



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week our Y5/6 pupils took part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop. While learning about the Dark Ages the children were able to handle artefacts and pose questions. I was so pleased to receive excellent feedback from the team delivering the workshop; they were very impressed by our pupils' knowledge and their carefully considered questions.

Today a small group of our pupils accompanied by Mrs. McKrell have spent some time attending to the planters that our school take care of outside Didsbury Library. We hope that the flowers and plants will add a pop of colour during the winter months.

Next week is anti-bullying week. The theme for the week is 'make some noise about bullying'. Through our assemblies and PSHE lessons we will be exploring the theme. Odd Socks Day launches the week, so we would like to encourage everyone to wear odd socks on Monday to show our commitment to tackle bullying.

Today we are saying goodbye to Mr. McCarthy who has been a TA in our Acorn class for the last few years. We would like to wish him every success in his new school in his new role as a HLTA. On Monday we will welcome a new member to our Acorn team, Miss. McQuillan, and we are looking forward to working with her and welcoming her to Broad Oak.

Finally, last week we held our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to arrange an appointment.

Best Wishes
Kevin Corteen.
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

KS1 & EYFS Nativity 6th Dec, 2pm & 7th Dec 9.30am.

KS2 Christmas Sing-a-long 13th December 2.15pm.

Christmas Dinner 13th Dec.

KS1 & 2 Cinema Trip to see Wish 14th Dec 9am.

Last day of term Friday 15th December.

Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year is **97%**. Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 10/11/23 was **94.1%**

The following classes attendance was above our target W/E 10.11.23:

Oak—99%, Pine— 98%, Aspen—97%, Poplar - 99%.

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 06.11.23:

Oak 99%, Poplar—97%, Acorn—97%, Alder 99%.

Star of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week this week:

Elm - Amy & Alice, **Pine** - Abi & Ibrahim J, **Beech** - Alfie & Ibrahim,

Ash - Haasnain & Norah.

Hazel - Berry-Ann & Olivia, **Alder** - Leo & Zara,
Larch - Frankie & Sophie.

Rowan - Arianna & Zainab, **Aspen** - All off Aspen class,
Spruce - Jacob & Zidan, **Poplar** - Clara & Jackson.

On Friday 20th October there was no star of the week assembly as we held our first 'Always' assembly of the academic year. Over 40 pupils were recognised and received their 'Always' badge for consistently demonstrating our core values.

Well done to all of our 'Always' children!

Remembrance:

**Poppy Path (by the Poppy Bridge)
on Saturday at 11.00am**

Every year the Friends of Didsbury Park hold a short (no more than 10 minutes) Act of Remembrance for our local community, next to the Poppy Bridge on the Poppy Path. As part of the Act of Remembrance we also invite participants to sow some more poppy seeds.

We would love you to participate in this with us on Saturday and you will also be welcome to join us afterwards for a complimentary tea or coffee in the cafe in the park.

The Act of Remembrance begins with the playing of the 'last post' at 11am.

We've had a visitor in EYFS! This week, we met Harry the horse and had the opportunity to say hi and give him a stroke.



In year 5 and 6, throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. As part of our learning, we looked at the author Malorie Blackman. She is a successful British author, who has wrote books such as 'Nougats and Crosses'. Growing up she found that in lots of many of the lead roles were white characters so all the books she writes have black characters at the heart of them.

17.10.2023

WALT Describe how a significant person in history has influenced the UK.



Malorie Blackman is a Black British icon who was born in London 1962 along with her 4 siblings. She and her parents moved from a tropical island called Barbados to London in the UK. She is a famous black author and her most popular book was called Nougats and Crosses. She also wrote Pig heart, leg, and Hacker, they are best sellers. As a young child Malorie loved to read, she loved it so much that she read every book in her local library and only one book in that library featured a black person or mentioned a black culture.

Malorie Blackman was an OBE (Order of the British Empire) awarded to her by Prince Charles (who is now the current King) for many things she has done for her country. She wanted to become a teacher but after she got a job as a computer scientist. Malorie has wrote over 60 books for children and adults she is 61 years old. Millions of people look up to her as role model and she plans to write more books in the future.

19.10.23

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Malorie Blackman

Malorie Blackman was born London, 1962 and when she was young she dreamed of becoming a teacher. All her family were from the Caribbean (Barbados). By the time she was eleven years of age, she had read all the children books in her local library. Her love of reading was for fiction, tales, myths, legends and magical stories. When she grew older she really realised how much people with colour were discriminated. When she went to a local bookshop the only book that had a black child on it, was called They in the Village by James Berry.

Many years later, she found a hobby in computer coding and helped her dad get out of jail (which he was wrongly accused).



In DT, Y5/6 have been using electric circuits to make greetings cards that have a light bulb in them.

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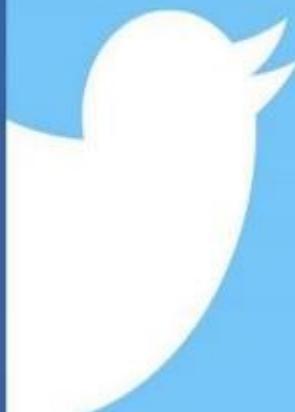
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