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Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the summer break. I hope you had a lovely time and a good rest. On behalf of all the staff, myself and the governors, we look forward to working with you again this academic year.

Art Exhibition 2018

Last term, Vicarage Primary School took part in the 20th anniversary of the 'Art Matters' exhibition at the University of East London. The school presented a range of work by children from Nursery to Year 6 in drawing, painting, textile, mosaic tiles and sculpture.



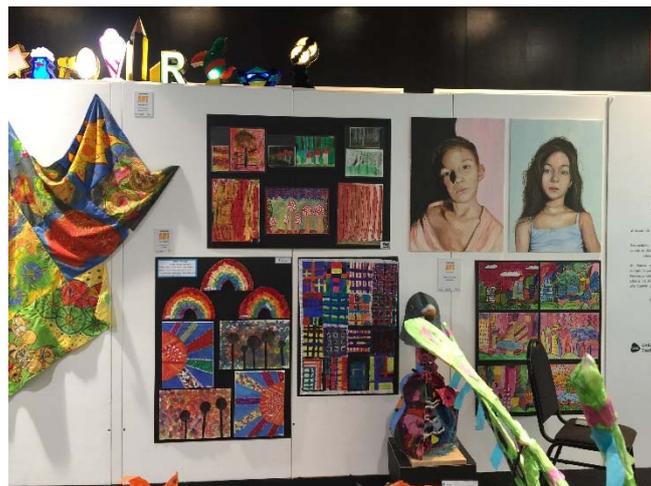
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Pupils from Art Club in Year 3 and 4, went to visit the exhibition to see their own work as well as from other schools in Newham. They took part in a workshop run by Catherine McGill who is an Art advisor in Newham.



We were then given the exciting news that some of our work had been displayed at the Westfield Shopping Centre in Stratford. Here are the pieces produced by Vicarage pupils.



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New Bike Shelter



We are delighted to inform you that we have managed to acquire free bike sheds and scooter racks from Transport of London for our outside areas. We were only able to do this due to our participation in different cycling activities and clubs. Our thanks go to Mrs Gandhi for all her hard work in acquiring these items.

Able Writers' Day

On 10th September 2018, twelve Year 5 pupils will attend Beckton Globe Library and Authors Abroad *Able Writers' Day*. The event will be run by the brilliant performance poet, Neal Zetter, who inspires everyone he works with! Neal encourages children to have fun with words and language while developing their imagination. Children will learn simple but effective poetry structures, improve their use of language tools and 'word choice' consistent with the curriculum. They will also be given the opportunity to perform some of their work at the end of the workshop.

The Able Writers' Programme was set up about fifteen years ago by the fantastic poet Brian Moses to promote author led workshops in schools. There are over 3,000 Secondary, Primary and Independent schools involved in these events throughout the UK.

MacMillan Cancer Support Non-Uniform Day

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Vicarage will once again be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28th September to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Children & staff are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a 50p donation. We will also be holding a cake sale for the children if they would like to bring in an extra 20p. Thank you for your support.



Parental Involvement

An effective working partnership between the school and parents is a key element in the success of a child's education. At Vicarage Primary School we are very proud of the work we do to support all our families. With this in mind we are excited to inform you of the courses we will be running for parents this term. They include:

- A sewing club for parents starting on 18th September at 1:30pm.
- ESOL classes will be up and running again this year, starting on 20th September at 1:30pm.
- Reception parents who would like to learn English alongside working with their child, can take part in a family literacy programme starting on 19th September at 1:30pm.
- A Triple P seminar on Friday 21st September - this workshop will give you tips and suggestions on helping your child manage emotions.
- On Friday 28th September at 9:15am we will be holding an informal breakfast get together. Come along for some tea and toast and meet other parents.
- Parents Protect Workshop on Thursday 4th October at 9:15am giving practical advice on protecting children from harm.



Parents Curriculum Meetings

We will be holding our termly curriculum meetings next week. They are an opportunity for you to meet the staff working with your child this year and find out more about the topics taught this term.

