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Attendance Matters

190 days 100% Excellent	183 days 96% Off to a flying start	179 days 94% Cause for concern	175 days 92% Action required	Over 18 days absence Less than 90% Persistent Absence
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Excellence

Resilience

Respect

The class with the highest attendance this term in each year group are:

Reception – RH- 93% **Year 1** – 1A-94% **Year 2** – 2A-96%

Year 3- 3B – 97% **Year 4**- 4A – 96% **Year 5** – 5Y - 97% **Year 6** – 6R - 98%

Well done to all the children in these classes.

Autumn Term Marble Winners

The teams who have earned the highest marble points this term are:

KS1 – Yellow Team 1A & 2K

LKS2 — Green Team 3J & 4M

UKS2—Blue Team 5Y & 6Z

Well done to all the children



Celebrations

We have had a very busy term. We have celebrated Diwali, Guru Nanak's birthday and Christmas.

Our Christmas highlights



Christmas Lunch



We raised £174.88 on Christmas Jumper Day. All proceeds going to the charity 'Save the Children'.



Reception and Year 1 Nativity Performances

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils performed their Nativity plays to parents. The heartwarming performance, showcased the creative talents and festive spirit of our pupils.

Reception



Year 1



Santa's Workshop

Our SEND pupils took part in a variety of creative activities during Santa's workshop.



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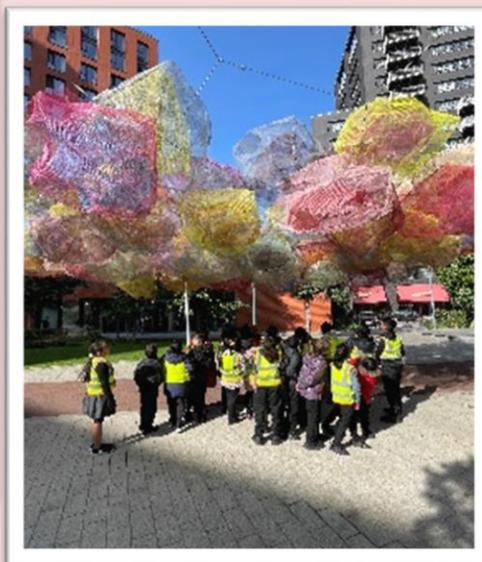
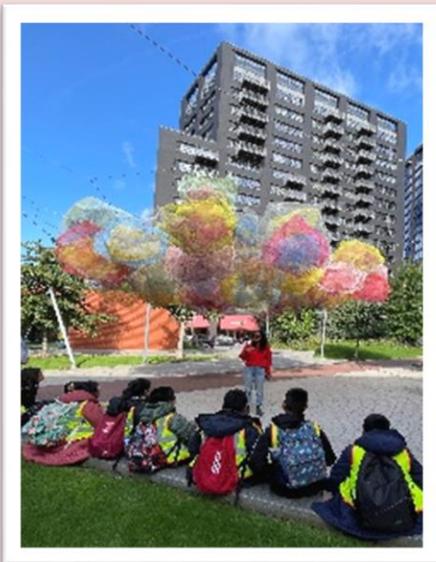
Art visit to London City Island

Some of our Year 5 pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit London City Island and meet with the renowned British Bengali artist, Rana Begum. During the visit, pupils explored Rana's captivating artwork installation titled 'No:1104 Catching Colour.' Rana provided an insight into her creative process from the use of light, colour, and form to the architectural considerations involved in displaying the artwork.

The engaging session enabled the pupils to ask questions to Rana. She also shared an exclusive sneak peek of her upcoming work, set to be showcased at the Rockefeller centre in New York.

Pupils used concertina books to create quick sketches, focusing on structures, details, and light/dark areas. It was a hands-on experience that allowed them to delve into the artistic process.

For more information on this enriching experience and the broader context of public art in East London, visit www.the-line.org. The website features details about 'The Line,' a public art trail stretching from Stratford to North Greenwich.



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Whitechapel Gallery Art Project

Johanna and Sonya, artists from the Whitechapel Gallery delivered an engaging workshop to our KS2 pupils, taking inspiration from the great outdoors to create observational drawings and descriptive writing.



Jewellery Workshop

Year 6 pupils took part in a jewellery making workshop delivered by Grant McCaig a senior lecturer at the University for Creative Arts. He shared some of his own creations, including a piece featuring 'Hagrid' from the Harry Potter films. Pupils created their own brooches while working with Mr McCaig.



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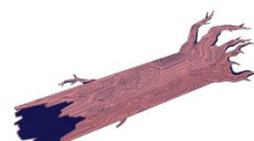
Pizhanger Manor & Art Gallery

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 attended an educational visit to Pizhanger Manor and Art Gallery. They explored the remarkable artwork of British artists Annie Morris and Idris Khan as well as engage in an enlightening conversations with Clare Gough, the Gallery Director.



