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Walk to School Month

The month of May will be "Walk to School Month" for our whole school. The aim is to encourage all pupils and their families to avoid the use of their cars, to walk to school every day, to develop healthy habits and have fun.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download an activity book and diary which pupils can use throughout the month of May. It includes 14 sets of colourful and educational walking activities to support children in learning about important themes while staying active.

Every morning throughout the month of May, teachers will record which pupils have walked to school. If they have walked to school (without a car) then they will be given a "Walk to School" sticker and a "Walk to School" point on our new behaviour software called Class Charts.

Pupils with the highest number of "Walk to school" class chart points will receive a special badge. The class with the highest number of "Walk to school" points will receive a prize.

Please can you encourage your child(ren) to take part and to walk to school every day.

Pupil Attendance

This week's attendance was **96.4%**. Well done to Reception and Year 2 and the classes below who had the highest attendance this week. Please remember that our attendance target is over 97%. Please send your child to school every day.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94.4%
Overall	96.4%

Highest Attendance	% Present
Ibn Zubayr	99.6%
Ibn Thaabit	98%
Ibn Zayd	98%
Ibn Malik	97%
Al Faris	97%
Ibn Amr	98%
Ibn Haarithah	99.2%

We have noticed that the lowest attendance is normally on Fridays. Please remember that although Friday is half day for all pupils, a significant amount of learning takes place on this day. Please ensure that your child attends school every day, including Fridays, to avoid developing gaps in their learning.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

Congratulations on completing more than half of the days of this blessed month of Ramadan. We are fast approached the blessed final 10 days and nights of Ramadan. I continue to pray that Allah accepts all of our fasting, prayers and charity. Ameen.

I wish to ask you all for a special favour during this blessed month. When you break your fast at the time of Iftar or you pray Qiyamul Layl in the night during the last 10 days of Ramadan, please make sincere du'a for the school, its pupils, parents, staff and that our application to allow all pupils to move to the new building at Lower Clapton Road in September 2021 is accepted by Hackney Council. If we are deserving and put our complete trust in Allah, then I have no doubt that He will not abandon us, He will support us and grant us success. Ameen.

May I encourage you all to take part in the *Walk to School Month*, the benefits are many and a great opportunity for our pupils. Let us be positive role models for our children.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch my 2nd Ramadan assembly.

Class Charts Parent App

All parents should have received download instructions and logins details for the parent app of our new behaviour monitoring system called Class Charts. If you did not receive it on Friday, then you will receive it on Tuesday. The app enables you to see all of the positive and negative points that your child receives every day at school in real time. Please use the app to review, discuss and celebrate your child's positive behaviour each day.

Eid Arrangements

Star Academies has provisionally planned school holiday closures for Eid on **Thursday 13th** and **Friday 14th May**. However, there is a possibility that Eid may occur on **Wednesday 12th May**. We will not be in a position to determine this until the sighting of the moon. If Eid does occur on the earlier date, our holiday will be on **Wednesday 12th May** and **Thursday 13th May**, and all pupils/staff will be required to attend school on **Friday 14th May**. We would only be able to advise parents/staff of this change late on **Tuesday 11th May**.

All parents will be advised of the Eid holidays by text message on the evening of **Tuesday 11th May**.

STAR Ramadan Charity Campaign

A reminder that all STAR schools are helping to raise £100K for needy people in the United Kingdom and Syria. Our donations will make a real difference to people's lives. All donations should be made via ParentPay.

Community Gift Scheme

A reminder that in the final 10 days of Ramadan, our school will be preparing hampers and gift packs (of food items or other products) to be made and distributed to people in the local community, including residents of care homes. We will also be preparing Eid hampers for needy neighbours, of any faith or no faith, as a symbol of our inclusive and charitable approach. We welcome parents to provide suitable food and non-food items for these hampers/gifts in the final 10 days of Ramadan. Please send these items to school in a bag with your child(ren) by **Wednesday 5th May 2021**.

Laptop Returns

Here is a schedule for all laptop returns. Please note that all laptops remain the property of the school and must be returned on the following days:

- Parents of year 6 pupils are to return their laptops on **Tuesday 4th May to Cazenove Road (from 8am onwards)**.
- Parents of year 5 pupils are to return their laptops on **Tuesday 4th May to NCC (1pm-3pm)**
- Parents of year 4 pupils are to return their laptops on **Wednesday 5th May to NCC (1pm-3pm)**
- Parents of year 3 pupils are to return their laptops on **Thursday 6th May to NCC (1pm-3pm)**
- Parents of year 2 pupils are to return their laptops on **Friday 7th May to NCC (1pm-3pm)**
- Parents of year 1 pupils are to return their laptops on **Monday 10th May to Lower Clapton new site (1pm-3.30pm)**
- Parents of reception pupils are to return their laptops on **Tuesday 11th May to Lower Clapton new site (1pm-3.30pm)**

Please hand the laptop in to a member of the school admin team **not the class teacher**.

All laptops should be returned fully charged with the power adapter included.

If parents fail to return the laptop **they will be charged for the full cost of the laptop.**

Book Bags

The school office will no longer be accepting cash for book/PE bags – as we have a no cash policy. A new payment item has been set up on ParentPay.

The new process for purchasing book bags includes:

- Parents will pre-pay on Parent Pay.
- Book bag will be given to the child directly by the school.
- Parent will not need to come in to pick up the bag.

Year 6 Knife Crime Awareness Workshops

Knife crime has consistently risen, and it's reaching unprecedented levels, including in Hackney where our school is located. We have organised a Knife Crime Awareness Workshop for all Year 6 pupils on **Wednesday 5th May 2021**.

These workshops will take place in school and will educate our pupils about the dangers of knife crime and help them to make positive choices to stay safe. We will take Year 6 pupils on the journey of both the victim and the offender through a series of unique and immersive experiences. We will show Year 6 pupils how the choices they make, and the consequences of those choices, are intrinsically linked.

WALK TO SCHOOL - IT'S ONE WIN AFTER ANOTHER

HAPPIER CHILDREN

Children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

CLEANER AIR

One in four cars during the morning rush hour are taking children to school - the school run alone is responsible for generating two million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year. By walking to school just once per week you can help improve the quality of air your child is growing up in.

SAFER JOURNEYS

The Walk to school is another opportunity for your child to learn road safety.

YOUR HEALTH

If you walk to school with your child, you will get fitter too!

YOUR TIME

Fed up of the traffic and finding a parking space at the school gate? Walking to school can be just as quick as driving and is a nice way to spend a few moments chatting with your child about their day and yours.

YOUR WALLET

Don't forget you can save money by spending less on petrol.



'Everyone's Invited' website

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum (peace be with you)

'Everyone's Invited' is a website that has been set up to change societal attitudes to sexual harassment, violence and abuse through the publication of anonymous testimonies.

I am sure that you will be aware that there has been a huge national response that has highlighted concerns about the welfare of children and young people.

I write to assure you that we have robust safeguarding procedures in place to keep our pupils safe and this remains our foremost priority. We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment in school where children are respected and valued. Sexual violence and harassment are never acceptable, will never be tolerated and are not an inevitable part of growing up. We are committed to the prevention, early identification and appropriate management of peer-on-peer abuse.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss the issue in more detail, we have a dedicated safeguarding team comprising of all members of the senior leadership team. Our designated safeguard lead is Anna Nou, Deputy Principal.

Yours sincerely,

Babar Mirza
Principal





CULTURE CORNER!



SUBJECT FOCUS: MEL



MR PATEL'S CHALLENGE TO YOU!

Bonjour! J'espère que vous avez tous passé une semaine brillante. (Hello! I hope you all had a brilliant week)

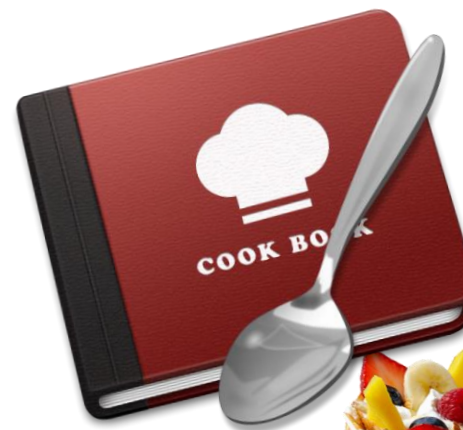
What do you know about French cuisine?

French food is celebrated all over the world. French cuisine has influenced the style of cooking throughout Europe, and its chefs work in restaurants throughout the world. In France, there are many traditional dishes, some of which you might know as they are popular all over the world.

Here's my challenge to you:

Write a recipe for a French food or dish. However, you have to try to do it entirely in French!

Why not give it a go as a family, send us in your photos or send a video of you writing or even making the food or dish.



EXAMPLES OF FRENCH FOOD

- Baguettes
- Croissant
- Macaroons
- French crêpes
- Gâteau

Have a look at some of the examples of French food above!