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Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a relaxing break over the summer. We have tried to start bringing things back to normal in school whilst still being vigilant and careful. Our latest risk assessment is on the website and we will continue to update it regularly. We have shortened the times of when the gates are open on both sites, but have kept the one way systems. As a school we are continuing with staggered playtimes and limiting the movement around school.

We have already sent out a letter informing a class that we have had a positive case, but we no longer have to send home 'bubbles' unless there has been close contact. We would still prefer it if you could wear your masks when on site. Anyone coming into the building will be asked to put on a mask unless they are exempt.

#### Educational visits survey

Thank you to the parents who filled in the visits survey on the app. We had nearly 200 parents share their views. 91% of parents said they were happy for their child to take part in either indoor or outdoor trips. 5% would prefer outdoor venues only and 4% are not yet comfortable with off site visits. 91% were happy for their child to travel either on foot or by public transport and 6% would prefer venues that the children can walk to.

There were many comments from parents saying how they and their children were very much looking forward to trips this year, after missing out during the pandemic.

The teachers are planning a range of visits for all year groups and look forward to sharing the plans with you all. All trips continue to be rigorously risk assessment with clear safety measures in place.

#### Year 4 "Hook Day" Ancient Egypt

Friday 17th September will be a "Hook Day" to inspire and excite the pupils about their new topic on The Ancient Egyptians.

Pupils are welcome/encouraged to come to school on that day dressed as Mummies, Pharaohs, Archaeologists, Obelisks etc. and travel back 4000+ years!

#### Clubs

We are currently finalising the timetable for clubs this term. It will be on the app next week along with the links to sign up. The clubs will start the week beginning 20th September.

We will be sending information about Parent Council and PTA next week.

Have a great weekend  
Katie Jennings



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#### STAY SAFE

- Wear a mask
- Keep washing your hands
- Only 1 person to bring children into school
- Contact the school if you need help
- Let us know if you have a positive test

## LATERAL FLOW HOME TESTING

Families with children in school can collect testing kits to test themselves at home - the details are in the link [here](#). There is a collection point One Hoe Street and Wood Street Library- Further information : <https://www.gov.uk/ordercoronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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## NEWS

Many of you will be aware that it was with deep regret and sadness that I had to send information about the death of Mr Hall in the summer. He started his teaching career here at Mission Grove in 2018. A dedicated teacher and sports enthusiast, Mr Hall taught Waxwing, Kinglets and Moorhen, but reached out to many more children with his love of sport and technology. His mum has said that he loved working with all the children and doing his projects, especially the cricket club. Mr Hall was a local boy who loved Walthamstow and wanted nothing more to give back to the community that he lived and worked in.

We will be organising a memorial cricket match within the next few weeks.

### **Coffee mornings**

This year we will be having our McMillan coffee mornings. It will be a chance for you to meet your child's class teacher and donate to a worthy cause in the process. We will ask you to wear a mask. The meetings will be at the start of the day for 30 minutes.

Wednesday 22nd Year 4

Thursday 23rd Year 5

Friday 24th Year 6

Tuesday 28th Waxwing

Wednesday 29th Wagtail

Thursday 30th Wren

Friday 1st Woodpecker



Friday 17th Year 3 North

Tuesday 21st Year 1 North

Wednesday 22nd Year1 & 2 South

Friday 24th Year 3 South

Thursday 30th Year 2 North

## SPECIAL DATES

Please check the app and/or the website for many events that we have already got planned for the year. These will be added to as more things are happening.

**Friday 17th** Jeans for Genes Day—the children can come in non-uniform and donate to charity.

Week beginning 20th—year 4 cycling & clubs start

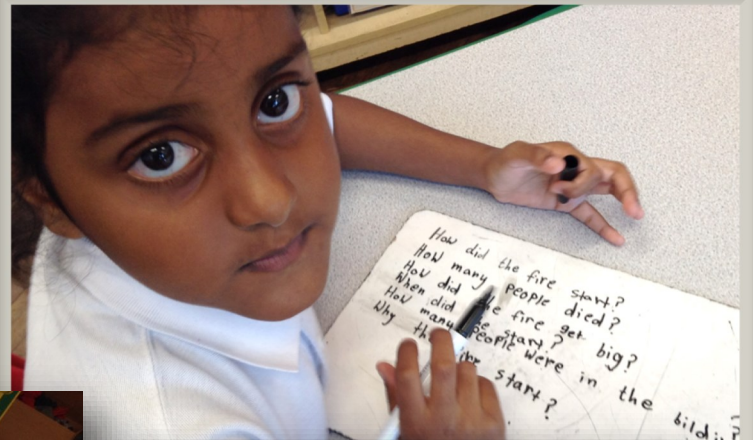
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Kittiwake	Mr Murray
Kingfisher	Mr Cole
Kestrel	Miss Odeen
Moorhen	Ms. Osborne
Merlin	Mrs Ahmed
Mallard	Mr Merchant
Magpie	Miss Lathem
Mandarin	Mr Evans
Crow	Miss O'Brien
Cuckoo	Miss Stevens
Chiff Chaff	Miss Watkin
Chaffinch	Miss Beath & Mr Redding
Goldcrest	Mrs Hussain
Goldfinch	Mr Gwynn-Jones
Goose	Mrs Hussain
Grouse	Miss Harper
Barn owl	Mrs Nichols
Buzzard	Miss Conroy
Blackbird	Miss Carter
Swallow	Mrs Brash & Miss Yeboah
Sparrow	Mis Choudhary
Swan	Mrs Cartwright
Skylark	Miss Ley
Wren	Ms. Agard
Waxwing	Miss Klonowska
wagtail	Miss Mozir
Woodpecker	Miss Acheampong
Nursery North	Miss Mikkides, Mrs Maryam, Miss Luisa, Miss
Nursery South	Miss Richard & Miss Gemma
2s	Miss Aneesa, Miss Esme, Miss Shazia

