



Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

22ND—26TH HALF TERM
 29TH CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
 29th Individual and sibling photos
 29th PTA meeting 9am
 29th—2nd November Year 3 swimming @Olympic park
 31st Spooky Disco £1 per ticket refreshments on sale
 31st Closing date for Secondary schools

NOVEMBER

1st & 2nd Reception 2019 Open Day 9am or 5.30pm
 5th—9th Year 3 swimming @Olympic Park
 5th Flu vaccinations
 5th Goldfinch & Goldcrest @ Suntrap
 6th Goose & Grouse @ Suntrap
 8th Year 5 & 6 Intofilm festival –Goosebumps2
 12th Year 1 & 2 Intofilm festival—Hotel Transylvania 3
 16th Children In Need—Non uniform –Spots & Pyjamas
 19th—23rd Literacy week including a poetry slam
 19th Year 3 & 4 Intofilm festival—Mary & the witch's flower
 20th Reception—Intofilm festival—Ferdinand the Bull
 21st Book Fair South site
 22nd Book Fair North site
 29th Family Quiz Night

ATTENDANCE

This half term **Bullfinch** have topped the leader board on attendance with 97.9%. Well done. Buzzard had 97.88%, Goldcrest 97.86% and Woodpecker 97.62%. We still have quite a few classes that are below 95%.

Please make sure that your child attends school every day and is on time. The school returns on Monday 29th and we do not break up for the Christmas break until Thursday 20th December.

Many parents tell me when they request time off that they are paying for tutors to help their child catch up. I would suggest that you use that money to pay for tickets during the holidays so your child doesn't miss any learning.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Congratulations Isabella!

She is the first person to have read a million words this year! She is definitely our champion reader at the moment and tops the average engaged reading time board every week.

We hope that all children will continue reading next week and make notes on the books that they have read to complete their quizzes when they return next week.

Don't forget that even though it isn't an AR book from school your child can check when they return on the AR Book finder if it has a quiz when they are back in school.

Remember the Central library is free and open during half term. The open hours are Monday to Friday 9am—7pm, Saturday 9am—6pm and Sunday 10am –

4pm. **Joining and using the library**

If you're new to the library or an existing member, you can use the Waltham Forest Libraries Arena website to:

join the library and get a free library card, search the library catalogue, renew or reserve library items, view library events and

activities.

Well Done to the Football teams.

The girls came first and boys came second.



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Ali in Cuckoo (when he got to school) - In my house I was first to get out of bed today because I was just SO excited to draw!

This week in



Year 1 were buzzing with excitement especially when they got to paint their own design on a t-shirt. I wish I had brought in a t-shirt of my own to paint. A fantastic day!



Crow class loved looking at African patterns, African fabric and clothes and meeting an African doll called Rosie. While listening to African music they used the ideas they got looking at the designs to create their own mixed media artwork on card and fabric. "This is really fun!" "I love this!" "I've never done this before." Big Draw was a great day!



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Six top tips for parents on 'Fortnite' computer game

- Don't ban Fortnite (or any other game) because a newspaper headline said it's evil; at the same time, don't allow it because a friend said it's fine. Have a look and decide yourself (get your child to show you, or play together if you're feeling brave). If you're happy, fine; if not, it doesn't matter whether "everyone else is playing it".
- Fortnite's PEGI age rating is 12 (= appropriate age, NOT skill level).
- Games don't go on for hours, but average 20–30 minutes. So if your child says they need hours and hours, they're wrong...
- One of the best ways to keep children safe on games is to know what they are doing, so if you allow it, get them to play near you with the sound on (no headphones so you can hear the other players' comments)
- When you start, there's a 'Privacy' button – choose between Public (anyone in the world) / Friends / Private (invite only). It's easy to change. Make sure you have made the decision.
- The game is free, but there are lots of in-app purchases. Is your credit card attached to the account/device? Worth checking if your child could buy the £79 10,00 V-Bucks + 3,500 Bonus pack at a click. Click on a cheap one to see if there is a payment method attached.

Payments

Please make sure that you are up to date with all payments on parentpay. If you log on to parentpay you can see on the home page what debts you have. The school debt recovery policy states that we will stop services if a debt is greater than £50.

If you are having difficulty paying for any school things or outstanding debts please make an appointment to speak to the Business Officer.

Spooky Disco

There will be 2 discos on the North site. For children in the Early Years and Key stage 1 it is 4pm—5pm. The key stage 2 is 5.30–7pm. On the South site it is one disco 4pm –5.30pm. The tickets are £1. There will be drinks and snacks on sale for the children to buy. The refreshments will cost between 30p and 50p.



Gardening Club

The gardening clubs on both sites are doing a great job. If you are a keen gardener yourself please let us know as we are always looking for volunteers to help us in our gardens.

Please come to the office or email office@missiongrove.org.uk



No Homework!

We don't set homework but we do want the children to read everyday and learn their timetables. We do have children who like completing home projects linked to their topics and we celebrate the work in class and assemblies.

We look forward to hearing all about what they do over the half term holiday.

Black History Month

We have had various activities happening throughout the month of October from art work in the Reception to singing by the Choir. Mr Darling will be putting a film of the choir on the external screens in the new term.

Swimming

Year 3 will be having the fantastic opportunity to go for 2 weeks swimming at the Olympic park. It is a statutory requirement that Primary school children are taught to swim at least 25 metres. This is not a lesson that you can decide to opt out from.

If you have issues with cleaning and drying kits please let the class teacher know.

The school has to pay for the swimming sessions wherever we do them.

