

ISAAC AND THE APPLE NEWS YEAR 5

Thursday 17th November



KALIMERA! HELLO FROM ANCIENT GREECE!

On the 13th of October, we celebrated Ancient Greece day. The children came to school dressed in their wonderful Greek inspired outfits. The day started with Ms Foteini, a Greek teacher at our school, teaching us about her country. She taught us some Greek words and explained the meaning behind the Greek flag. During the day, the children got to create some Greek vase art, write their name in Greek, participate in our version of the Olympics and taste some delicious Greek food such as baklava, tzatziki and Greek yogurt.

Towards the end of October, we had the opportunity to celebrate the upcoming FIFA World Cup. It was a week full of fun activities and dress up. We participated in some sports activities outside, a World Cup quiz, a STEM challenge of building the perfect footballer and ended the week with a wacky sock and hat day!



In between all of these fun celebrations, we have been working diligently to learn all of our Year 5 curriculum work. In Talk for Writing, we have been focusing on our new topic of narrative myths – linking with our Ancient Greek theme in Humanities. Our model text, Pandora's box, is the mythical explanation of how all evil and hope was released into our world. During Mathematics, we have been challenging ourselves with the topic of fractions. We have looked at different types of fractions, how to order and compare them and how to convert between different type of fractions. It has been such an interesting term so far, and we can hardly believe how fast the time has gone! Good luck to all the teams participating in the World Cup and we look forward to a productive, successful second term.

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NOTES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



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WHAT A FANTASTIC FIRST TERM OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

If the first half of Term 1 was jam packed full of fun learning opportunities, then the second half of the term can only be described as being bursting with excitement and outstanding learning.

Hopefully you have noticed the newsletter name change. This was the result of a competition between the classes. Each class came up with multiple suggestions for a newsletter name before democratically voting for their favourite. Each classes' suggestion was then added to a voting form and pupils got to vote for their favourite name from all the fantastic entries. In the end they chose Isaac and the Apple News which was suggested by Year 5 Turquoise. Congratulations to Year 5 Turquoise and well done to all the other classes for their imaginative newsletter names.

This half term our playground has taken on a new look at break times. There is now a variety of different break time activity zones set up for KS1 and KS2. Year 1 and 2 pupils have enjoyed solving our giant puzzle as well as trying to correctly identify different countries, continents and ocean on our world map. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils have gathered together in our Pokémon card trading zone to try and 'catch them all'. The basketball hoops have also proved popular for KS2 pupils and we look forward to seeing improved skills being used in PE lessons and Mr McGrath and Mr Kennedy's after school club next term.



This half term we have celebrated the values of citizenship, personal accountability, honesty and individual liberty. We held our second house competition which saw pupils complete a FIFA World Cup themed STEM challenge as part of our World Cup celebration week.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation this term. We wish you safe travels if you are flying out of Doha for the break or if you are staying, we hope you enjoy the World Cup festivities.

Important Dates:

Monday 2nd January - First day of Term 2

Sunday 8th January - Book Week

Monday 9th January - After-school clubs begin

Sunday 15th January - Arabic Week

Sunday 22nd January - International Week

Tuesday 14th February - National Sports Day (school closed)

Tuesday 21st February - After-school clubs end

Thursday 9th March - End of Term 2

TOP OF THE CLASS!

The top 3 classes with the best attendance % this half term are.....

- 1) 3 Gold - 97.7%
- 2) 4 Silver - 96.2%
- 3) 4 Gold - 95.5%

Well done on your super attendance.

TOP OF THE CLASS!

The top 3 classes with the best attendance % the whole term are.....

- 1) 3 Gold - 96.8%
- 2) 4 Silver - 96.7%
- 3) 2 Bronze - 94.5%

Well done on your super attendance.