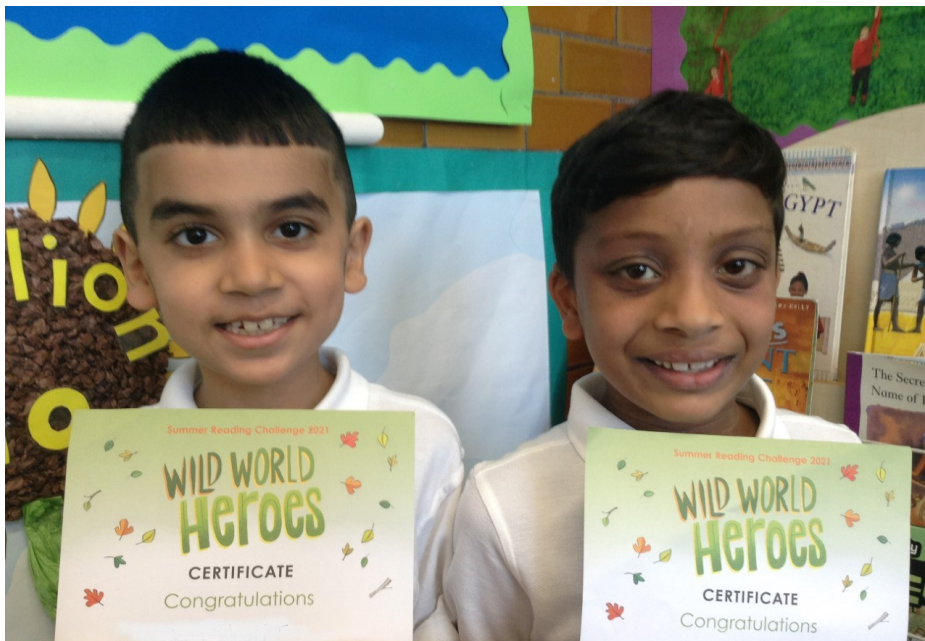


Year 4 guitar lessons have started. We hope to have small group guitar , violin and drumming lessons soon. Please email the office if you are interested.



Year 2 starting their Great Fire of London topic.

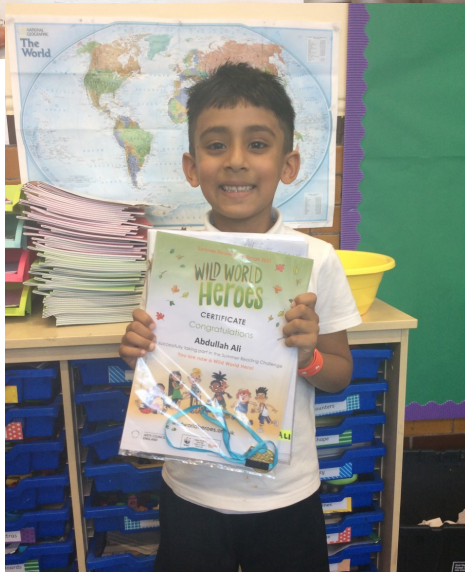




It was great to see the children who had completed the summer reading challenge.

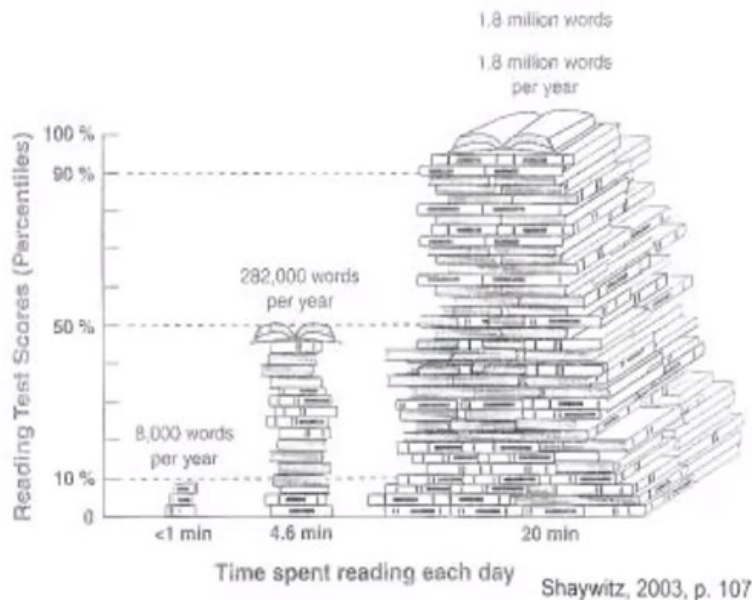
If your child completed any of the projects set over the summer please bring them in for us to share.

Ariel did a fantastic piece of work about his trip to the Isle of Wight.



Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home, to you, on their own or to the house pet!

# Matthew Effect



## Matthew Effect in Reading

