was held on March 9, and finally, under federal protection, the marchers completed their journe y to Montgomery on March 21-25, covering 54 miles.









PARENT/CARER SCHOOL DINNERS ARE BACK!

There will be 10 places available for parents/carers to have school dinner with their children on the following dates:

Year 6 - Thursday 3rd October

Year 5 - Thursday 10th October

Year 4 - Thursday 17th October

Year 3 - Thursday 24th October

Year 2 - Thursday 7th November

Year 1 - Thursday 14th November

Reception - Thursday 21st November

Nursery (Full time pupils only) - Thursday 28th November

If there are more than 10 people that sign up for a date, we will select 10 randomly and will let you know if you have been chosen.

Sign up using the Google form link here







BOM COMMUNITY HUB, PRIESTMAN POINT, RAINHILL WAY, LONDON E3 3EY

Opening on Wednesday 27th November 2024

The launch of our new youth club safe space at Young Tower Hamlets for young people in the borough.

- Hang out in the safe space,
- Meet new friends.
- Use our facilities.
- Attend trips
- Opportunities for training & qualifications

Take part in activities

- and many more

Be the first to meet us: Get to know the youth workers in the club and see the building.Come and take part in some activities and games.

Contact Tobi from YTH for more information

Phone: 07738 265076 Email: Tobie.bolante@ towerhamlets.gov.uk



NOTICES

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Full information about how your child's year group is organised, staffing and what they will be learning this half term is available on our website here



PARENTS/CARERS

Please do not use the pupil toilets before and after school!

These are for the children - not you!

COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday, 9.00am with Shabina



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NAME YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

We have a very full lost property box already and nothing in there is named. Please take a couple of minutes with a pen and write your child's name on the label of their coat, school jumper and anything else that may get lost. As a parent, I know how annoying and expensive it is to have to replace lost items.





PLAYGROUND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please remember that there are no staff on duty in the playgrounds before and after school so parents/carers should supervise their own children.

Children should not be playing with balls or on the climbing frames

MANNERS

As part of our 'Manners and etiquette' work, we are practising our conversation and listening skills. Look over the page to see what we are learning...

Listening Skills

How do you show good listening?

How do you show good listening?

1. Look at the person speaking



2. Nod occasionally

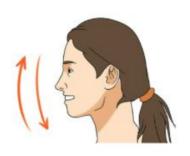


3. Use verbal affirmations









4. Ask follow up questions





How do you show good listening?

5. Don't interrupt!



6. Keep open body language



What does a good conversation look like?

Good listening



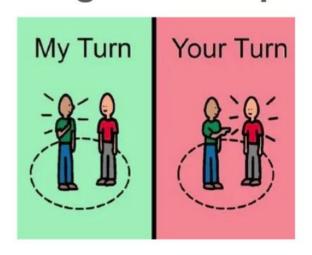
Speaking clearly



Asking questions



Taking turns to speak



Using appropriate body language



MOBILE PHONES AND E-SAFETY

As you know, an important part of our curriculum is teaching pupils about **esafety**.

We know that a lot of our pupils spend a lot of their time online, either through **online gaming** or on **social media apps.**

This can sometimes lead to contact with inappropriate people and/or exposure to inappropriate language.

We **strongly recommend** that you monitor your children's usage of the internet and that you are aware of what they are doing online.

Please see social media apps age ratings below.





CAKE WITH KEVIN VALUES WINNERS!

Over the page...





RI - Junaid Miah

Junaid - integrity you are always doing the right thing and listening on the carpet. You are a super star Junaid and we love having you in Reception I!



2C - Ariana

Ariana, you show Excellence in everything you do! You are always working hard, showing STAR and helping others. I have noticed how you have become your table's manager by helping people around you tidy their books and track the speaker. Well done and thank you!

