



Newsletter

7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy new year one and all! It's goodbye to 2021 (some might say good riddance...) and a big hello to 2022, with all of the promise that a new year brings. I hope that you had a good break and that you remained covid-free, or if you were affected that you were not too unwell. We are still waiting to see the full effects of the rise of infections here in London, but we have only a handful of staff not able to work at present and the school can manage that – let's hope that it stays that way!



New Topics

All of the year groups have begun their new topics this week. As you may know, we like to give the children some real experiences of things that are related to their topic as a way to immerse them in their new learning. So much has been going on this week, it has been really exciting to walk around the school and see what the children have been doing.



Reception really enjoyed their teachers' version of Little Red Riding Hood. The children enlisted the help of the woodswoman to save Red and her grandma, but beware – the wolf escaped and is somewhere on the loose...

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Horniman Museum where they took part in a workshop about China. They dressed up as dragons, ate some dumplings using chopsticks and played Chinese musical instruments. What a fantastic introduction to their topic! This morning I have been shown some wonderful writing based on their trip – it's great to see that these experiences impact so positively on children's learning.



Year 4 hosted a visit from a science expert who introduced them to electricity, supporting the topic about Invention. The children all made their own moving toy critters using batteries and wires – they were fantastic!

Talking of toys, they are the subject of Year 1's new topic and they had a toy making workshop in their classroom this afternoon. It looks like they had such a lot of fun!



Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies can be found at www.goosegreenprimaryschool.org/about-us/key-information
Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.



School Fleeces Now Available!!

School fleeces are now available to purchase via Parentmail. We have a small number at the moment to gauge interest, so if they are sold out please contact the office so we can arrange more. They are £13.70 and we have age 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 in stock.

The office would like to apologise for a lapse in the sending home of uniform. Normal service will resume from next week! Any orders received by Sunday will be sent home with your child on Wednesday.

Children left at the school gate

Staff have noticed that some children are being left at the school gate for some considerable lengths of time before the gates are opened and school begins. **Please do not do this!** It leaves staff in a difficult position – we can't leave children outside if we notice them, but we do not have the facility to look after them in school before 8.45am. Please contact TopMark on 07948 076880 or info@topmarksportscoaching.co.uk if you would like to access the breakfast club childcare facility. Thank you.

Peer Mentors

We were blown away by the number of excellent applications that we received from children who wanted to be Peer Mentors! This is a responsible role for children to lead play in the playground and to look out for their friends and classmates. Children who were unsuccessful in becoming a mentor on this occasion will have the opportunity to try again later on in the year, so they should not worry!

Huge congratulations to the following children who were successful and are our peer mentors for this term.

Well done to all of you!



Yr2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Junen	Cleo	Reuben	Finlay J	Kaim
Layla J	Ava	Sai	Oliviya	Kyra
		Ailie		Dotty
				Jude
				Sophia

That's it for now. Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you on Monday.

Simon Wattam