

Newsletter 12th January 2024

Dear parents

A warm welcome back to the new term. I always feel it is a misleading to call it the *spring* term given that January and February are most definitely winter though I suppose it fills us with hope of brighter days to come!

This week has been about settling back into school routines. The children have been excited to share what they were doing over the holidays. In assembly the children thought about new year resolutions and small steps we can each take to improve ourselves, our outlook or approaches to life. In the healthy habits box this half term, the focus is on sugar, or rather how to reduce it - a resolution that one of the children said they were working towards.

Going out with this newsletter is some useful safeguarding information for parents when thinking about clubs or tutors. Do have a read and follow up with any of the links offered.

Please make sure all uniform, coats hats, gloves etc are labelled. That way we can reunite any lost items with their owner.

Have a lovely weekend! Jen Brodkin

Healthy Habits 3 - Reducing Sugar

Why we should reduce sugar

https://drdina.ca/how-sugar-affects-childrens-

<u>brains/#:~:text=High%20levels%20of%20sugar%20can%20also%20impact%20neurotransmitters</u> %20responsible%20for,as%20much%20as%20you%20can

Top tips to reduce sugar

https://savekidsfromsugar.co.uk/tips/simple-ways-reduce-sugar/

https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/heart-matters-magazine/nutrition/sugar-salt-and-fat/how-to-cut-back-on-sugar-without-noticing

A great podcast about nutrition health

https://zoe.com/learn/category/podcasts

or search zoe podcasts on google podcasts/spotify etc

Diary

January 2024

16th RAF Museum Year 1

20th Furry & Scaly Workshop Year 2

February 2024

9th Parent Support Group

12th -16th Half Term

19th Inset Day School Closed to Pupils

20th Year 2 Scaly & Furry Workshop

March 2024

11th Reception Freightliners
11th–13th 5M Lightship Residential
13th-15th 5R Lightship Residential
20th Year 3 Chocolate Workshop

20th Year 4 Sea Life Centre 21st Year 2 Tower of London

25th-28th Year 6 Kingswood Residential

April 2024

29th – 12th April Easter Break



A message from Maga Judd (Dragonfly parent):

Maga (Dragonfly parent) and her dance company are organising a Community Dance Festival for families at the ArtsDepot in February 2024.

HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN!! GENERATIONS DANCE DAY IN NORTH LONDON!

Music and dance are in our DNA and it's proven that the combination is amazingly good for our well-being, whatever our age.

I'm excited to share with you our fantastic news that Dare2Dance are organising a dance festival in February!

GENERATIONS DANCE DAY on 17th February 2024 will be a fun day for everyone, with dance workshops as well as performances - for the youngest in our community to the oldest and everyone in-between. In conjunction with the festival we will also offer free workshops / classes in the community to those in need or on low-income, less-privileged, single parents and more.

This is a unique dance festival in Barnet that brings together local communities in a creative and friendly environment, to promote healthy wellbeing, reduces stress and self-isolation, and is a lot of FUN.

But in order to make this festival happen we need your help. Please contribute in any way you can to make this event become a wonderful happening. It is ALL or NOTHING, which means if we don't reach our goal by 20th December, the crowdfunding campaign will be cancelled. Let's bring the community together in our family-friendly day of dance!

Please share and follow to help spread the word. Here is the link to our crowdfunding campaign:

https://www.spacehive.com/generations-dance-day-in-north-london

Thank you so much!

The organisers are Maga Judd (choreographer and dance lecturer) and D2D.

Maga is the Project Manager and Artistic Director of the annual Dance Festival in Poland and this year was the 9th edition.

She is also a Lecturer in Dance and Professional Practice at Middlesex University London, and an international dance teacher with 20 years of experience creating performances, leading projects, and teaching different age groups.

Maga is currently a Dance Artist for Dancing Strong Movement Lab in London, and a Choreographer and Director for Dare2Dance (D2D) Company – a group of seniordancers who meet regularly in High Barnet to practice dance and create pieces.



After School Clubs Running in January

Please contact the club organisers directly to book a place for your child

Monday 3.20 - 4.30 Yr1 - Yr6 (9 sessions 15th January - 25th March)

Woody's Football – 07961 437202

www.woodyssportsacademy.com

Monday 3.20 - 4.30 Reception - Yr6 (9 sessions 15th January - 25th March)

Spanish Club – 07848 837924

Email: daniel@olespanish.net

Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 Yr2 - Yr6 (10 sessions 9th January - 18th March)

Streetz Ahead - 07956 987387

https://streetz-ahead.class4kids.co.uk/term/9

Wednesday 3.25 - 4.25 Yr2 - Yr6 (11 sessions 10th January - 27th March)

French Club- 07587159327

Email: lmen3354@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30 (11 sessions 10th January – 28th March)

Art Club (Rec – Year 2) 07921845330 Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Friday 3.20 – 4.30 (10 sessions 11th January – 22nd March)

Art Club Year (3- Year 6) 07921845330 Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk



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