

## Newsletter

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Friday 5th November 2021



Dates for Autumn term

New items in red

### Unicorn Theatre schools partnership:

We are very proud and privileged to announce that we are one of only three schools in London that has been selected to take part in a three year partnership with the Unicorn Theatre. Starting in January, over the next three years teachers will receive training on how to include drama across the curriculum and they will also co design resources that are drama based. Children will be doing workshops on different aspects of theatre with Unicorn artists (which will ultimately lead to their contributions being included in new plays and productions at the Unicorn). And, very excitingly we will be offered very substantial ticket discounts for children and families to see Unicorn theatre productions. Watch this space for further announcements!

### Y3 Mary Seacole workshop and Y6 Southwark Playhouse project:

Carrying on with our galloping return to a full and exciting learning experience for the children, this week Year 3 had a wonderful workshop based mainly at Brookwood Triangle where they learned all about Mary Seacole's use of herbs and plants that she developed to help unwell people during the Crimean War. Also Year 6 have started a short term project with the Southwark Playhouse on playscript writing where they will eventually perform their work on the stage of the Southwark Playhouse.

### Afghan refugee children:

Earlier this week we wrote to parents about the Afghan refugee children who are joining the school next week. We met all the families this morning and are looking forward to providing the children with a much missed (on their part) education. Our children have been absolutely fantastic and I know will do us all proud with their compassion, welcoming natures and warmth towards others.

### Autumn term parent consultations:

Face to face parent consultations are back at Friars next week! Most parents have been able to sign up for an appointment. If you are unable to make it into school to sign up, please ring Ann or Joan in the office and they will help you find a slot. The times for each class are as follows:

Nursery: Tuesday 9th November (1pm—3pm)  
Reception: Wednesday 10th November (1pm-3pm)  
Year 1: Thursday 11th November (9am—12noon)  
Year 2: Wednesday 10th November (9am—12noon)  
Year 3: Wednesday 10th November (9am—12noon)  
Year 4 Thursday 11th November (9am-12noon)  
Year 5: Tuesday 9th November (1:30pm-3:30pm)  
Year 6: Tuesday 9th November (9am-12:30)

In addition there will be more slots for every class on Wednesday 10th November from 3:40pm—6:20pm



**Monday 8th November**—Y6 to work with Southwark Playhouse

**Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November**—autumn term parent consultations

**Thursday 11th November**—open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30

**Wednesday 17th November**—parent coffee morning 9am

**Monday 22nd November**—Y6 to work with Southwark Playhouse

**Tuesday 23rd November**—CHILL workshops for Years 5 and 6 plus CHILL study assessments

**Monday 29th November**—Y6 to work with Southwark Playhouse

**Wednesday 1st December**—Y6 to Imperial War Museum

**Thursday 2nd December**—open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30

**Monday 6th November**—YR and Y6 height and weight measurements

**Friday 10th December**—final Y6 swimming session; Save the Children Christmas jumper day; Children's Christmas lunch

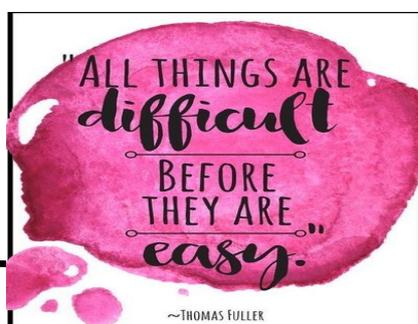
**Monday 13th December**—Y6 to work with Southwark Playhouse

**Tuesday 14th December**—Nursery and Reception Christmas performance 9:30; Y5/6 Christmas performance 2:15pm

**Wednesday 15th December**—Y1/2 Christmas performance 9:30am; Y3/4 Christmas performance 2:15

**Friday 17th December**—final day of Au2

### Thought for the week:



Have a lovely weekend!

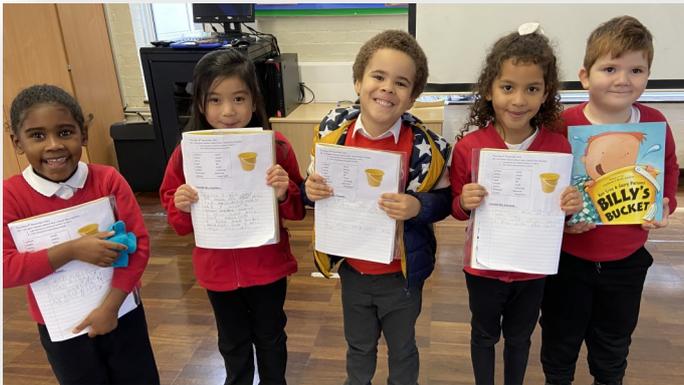
Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Headteacher:

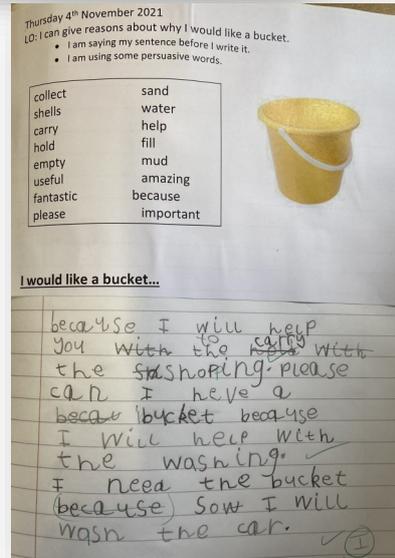
# Children's learning at Friars

Our first "learners as teachers" assembly for the new half term was led by Year 1 and Year 2 yesterday and as ever it was so brilliant to see what they have been learning and how well they communicated it.

Year 1 started by sharing their DT textiles project from last half term which was to design and make a fabric face. They started by thinking about facial features and skin tones and they then used thread, buttons, felt and googly eyes to make very carefully designed self portraits.



Year 1 also showed the English work they have done about the brilliant "Billy's Bucket". They have been learning to write persuasively and they wrote letters imagining they are Billy asking his parents for a bucket.



Finally Y1 showed us how they used their observational skills to identify different materials in science.

Jessie J once sang "It's not about the money, money, money" but Year 2 have respectfully chosen to disagree as that's all what they've been learning about in maths this week. They showed us how to count up in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to get different amounts and they also showed us how they could combine different coins to make amounts so that they could buy different objects.



# Attendance



**Our whole school attendance target is 97%!**

This week's whole school attendance	below
<b>91.87%</b>	<b>5.13%</b>

	Class	ATTENDANCE
1st	2	94.87%
2nd	3	93.36%
3rd	6	92.06%
4th	1	91.73%
5th	5	91.15%
6th	R	90.85%
7th	4	86.91%

# Punctuality

	Class	ON TIME
1st	4	99.48%
2nd	1	98.82%
3rd	2	98.72%
4th	R	97.56%
5th	6	96.83%
6th	5	96.09%
7th	3	95.13%



# Stars of the week



## KS1

**Abdullahi (Y2) for writing a fantastic description in Literacy and using lots of amazing adjectives. Well done.**

## KS2

**Aiden (Y3) for working so well as part of a group—what a fantastic team member!**

**Well done!**

## Values stars

Compassion	Sarah Y6
Creativity	Rayan Y1
Endeavour	Johnnie Y2
Resilience	Lia Y3
Respect	Ismat Y4
Responsibility	Kamil Y5

**Well done!**

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**Commitment to keeping children safe:**  
Paper copies of our safeguarding policy are available for parents from the school office. It is also posted on the policies section of the website.

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Our focus value for this half term:

**Compassion**

**Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment**

**Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility**