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On Friday 1st November, we held a non-uniform day to raise funds for a mobile screening clinic for the Beani Bazar Cancer and General Hospital (BBCGH) charity based in Bangladesh. I am happy to inform you that we raised £435. Thank you all for your support and donations to this very worthy cause.

School Allotment



Ms Alexander, our Eco-School lead, would like to thank all the parents that helped clear the school allotment during the month of October. Onions, cabbages, bulbs of garlic have been planted. Some plants, pansies and bulbs were also planted ready for Spring. The produce we grow will be used for teaching and learning purposes as well as used to prepare school lunches.

Family Tree Competition



We would like to send a big thank you to all the parents and children who joined in the Family Tree competition. The work that the children brought in was truly amazing! It showed that they had researched their own family history and had enjoyed completing the project. Certificates were given out to all who participated and prizes were given for the overall winners.

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Ammarah in 4Y



Max in 4Y



Freddie in 3A



Abisha in 3B



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Children's University



We have some exciting news to share with you. We are relaunching Children's University™ at Vicarage Primary School. The Children's University™ (CU) is an international charity that provides children with access to exciting and innovative learning experiences outside of the normal school day.

How does it work?

You can buy a learning passport for your child which will enable him/her to access high quality learning activities which have been accredited by the CU, for example complete the Children's Trail at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Each time your child completes an accredited learning activity, they will get a stamp in their passport.

Children will be able to collect stamps for some of the after school clubs they attend at Vicarage Primary School once they have been accredited by the CU.

Does your child attend a club?

If your child currently attends a club outside of school e.g. Karate, Music lessons, Drama, swimming etc. then please let Jessica Worf, East London Children's University Manager know by emailing jessica.worf@15billionebp.org and they could potentially become an accredited learning destination where your child can collect their stamps.

Once your child has collected enough stamps, they will be awarded with a Certificate of Achievement. The certificates are usually presented at a Children's University graduation ceremony which are held throughout the year.

How do you obtain a passport?

If your child would like to enrol at the Children's University, please contact the school office where passports are available for £3.00 per child.

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Slime Time!



Science shapes all aspects of our lives. In **chemistry** children are given the opportunity to explore materials, describe and classify them according to their properties, and explore different states of matter, such as solids, liquids and gases.

Science at Home

Science is a very practical subject that excites children and encourages curiosity. Children find out about the world by asking questions and conducting investigations to find answers. Working on science investigations at home is great fun and aids children in their learning.

Follow the instructions below carefully to make some squishy, stretchy slime. Try and be as accurate as you can with your measurements.

Equipment

100ml PVA white glue (children's craft glue or CE marked glue)

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp bicarbonate of soda

gel food colouring

1 tsp contact lens cleaning solution

glitter (optional)



Method

1. Squeeze the glue into a mixing bowl. Add the bicarbonate of soda and mix well.
2. Add a drop or two of gel food colouring. Mix until well incorporated.
3. Add the contact lens solution and mix. The slime will begin to form, going stringy before coming away clean from the bowl into a ball.
4. Once it has formed, take it out and knead it with your hands. It will be sticky at first but after about 30 seconds you'll have a smooth and pliable ball. Add glitter at this point, if you wish, and work in with your hands. Store in a pot with a lid.

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Possible activities:

Early years: Make slime with an adult and then describe what it feels like.

KS1: Make slime with an adult, manipulate it and describe its properties.

LKS2: Make slime with adult supervision, manipulate it and decide if it is a liquid, solid or gas and why. Research using books or the internet to find out.

UKS2: Investigate by adding more or less contact lens cleaning solution with adult supervision and compare the elasticity.

Tip: Try adding some shaving foam to create fluffy slime.

Good luck and enjoy your family slime time!

Any questions please speak to Miss McLean (Science leader) who is also a class teacher in Reception.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 6th December - Last day of after school clubs for this term

Wednesday 11th December - PTA Winter Fair - 3.00pm-4.30pm

Friday 20th December - Last day of Term 2

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January - Christmas break

Monday 6th January - Teacher Training Day/School Closed for pupils

Tuesday 7th January - Back to school for all pupils - Term 3



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher