

Year 6 Newsletter 18.9.26

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a good week. It was great to meet some of you at the information meeting yesterday. If you were unable to make it, the presentations will be available on the school website shortly.

This Week

This week the children have found out about some of the main threats to our planet in Geography. In art, they have been exploring the art of Paula Rego and in computing they tried out some coding using the microbits. In science, they have been complete and incomplete electrical circuits and during P.E. lessons, children have been practising their hockey skills.

Next Week

Next week, the children will be developing their writing skills through writing a fairy tale. In computing the children are learning about code breaking and the importance of using a complex password on their accounts and in P.E. they will be trying out some line dancing.

Homework

Year 6 now have their homework books. All homework will go out on a Tuesday and will be due in on the Monday of the following week. Please remind your child that spellings and reading are also part of the homework. Please also encourage your child to use times tables rockstars regularly to improve their fluency with multiplication.

Reading

Please ensure your child's Reading Record is signed by an adult. Children should be reading every evening for at least 15 minutes and, where possible, to an adult. All books can be changed during the class Library Session.

Autobiographies: On Monday we will be giving the children the information they need to begin their extended project. This will be in the form of an autobiography about themselves.

Notices and Reminders

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case in school with the necessary equipment, including an erasable black ink pen for handwriting (a 'frixion' pen or similar is ideal), green pen for editing, pencil, sharpener, rubber, a 30cm ruler, whiteboard pen, coloured pencils and a glue stick. It would also be useful to have refills for their ink pens. Year 6 P.E/Games lessons are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and children should have their full PE kits available in school for these days. However, there are many sports clubs and events in year 6 and it would be useful for all children to keep their kits in school Monday to Friday. Please ensure ALL items are named. Even year 6's struggle to recognise their own kits sometimes.

Secondary School Applications

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The deadline for secondary school applications is October 31st. Many secondary schools are holding open evenings over the next few weeks for you to visit and find out more and we would encourage you to take advantage of this. For more details, click the following link:

<https://leap.hillingdon.gov.uk/downloads/file/1292/final-secondary-school-admissions-a5-leaflet-2027-online>

D.T. day: We will be completing our first DT project of the year towards the end of the half term and the children will be using the electrical knowledge they have been learning in science to create a game. In order to make their work, each child will need to bring in 2 AA batteries. They will then be able to bring these home again with their finished work. Thank you for your support with this.

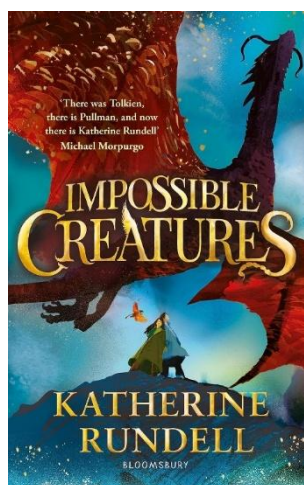
Upcoming events

We have a trip to the Science Museum coming up for year 6 on 30th November. We will be looking for parent volunteers to accompany us. Please email your child's class teacher if you are able to join us.

Reminders/deadlines/ key dates for next week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Poplar - PE Pine - PE	Pine - Library	Poplar - PE Pine - PE	Poplar - Library	Poplar - PE Pine - PE

Book Recommendation

We like to put a book recommendation on each week's newsletter in year 6 to give children ideas of books they would like to read. We include a range of options during the year including classics and recently published texts. We hope this will encourage the children to enjoy reading and become aware of some of the great authors and text available for children and young people.



'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell is a brilliant book by a brilliant author. It has won several awards since its publication last year and is a 'must read' for those who love fantasy stories.

When Christopher discovers a portal to another world close to his grandfather's house, he knows that he needs to explore further and soon finds himself in a world where the mythical features from fairy tales and legend still exist. He also meets Mal, who owns a flying coat and a griffin but is also in danger.

Christopher soon realises that it is part of his destiny to protect this place and he enters into an exciting, and sometimes dangerous, adventure.

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Upcoming dates

Friday 25 th September	GenEarth Workshop for Year 5
Friday 9 th October	Year 5 Pedestrian Training
Week Beginning 12th October	Pennies for the PTA House Competition
Tuesday 13th October	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 14th October	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Thursday 23 rd October	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am
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(Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October)

Have a lovely weekend,

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