1C - Maria

I would like to present
Maria with a value award
because she consistently
shows integrity by working
hard, even when tasks are
difficult. Maria your
dedication to completing
your work correctly sets a
great example for your
classmates. Keep up the
hard work!

Cold Ford





2E - Yunus

Yunus, I love how hard you try in all your lessons, and that you're becoming more brave and answering more questions in class. Keep it up, I'm very proud of you.





3C - Aisha

Excellence- You are just EXCELLENT! You take great pride in your work and always try your best. It is a pleasure to teach you as you always show maturity, integrity and perseverance. Keep up the good work. Keep making the right choices and keep excelling!

21 - Aqsa

Community Congratulations, Aq'sa!
You are a true team
player. Whether you're
helping others in the
classroom or playing for
your team during PE, you
bring joy to everyone
around you. I'm so proud
of your kindness and how
helpful you are! Keep
shining!









3E - Sulaiman

Excellence - WELL DONE SULAIMAN. You did SO SO well with your DT project making knots by yourself and helping other children too. So proud of you. Keep trying like you did this week!







31 - Zuhaib

Community - For always supporting and thinking of others. You show a true community spirit in class.

5C - Ezra

You have been chosen to receive an excellence award for showing fantastic listening skills and responding well to feedback during our Literacy lesson. Keep up the effort Fzra!

5E - Ibraheem

Excellence: You have gradually improved with your confidence since you have become PA, you inspire those around you with your integrity and calmness. You have the potential to become the best PA I have ever had!





Integrity

doing the right thing even when no one is watching

Community

working together; learning from, and supporting, others

Excellence

enabling everyone to achieve more through education

51 - Mikaeel

Congratulations Mikaeel for your continuous commitment and positive attitude at school! You are always showing integrity and making the best out of your learning time. I am very proud of your achievements.



61 - Yahya

Well done and thank you for always modelling amazing examples of integrity! I am very proud of your hard work and efforts this week! You superstar!







UNIFORM

Pupils should **ONLY** be wearing the uniform pictured below. If pupils are not in the correct uniform, we will be calling parents/carers for them to bring this in. **NO 'HOODIES' OF ANY COLOUR**



P.E. UNIFORM

Please make sure your child has black jogging bottoms or shorts and a black T-shirt.

Black T-shirts are available from the school office for £2.00



Scarves should be dark blue or black



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

The afterschool care club at OFPA no longer operates. We have made an arrangement with **Olga Primary School** who have agreed that we can use their club. Their club runs from 3.30pm - 6.00pm daily and children are given a hot meal.

Each day, a OFPA staff member will collect the children from Old Ford and walk them over to Olga (which is about 5 minutes walk away.) Parents/carers will then collect the children from there. More information about the Olga provision can be found here:

https://www.olga.towerhamlets.sch.uk/info/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/

You can enrol your child through OFPA and we will pass your information on to Olga.



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AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please could you wait until all pupils are in their lines before speaking to the teacher and collecting your child.

We need to make sure that all of our pupils go home with the right adult!

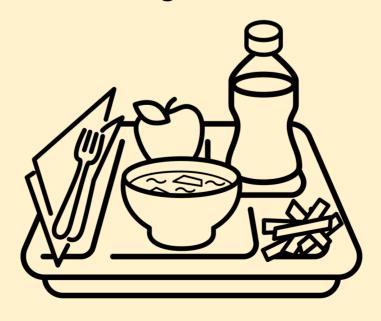
REMEMBER - SCHOOL STARTS AT...



DUIT I DE LATE:

How are lunches organised at OFPA?

- All pupils play in their playground.
- A midday meals supervisor will come out to the playground and ring a bell. All the children stop and look.
- The midday meals supervisor will hold up a sign with the name of a class on it (e.g. 3E) and all the children line up and are walked in to the dinner hall.
- This is repeated for all classes.
- At the end, a sign is held up saying 'Last Call' This
 is an opportunity for any children who have
 missed their lunch to go in.