Reception Pupils Educational visit to Central Park

In their exploration of weather and changing seasons, pupils had the opportunity to look for autumnal things in the park. These items were brought back to school and used for observational drawings, helping pupils to enhance their understanding of the natural world.



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Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Programme

A group of Year 5 pupils recently participated in the Bikeability Cycle Programme. Under the guidance of qualified instructors, they acquired practical skills and learned how to navigate today's roads safely. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience, gaining not just cycling proficiency but also valuable life skills.



Bikeability
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century

Year 2 Parent Assembly

Year 2 pupils wowed parents with a fantastic assembly. Their performance, 'Our Wonderful World,' was a true reflection of their learning this Autumn term. From exploring continents and countries in Geography to unravelling the mysteries of the human body and nutrients in science as well as delving into the lives of significant historical figures in history. The assembly was a harmonious blend of knowledge and creativity.



Year 5 Iliad Project

Year 5 pupils took part in the exciting and immersive Iliad Project, led by the talented Jonny Walker. Pupils explored the ancient world through the lens of the epic poem 'The Iliad.' Through hands-on activities, discussions and role-play, our pupils are not just studying history they are experiencing it.



Gardening Project

Cassie Liversidge, an experienced gardener who works with school on eco-projects will be working with Vicarage pupils throughout the academic year.

This term our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils had the opportunity to immerse themselves in our eco-garden developing their gardening skills and deepening their understanding of living things.



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Year 3 Stone Age Workshop

Year 3 took an exciting journey back in time with a captivating Stone Age workshop. Pupils had the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in this fascinating era. The workshop brought history to life as the children explored artefacts, learned about ancient tools and took part in a number of activities.



Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Our Year 2 pupils had the opportunity to participate in a Florence Nightingale workshop. The workshop provided an immersive experience, enabling pupils to step back in time and explore the life and contributions of this historical figure. The activities were designed to deepen their understanding of Florence Nightingale's impact on nursing and healthcare.



Year 4 Roman Day Workshop

Year 4 pupils took part in a Roman Day workshop. They explored Roman history through a number of activities including being a soldier for a day.



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RE Talk

Councillor and Canon Ann Easter visited Year 1 as part of their Religious Education unit of work about Christmas. Ann talked about why Christians celebrate Christmas. Pupils had an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what happens in a church during Christmas.

Our elected School Council Members 2023/24



This year our School Council Members are Mariyam (6R), Fatou (6M), Imran (6D), Deyaan (6Z), Kenneth (5Z), Zahraa (5Y), Krystiana (5B), Sean (5I), Stelviandro (4P), Sandra (4H), Nushad (4M), Ummayyah (4A), Sophie (3U), Star (3H), Andy (3B), Kiansh (3J), Robert (2H), Eesa (2K), Milana (2A), and Arlena (2M).

The pupils are enthusiastic about their new role and committed to representing their peers. They had the opportunity to attend the School Council Conference at Elmhurst Primary school. The conference provided a platform for pupils from other schools in Newham to share their ideas, contribute to the development of a positive and inclusive school environment as well as develop their leadership skills.

Music Quality Mark

We are thrilled to announce the school has achieved the prestigious Music Quality Mark. The MusicMark showcases our dedication to providing high-quality music education, encouraging creativity and nurturing the musical talents of our pupils. We are immensely proud of this accomplishment.



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Sports News

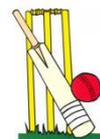
Newham Sports Events

Pupils participated in a number of Newham sports tournaments, including handball, netball, football and athletics. Our pupils demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm and passion for sports. We are proud of their achievements and commitment to representing our school with pride.



Cricket Workshop

Years 5 & 6 pupils have been taking part in the 'Chance to Shine' Essex cricket programme every Monday for the past 6 weeks. It's been fantastic to see their progress in cricket skills during the sessions.



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Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd December 2023- Last day of Term

Monday 25th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024- Christmas Break

Monday 8th January - All pupils return to school

Friday 2nd February - Number Day

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half term break

Monday 19th February - All pupils return to school (Term 4)

Monday 26th February - Staff Training Day - School closed for pupils

As we approach the end of another eventful term at Vicarage, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your support throughout the year.

Looking back on the past few months, I am proud of the progress and achievement of our pupils. Their enthusiasm for learning, creativity, kindness towards one another and the adults they work with, are testament to the positive values instilled in them by both home and school. It is heartening to see the strong partnership between parents and the school shaping the educational journey of our children.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable Christmas break filled with joy, laughter and precious moments of togetherness.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Ms S Khan
Head Teacher

