



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## The History of the Mayflower



Mayflower Class is named after the famous Mayflower ship that set sail from its homeport in Rotherhithe in 1620. The ship proceeded down the Thames to the English Channel and met up with a sister ship called the 'Speedwell' in Southampton. The plan was for both ships to sail together to the 'New World', but after Speedwell experienced some difficulties the Mayflower finally set sail on September 6<sup>th</sup> alone.

Between 25-30 crew persons sailed the ship carrying about 102 passengers on the voyage to America. Crossing the North Atlantic was a potentially treacherous journey. Huge waves crashed against the ships topside deck, causing a structural support to fracture. The passengers had to support the crew to repair the structure. Food was agonisingly short on board and there were two deaths, but on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1620 they finally set sight on what is now called Cape Cod. This crossing has become an iconic story in some of the earliest records of American history.

As part of the celebration of the Mayflower crossing, year 4 and 5 were involved in Celidh dance workshops. This is traditional dancing and the children have been invited to share what they have learned at Bacon's College on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** as part of a range of performances across the borough. Bacon's College have organized a range of events over the next two years to celebrate the crossing and Galiema has been involved with the working party. We look forward to being involved further.

## Anti-bullying week

On Monday all children in Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in anti-bullying workshops, delivered by Fresh Water theatre. The actor posed as a knight and considered a range of potential bullying situations and how to deal with them. Whale class presented a brilliant anti-bullying assembly and the concept of helping hands.



Children have engaged well during circle time discussions and have designed anti-bullying posters and power points.

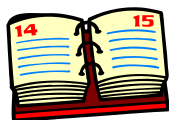
Thank you to Nina for organising the workshops. A display of children's work is currently underway in the Junior Hall.

## Parents Evening

It is parents evening next week on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November**. The following clubs will not be running on these days as a consequence:

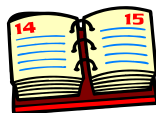
**Art Club**  
**Brilliant Club**  
**Phonics Club**  
**Homework Club**

Judo and Totstars (as they are external providers) will still be running their clubs and both halls will be used. Can parents please be mindful that the coaches are teaching and ensure that younger children are supervised at all times. The school gates will be kept open until 4 pm to enable parents to exit the school via this route.



## Dates for your

# DIARY!!!!



### Autumn TERM

Finish **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
(early closure at 2 pm)

#### Key Events this term

20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents evening Maths observations continue
28 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30 pm	Parent drop in re Federation
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Governors Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> December 5:30 pm	Flu vaccinations for year 1,2,3, & 4 Parent drop in re Federation
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Head of School coffee morning
11 <sup>th</sup> December	100% attendance awards Investors in People Interviews
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol concert Year 3-6 (children to wear Santa hats please.
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas performances
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performances.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 and Early Years Achievement Awards
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3-6 Achievement Awards  Christmas Parties. Christmas Jumper Day!

#### Thought for the day

The real test of character is how you treat people you don't have to be nice to.

## Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Reminder: Safeguarding our children is of key importance. Please read the Safeguarding Policy on the schools website at:

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/>

## Children In Need 2017



Spots, spots and more spots! A special mention must be given to Kieran K in Seahorse class. I loved the idea of sticking smiley faces on to his jumper.

Thank you for giving generously to this worthwhile cause.

We raised the grand total of £208

### Class Assemblies

You are warmly invited to our class assemblies:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 11:15 am  
**Seahorse class** assembly

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11:30 am **Endurance class** assembly

Parents please come.

### Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Seahorse and Seal Class 100 %

KS2: Belfast Class 99.4%

**Well done and keep up the good work everyone!!**

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

You are at risk of a fine if you do so.