MENU FOR 2024/25

(From October 2024)





WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03





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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN

Roasted Vegetable, Tomato & Chickpea Pasta Bake & Mixed Vegetable

Thai Chicken Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, and Gravy Beef Bolognaise served with Spag hetti, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels Served With Wholegrain Rice & Mixed Vegetable

Roasted Butternut Squash & Spinach Thai Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage and Gravy

Vegetable & Lentil Bolognaise served with Penne Pasta, Homemad Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

PASTA & JACKETS

Jacket Potato with Choice of Topping served with Fresh Salad Pasta Twists with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread Jacket Potato with Choice of Topping served with Fresh Salad Pasta Twists with Cheddar Cheese Sauc with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

DESSERTS

ce cream Mondays Or Fresh fruit pot Natural yogurt with healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot Natural yogurt wit healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot Natural yogurt wir healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot Treat day Friday with cake Or Fresh fruit pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day



WEEK 2 MENU

WEEKS: 11/11, 02/12, 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03





MAIN

Margarita Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn

MONDAY

Marinated Jerk Chicken Served With Rice & Peas, Mixed Vegetable

TUESDAY

Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy

WEDNESDAY

Italian Meatball in a Rich Tomato Sauce Served with Pasta & Mixed Vegetables

THURSDAY

Breaded Fish Fillet served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

FRIDAY

MEAT

Rainbow Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn Sweet Potato & Black Bean Jerk Curry Served With Rice & Peas, Mixed Vegetable Cauliflower, Broccoli Lentil Cheese Bake Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy Italian Vegan Meatball in a Rich Tomato Sauce Served with Pasta & Mixed Vegetables

Vegan Sausage Roll served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

PASTA &

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad Pasta Twists with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with

DESSERTS

Ice cream Monday: Or Fresh fruit pot Natural yogurt with healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot Natural yogurt with healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot Natural yogurt with healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot

Freat day Friday with cake Or Fresh fruit pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day

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WEEK 3 MENU

WEEKS: 18/11, 09/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03





MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL Traditional Macaroni Cheese Served with Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables Turkey Tikka Served with Rice, Naan Bread Finger and Mixed vegetable Chicken Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy Beef Lasagna Served with Homemade Garli Bread & Mixed Vegetables Or Fresh Salad

Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE Moroccan Vegetable & Chickpea Tagine Served with Crusty Whole mea. Vegetable Tikka Served with Rice, Naan bread Finger and Mixed

Quorn Sausage served with Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy Tex Mex Vegan Mince & Cheese Burrito Served With Mixed Vegetables Or Fresh Salad Fishless Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

PASTA & JACKETS

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

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DESSERTS

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Marketing Planner

2024/2025



National Hispanic Heritage Month

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of Peace

Thursday 19th



World Teachers Day

Friday 4th

Black History Month

Thursday 17th



Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Lunch

Tuesday 5tl

Diwali



National Odd Sock Day

Thursday 4th

Christmas Dinner Day

Date to be agreed with school



Veganuary Thursday 16th

Chinese New Year Wednesday 29th



National Pizza Day

International Stand Up to Bullying Day Friday 28th



Pancake Day Tuesday 4th

World Book Day Thursday 6th



Eid al-Fitr Tuesday 1st

Easter

Last Roast Dinner



International Harry Potter Day Thursday 1st

> Spring Picnic

Picnic Thursday 22nd



World Environment Day Thursday 5th

Healthy Eating Week Tuesday 10th



Ice Cream Station

Leavers BBQ Lunch Agreed with each school

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is your responsibility to notify the school **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** on the **MORNING** of the day of absence.

There are a couple of ways in which you can notify the administration team of your child's absence.

Please note: you do not need to speak to a member of the administration team to report your child's absence.

 Leave a voicemail by calling the school on 020 8980 1503 and select option 1 and wait for the beep after the message. You will then be asked to leave a voicemail.

Please clearly state:

- Child's full name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence

OR

- 2) Email the school on info@oldfordacademy.org and please put ABSENCE REPORT in the subject line and then state:
- Child's full name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence

If you do not report your child's absence they will have an unauthorised absence mark.

Please be reminded that three days of unauthorised absences will result in a penalty notice referral to the local authority and may lead to a £60 fine per child, per parent.

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Families Matter

A magazine full of news and information to support families Featuring the SEND Information Supplement

Celebrating family learning



Read all about the Parental Engagement Team's family learning workshops in schools, including the newly developed Reading for Pleasure and Family Science Lab workshops, see pages 5-7.

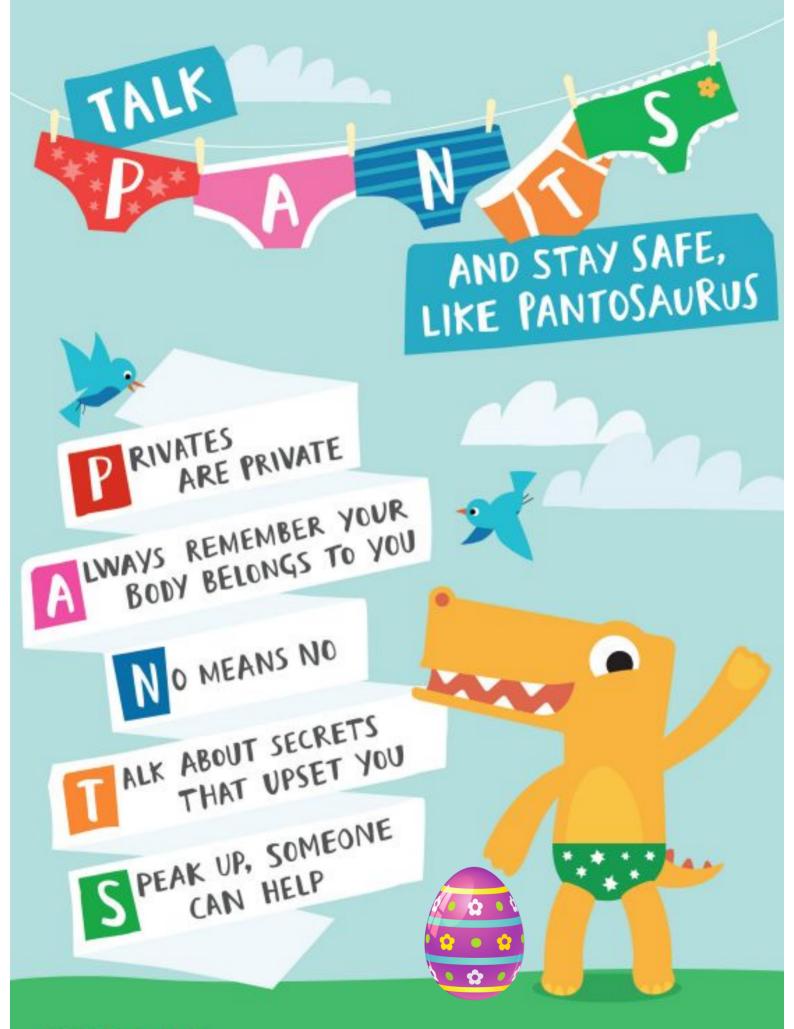
Read the latest edition of the Families Matter magazine and monthly e-bulletin online at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/familiesmatter

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

LEARN PANTOSAURUS' FIVE EASY RULES FOR STAYING SAFE



PRIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

NO MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

It's always good to talk about stuff that makes you upset. If you're worried, go and tell a grown up you trust – like a family member, teacher or one of your friend's parents. They'll say well done for speaking out and help make everything OK. You can also call Childline on 0800 1111 and someone will always be there to listen.

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch you underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.



ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

There are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad – and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.

