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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had both the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Christmas Performances! We were so impressed with how confident the children were in their singing, instrument playing, narrating and poetry recitals! It was so wonderful to see the parents joining in with lots of the singing and dancing too! A massive thank you to all the EYFS and Lower KS2 staff involved in making the performances happen!





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Year 6 Residential

"During our stay at the YHA, we had quite an experience. We had some fun activities and when we arrived, we climbed a massive hill and although it was tiring, the relief and sense of achievement, when we got to the top. We felt good, because the wind was powerful, and the hill was rather steep. It was interesting to see all the fields and farms along the way.

During our stay, we had shared rooms, but we were pretty good at going to sleep at night, as we were quite tired after our walks. One of our favourite things to do on the residential was go through all the mud with everyone slipping and falling - it was like playing stuck in the mud but doing it.

The food was delicious: the first day we arrived, we ate spaghetti and meatballs. On the second day, we had some tasty breakfast which included: hashbrowns, bacon, baked beans, toast and eggs. But for cold food we had cereal and mini croissant. On Tuesday for dinner, we had a mouthwatering peri-peri chicken wrap and chips with salad and a choice of many sauces: peri-peri sauce, garlic and mayo, BBQ sauce and many more.

On the last day, we had the chance to: make fire-roasted candy apples, clay sculptures as well as a design where we imprinted leaves on cloth. After all of activities we went inside and made bracelets with a trojan wheel and made god's eyes which we have made before, so it was pretty easy. In addition, we also got a chance to draw on some wood. I'm pretty sure I would've stayed if I had the chance." **Austin and Emmanuel (Oak Class School Councillors)**





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"The residential was an extremely fun experience. The day we got there, we were introduced to our instructors that were very kind and supportive. We hiked up a huge hill where we learnt about how chalk was made. Even though the hill was extremely tiring, I would say it was a fun and relaxing experience. If I could, I would 100% go back to the countryside."

Omar (Maple Class)



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"We learnt new skills such as roasting apples, making crafts with clay, DIY crafting, making a fire and learning new games. The food was delicious and I'm sure others will agree! All the staff were nice and made us have an even better stay! It was a great opportunity not only to have fun, but to connect with nature. I really enjoyed my stay and hope to visit again."

Favour (Maple Class)





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A massive thank you to both **Miss Roshni Rahman** and **Miss Katie Lucas** for organising and supporting the children throughout the whole Residential! Also a thank you to Miss Donna Powell from Rotherhithe Primary for coming along to support the Year 6's on their Residential too!



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Year 6 'Stay-dential'

A big thank you to **Ms Mabre-Rose Serfontein**, **Miss Ruun Mohamed** and **Ms Anastasia Brown** for arranging lots of fun activities for the Year 6 children to do on their 'Stay-dential'!

"During our time at the 'Stay-dential', we used the iPads to create a stop motion film – this is animation software where we used Lego and puzzles to create short movies. Over the three days we also did the following:

- forest school
- baking (banana cupcakes)
- art (memory box)
- PE dodgeball and football and even hip-hop dancing
- Mindfulness activities

It was a good mixture of some fun things that we don't always get to do on a normal school day." **Anas (Maple Class)**

Forest School

See the gallery: <https://bit.ly/3D6YcBr>





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Baking Time

Within minutes of the team getting out of their muddy clothes from their Forest School outdoor learning experience, they set off for the Art Block to get busy making a batch of delicious Banana Cup Cakes!

We took some pictures of our culinary experts making these mouthwatering delights, which can be seen in the gallery below.

See the gallery: <https://bit.ly/4iwM5On>





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Memory Box Artwork





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Stop Motion Animation



Attendance

Well done to Maple class for achieving 100% attendance!

Caterpillar	87.2%	Willow	94.5%
Elder	89.5%	Beech	93.1%
Cedar	93.3%	Hazel	97.4%
Maple	100%	Oak	96%

Choir Performance

Come watch the Key Stage Two (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) Christmas Choir performance organised and led by our Music Teacher Ms Emily Atkinson! The children will be performing in the Mary Seacole Building at 3:00pm on Wednesday 18th December!





Christmas Jumper Day

This Friday was Christmas Jumper Day! Take a look at each class in their fantastic Christmas costumes and jumpers!





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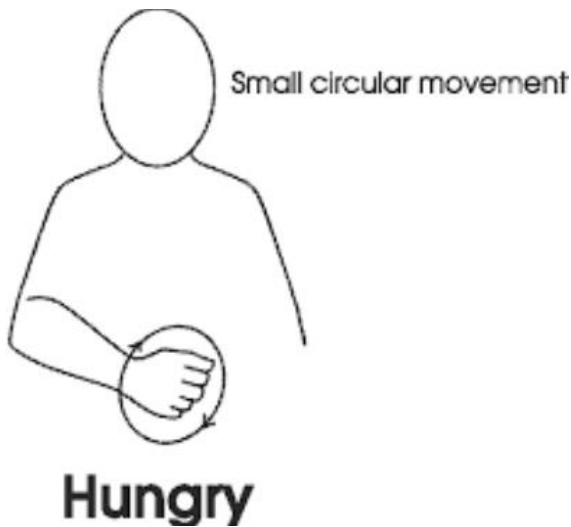
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Makaton Sign of the Week

Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton sign is "hungry".



Charles' Friday Fact

Did you know that dolphins have names for each other! They use a unique whistle for names and when one is heard, whoever's name it is, responds!



Stars of the Week



Reception	Eleanor for increased attention and participation in Phonics. Effie for a positive attitude towards her learning.
Willow	Yemaya for working hard in her writing and challenging herself to use impressive adjectives. Enoch for being an enthusiastic reading partner, always telling his partner that they are doing a good job :)
Elder	Shyanna for great use of a wordbank to help her write a new story based on 'Katie in London'. Isaiah for fantastic use of adjectives and story language to make his story interesting for the reader.
Beech	Ishaq for demonstrating kindness and respect towards his friends. Your thoughtful actions and empathy really makes Beech class a positive place. Garsha for working respectfully with his peers. Especially during maths and demonstrating an excellent understanding and application of mixed units of measure in our length unit.
Cedar	Kartier for 100% focus during writing and maths this week. Samuel for a brilliant behaviour learning and reading aloud to the class your fabulous diary entry.
Hazel	Jeremiah for having high expectations of himself in everything that he does. Wilton for good work on understanding about rusting as an irreversible change in Science.
Maple	Mila for being so enthusiastic and resilient on the residential.
Oak	Owen S for being respectful, kind and supportive of his peers on the residential. Maile and Liya for their enthusiasm and for always being helpful.



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Elder Class have been busy learning about multiplication and division...



We made equal groups...



We investigated different arrays...



We tried using different amounts...



We have also been reading a new story about 'Katie in London'...we described the main character and the setting where the story takes place.



What does the lion look like?
The lion has a short golden fur.
He has a sharp teeth on his body he has a golden light fur.
He has a long tail. His eyes are small. He has a long mane. He has gold paws. He has a huge tail.

What does the lion look like?
It has short golden fur.
It has a sharp teeth.
It has a long tail.
It has a long mane.
It has a gold paws.
It has a huge tail.

There are lots of cars driving on the roads.
I can see the red buses and a huge grey lion statue.
In the city I can see a big tower.
In London I can see water splashing and flowing in the fountains.





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Dates for your Diary

16/12/2024	Year 1 and 2 performance @ 9am
18/12/2024	Choir Performance @ 3pm in the Mary Seacole Building
19/12/2024	Metropolitan Police talks for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
20/12/2024	Year 1 Trip to Peckham Plex
20/12/2024	Last day of Term. Children finish at 3:30
21/12/2024- 5/01/2025	School closed for Christmas holidays
6/01/2025	First Day back of School
14/02/2025	Last day of Term. Children finish at 3:30
15/02/2025- 23/02/2025	School closed for Half Term Holidays
24/02/2025	First Day back of School



Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.00 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.00

2 Hour £12.00

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £15.00

Snacks will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a full week after school club and this is charged at £65.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+).

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!



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All absences need to be reported using **Study Bugs** and a reason must be given. This helps us track and monitor illness, helps to minimise spread and we have a duty of care to see where all children are and follow this up. Please ensure you report the absence each day, unless it is vomiting and diarrhoea or unless you have spoken to the Office and been advised to keep your child at home.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



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Christmas Show

Wednesday 18th December

10.45am The BOB HOPE THEATRE
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

Tickets £11 per seat
Under 1's free on laps

Book through this link:
www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows

Join Anna, Claire and our team of musicians
for an exciting interactive Christmas Music Show!
Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!

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Parent Skills 2Go NUNHEAD
Community Interest Company

Winter FOOD & FUN

FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
(0-8YEARS)

Date:
Monday 23rd
& Tuesday 24th
December 2024

Time: 10am- 2pm
Address:
5 Nunhead Green
Se15 3QQ

Monday activities:
crafts Music , games,
lunch etc

Tuesday: Games,
Christmas Lunch
and a gift from Santa

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POLKA TAKE PART

Festive Workshops

Polka Theatre, Wimbledon | 020 8543 4888 | polkathatre.com

*A £2.50 transaction fee applies to telephone and online bookings. T&Cs apply.



Snowy Stories

Wed 18 - Thu 19 Dec | Ages 0-4

Various times

Tickets £12* (Adult & child)

A multisensory journey into a magical snowy place inspired by

The Snowy Day.



Snowflake Making Workshop

Fri 20 Dec | Ages 4+

Various times

Tickets £12* (Adult & child)

Create a snowflake garland in our snowy sensory studio.



Magical Toy Tales

Thu 2 Jan | Ages 5-8

10am - 12pm or 2 - 4pm

Tickets £25* (Child only)

Transform into your favourite toy in this drama holiday club inspired by

The Nutcracker.



Characters & Costumes Masterclass

Fri 3 Jan | Ages 8-12

10am - 4pm

Tickets £50* (Child only)

Raid the Polka costume cupboard and create your own character inspired by

The Nutcracker.



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Draw your favourite thing about Christmas!

FESTIVE ANAGRAMS!

EXAMPLE: EVLES = ELVES

1. AANSTS ALCUS
2. WASONMNM
3. TECPRNES
4. LOPE OTHRN
5. RNDREEEI

Let's count together... in 5s!

5	15	30	40
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SCAN ME!

to see more info about our camps!

Match the CHRISTMAS essentials!

TREE BREAD
 GINGER BREAD
 PRESENT
 STOCKING
 SANTA HAT
 REINDEER

How many Bells can you see?

LEFT OR RIGHT

How many to the left?
 How many to the right?

FUN FACT

The first song played in space was "Jingle Bells" in 1965

HEY!
 I'm BILLY Barracuda!
 I'm merry Christmas!
 It's great time to spend with family and friends!

Help Santa find the Sleigh!

ANSWERS

Bells: 16
 Left or Right: 2
 Reindeer: 10
 Present: 12
 Right: 11
 Count Together: 10, 20, 25, 30

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