

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is probably one of the most important newsletters I have ever written as its sole topic is around keeping our children safe. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure that we equip parents with the knowledge they need to keep children safe.

This week I would like to share what I know about our local area. There were 14 children killed on our streets as a result of knife crime. It is suspected that much of this activity was linked to gangs. The community police have informed me that there are gangs active in the Leytonstone area. This makes all children vulnerable. In particular, gangs are targeting the siblings of other young people, more girls and children under the age of 10 years old. Often the girls are recruited by other girls to these gangs. The Mayor of London has launched a campaign called London needs you Alive. Further information about gangs and knife crime in London can be found on the Mayor's website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/london-needs-you-alive-dont-carry-knife>

Your children are never too young for you to begin to talk to them about positive and negative influences. Although you may not want to talk about the horrors of knife crime with children of all ages, it is especially important that these conversations are happening with children as early as year 4. As a school we have asked the local police to run workshops with children in year 6. We continue as part of the PSHE curriculum to talk about our 5Cs (caring for others and community) with the rest of the school. We ask that you begin appropriate discussions with your child as you deem fit.

Working together is the best way to keep our children safe.  
Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY


24 <sup>th</sup> January	Craig storyteller in – Reception & Year 1
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Ukulele assembly (9:30am)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Art Day Gallery (Parents invited 3:15-4pm)
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 & Year 6 Parents invited to join their children for lunch
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Literacy coffee morning (9:00am-10am, how we teach and assess children's work in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar)
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Craig Storyteller – in for family session (10am and 11am. Please note this is a Saturday.
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices @ the O2
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Performance assembly for choirs/ensembles (9:30am)
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Craig Storyteller – in for Reception & Year 1  Year 1 & Year 3 Bring your parent to school morning (9-10:30am) Parents invited to join their children to take part in learning
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Chinese New Year Assembly (Reception: 9:30-9:45am Juniper, Sycamore; 10:30-10:45am Fir, Larch; Parents Welcome)

## Maths Games Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents who took part in our Maths Games Afternoon. It was a fun packed afternoon of playing games that the children had designed and made themselves .



## WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITER OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	WOODY (FIR)	EVELYN (LARCH)	PRAVIT (LARCH)
YEAR 1	OSIAN (ROWAN)	SEN (BIRCH)	OLUWATOMIWA (ROWAN)
YEAR 2	ZAYN (OAK)	ADAM (CHERRY)	DENIS (CHERRY)
YEAR 3	MUHAMMAD (TEAK)	EMILIA (WILLOW)	RUHAN (TEAK)
YEAR 4	AUDREY (SPRUCE)	CHARLIE (SPRUCE)	MAIMUNAH (SPRUCE)
YEAR 5	RAYYAN (MULBERRY)	HANIFA (WALNUT)	GEORGE (HORNBEAM)
YEAR 6	MOHAMMAD BEECH)	WILLIAM (CEDAR)	AVANNA (BEECH)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		ZIHUAN (JUNIPER)	



Friends of Davies Lane presents .....

### **VALENTINE DISCO**

**DATE : THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

**LOCATION : DINNING HALL**

**(Please note entry is from Mornington Road only)**

**PRICE : £2 PER TICKET**

**DISCO 1 : (Year 1, 2 and 3)**

**Time:** 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Children from these year groups must be accompanied by an adult.

**DISCO 2 : (Year 4, 5 and 6)**

**Time:** 5pm - 6pm

Children from these year can be dropped off and collected

Refreshments, snacks and Glow stall available to purchase at the discos

The forms Look out for order forms next week in your child's book bag!



### **Tea Time Club Reminder**

Children attending Tea Time club are to be collected from the Mornington Road entrance, Please press the out of hours buzzer as the main office closes at 4.30pm.

### **Club Payment Reminder**

Parents/carers, if you owe any money for breakfast club/ tea-time/Karate club. Please can your account be brought up to date as soon as possible?

### **School Meal's Reminder**

Parents/carers, if your child's school meal account is in arrears your child will not be given a school meal until the account is brought up to date.

### **Important Notice**

Parents/carers, please be reminded that you should not be parking in the double yellow turning zone. Please park further away and walk the remainder of the journey to school.

### **ATTENDANCE %**

**FOR WEEK ENDING 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**  
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	HORNBEAM	100%
2	LARCH	99.4%
3	FIR	99.1%
22	PLAM	93.8%
23	BEECH	92.7%
24	BIRCH	91.3%