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Date and Time	Year Group	Venue
10 th September - 9:15am	1	Green Hall
10 th September - 9:15am	6	Blue Hall
10 th September - 2:45pm	3	Blue Hall
11 th September - 9:15am	2	Green Hall
11 th September - 9:15am	5	Blue Hall
11 th September - 2:45pm	4	Blue Hall

Dates for your Diary



Monday 10th September - Back to school for pupils in Reception classes

Thursday 13th September - SEND Introduction Expectations meeting at 2:45pm

Friday 14th September - Reception parents lunch meeting at 9:00am

Monday 17th September - Back to school for pupils in Nursery

Monday 24th September - Photos to be taken for Years 1-6

Tuesday 25th September - Photos to be taken for Nursery & Reception. Siblings/family taken after school

Friday 5th October - Albanian Speaking Parents Coffee Morning at 9:15am

Friday 19th October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 22nd-Friday 26th October - Half Term

Monday 29th October - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 30th October - Back to School - Term 2



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Head Teacher

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An A-Z of School Attendance - A Guide for Parents/Carers

- A. **Appointments** - Nearly all surgeries are open late and at weekends. Please try to arrange appointments after school. If in school time please bring your appointment card into school.
- B. **Being Bullied?** - Please don't keep your child off school. There are many people at school that are trained and want to help so please speak to someone.
- C. **Casual Absence** - This means that children are being kept off school when they don't need to be. For example: to go shopping for birthday presents or clothes. Non-attendance is monitored.
- D. **Discuss** - Discuss any problems you have with a member of staff who may be able to help.
- E. **Encourage** - Encourage your child to take part in out of school hours clubs, or come to Breakfast Club. It allows them to experience new activities and meet new friends.
- F. **Friendships** - Friendships at school can stay with your child for the rest of their life. Days off school make it harder for your child to fit back into friendship groups.
- G. **Good Attendance** - This is the secret to your child's success. Good attendance is anything above 96.1%.
- H. **Happy Times** - Schools days can be the best time of your child's life. Don't let them miss out.
- I. **INSET** - These are teacher training days. Your child is not at school these days so please find out when they are. Be aware that different schools have different INSET days so don't assume these will be the same for children at different schools.
- J. **Jump for Joy!** - Celebrate your child's achievements when they are rewarded for good attendance at school.
- K. **Keep Fit** - A healthy lifestyle means a healthy mind. A nutritious breakfast will give your child the energy they need for the rest of the day. Drinking plenty of water helps concentration too!
- L. **Lateness** - Being late disrupts teaching and learning. School starts at 8:55am. Arriving early to school will set them up for the day ready to learn!
- M. **Missed Minutes** - As little as 15 minutes late every day is equal to two weeks of lost learning per academic year.
- N. **New Starters** - It is important to get children into good patterns of attendance from an early age so these can be carried through into later life.
- O. **Opportunities** - It is not all Maths, English and Science. School is about learning how to be good citizens and treating others with respect.
- P. **Praise** - Always look for the 'positives' in testing situation rather than the 'negatives'. Have a system at home to reward and praise good behaviour.

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- Q. **Question** - Ask your child about rewards they may have received for good school attendance and work.

 - R. **Ring!** - Ring the school as soon as you know your child is going to be absent or late. If we have not received this information we will contact you.
 - S. **SATs** - These are very important tests. Absence leading up to or during this time puts your child at a significant disadvantage.
 - T. **Term Time Holidays** - Children are out of school 175 days of the year, so there are plenty of days to take a holiday. Holidays during term time can cause your child to fall behind with their progress and attainment.
 - U. **Unauthorised Absence** - This means that the school won't authorise the time your child has been away from school. For example: holidays taken during term time or absences with no reasonable explanation.
 - V. **Volunteer** - Help parents you know if they are struggling to get their child into school on time.
 - W. **Website** - Check our website for information on diary dates holidays, school opening and closing times and information on what is going on at school at www.vicarage.newham.sch.uk.
 - X. **Xxxx** - Show your child love and encouragement by asking them about their school day.
 - Y. **You** - You are legally responsible for ensuring your child attends school. Your child will thank you one day for encouraging them to attend and achieve good results.
 - Z. **Zzzz** - Early bedtimes make for early mornings and a better start to the school day.