

*we are equal, we include everybody, we ask questions, we are creative, we are learners*

Dear Parents,

January is behind us and spring is nearly here! Unfortunately, there has been a great deal of staff and pupil sickness this term. Thank you to everyone who is using StudyBugs to report sickness absences. More of you have signed up this month. If you haven't got the app see the info box in the newsletter.

Jessica Finer  
**Headteacher**

### Tube Strike

As most of you will be aware, there is a tube strike being held from Sunday 5th February to Wednesday 8th February. All children are still expected to attend school through this period.

### Y6 Visit to the Shakespeare's' Globe Theatre

On Monday 30th January, both Year 6 classes visited Shakespeare's Globe on the Southbank. We had a chance to look around the theatre, including going up onto the stage. Then, we participated in a workshop with one of the actors from the Globe, exploring some of the ideas in Macbeth. We had a very interesting trip that has inspired some of our learning in school this week.



### Y4 Wallace Collection Visit

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited The Wallace Collection. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in two art-based workshops exploring 'Portraiture' and 'How to look at paintings'. Trying on replica costumes and drawing their own portraits were highlights of the day!



### Storytelling Week

This week we have been celebrating National Storytelling Week! The highlight of the week for us has been reading with a friend from another year group. Congratulations to Lara for winning the story writing competition.



## Diary Dates

### February

<b>6-10th</b>	Be Safe Week
<b>6th</b>	Y5 & Y6 Equaliteach Workshops
<b>7th</b>	Internet Safety Day Y4 Albert's Band Workshop Choir Club today not Thursday
<b>8th</b>	Y5MO assembly at 2.50pm
<b>13-17th</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>20th</b>	Drama4All Workshops
<b>21st</b>	Y4 Visiting The Imagination Lab
<b>24th</b>	Y2 Visiting London Zoo

## Attendance

If you wish to report your child absent from school for any reason you need to call the school before 9am. You will be asked to press option 1 on your keypad. You then need to state, as asked, your child's name, class and reason for absence or register on the Study bugs app which is proving very popular among parents. If you haven't signed up for StudyBugs to report sickness absence here is the link [studybugs.com](http://studybugs.com).

We require you to provide either a doctor's note/letter, appointment card or a copy of a prescription/medicine label if your child has been off school for 5 days or more. We require this evidence from the fifth day of absence on your child's return to school.

If you have to take your child home because they are unwell during the school day, we prefer you not to request to take siblings home as well unless absolutely necessary as they miss vital learning.

## Road Safety Calendar 2017

Raika Sadat attended an event with the Mayor of RBKC to celebrate her artwork which was included in the Road Safety calendar for 2017. Congratulations Raika!



## Class assemblies

Please note that all class assemblies start at 2.50pm unless stated otherwise in the newsletter. Apologies for any confusion as the Google calendar is currently incorrect.

## Online safety

Talking to your child is the best way to help keep them safe online. You might find it helpful to start with a family discussion to set boundaries and agree what's appropriate. Or you might need a more specific conversation about an app or website your child wants to use or something you're worried about. If you're not sure where to start then there is some great advice on [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## PE uniform

Thank you for taking note of the letter regarding correct PE uniform sent last Friday—there is a marked improvement this week. Footwear should be as plain as possible in navy blue or black. A number of parents have enquired about children wearing white trainers. This is acceptable if you are struggling to find blue or black trainers. Children are not allowed to wear coloured trainers during the school day.

## Mental Health and Be Safe Week

Next week we will be talking about how to be safe and how to be happy with the children. Each day will focus on a different theme.

Monday	Being safe at school
Tuesday	Being safe online
Wednesday	Being safe at home
Thursday	Being safe in the street
Friday	Being happy!

On Tuesday we will mark Internet Safety Day in school.



### **ZIP IT**

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



### **BLOCK IT**

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



### **FLAG IT**

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.