



November

Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a pleasant break and enjoyed the pleasant weather (as well as the rain) with your families. We are headed towards one of the busiest parts of the school year so please check the dates for concerts and special events etc on the following page.

Value of the Month - Thankfulness



November can be a time when one's mood dips somewhat. Longer nights, colder weather, illness, coughs and spluttering abound. Perhaps it's pertinent that this month's value is Thankfulness as we take the time to look around us and to be grateful for what we have. This can be friends and family, our home comforts, opportunities or the natural world around us. I'm grateful for the autumn sun that splashes on the woodland floor as Lulu, my dog, skips through the trees.

In our assembly about Thankfulness, I spoke with the children about Hurricane Melissa, which has caused devastation in Jamaica and across parts of the Caribbean. My thoughts are with everyone in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean who have been affected by the hurricane, as well as with members of our own community whose loved ones may be impacted.

Events like this remind us to be thankful for the safety, comfort, and resources we have and to show kindness, empathy, and support for others who are facing difficult times.

Fireworks Night

Thank you to everyone who attended on Friday! You helped FOC raise over £15000 overall which is incredible!

Thank you as well to FOC and the volunteers who worked really hard to make the event possible.

Harvest Festival

Thank you everyone who generously donated a non-perishable food item and £1 for EducAid on our Harvest Festival celebration day. We were able to make another huge donation to our local Soup Kitchen and collected £432 for EducAid.



Thank you to our helpful Class Captains who helped us to organise all the donations.

Anti-Bullying Week

For this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, Power for Good, we will focus on the importance of using power responsibly. The definition of bullying involves a power imbalance, where one person uses their power to control or harm another. It's essential to help students understand that where we may have power and/or influence, we have a choice and a responsibility to use that positively, encouraging kindness, support, and standing up for others.

To show our support for Anti Bullying we will encourage everyone to wear Odd socks on Tuesday 11th November.

Parent Governor Election

I can now let you know that Ms Susie Martin was the successful candidate in our recent parent governor election. Thank you to Mr Romain and Mr Lee for putting yourselves forward.

School Street

We have been advised by Haringey council that the Everington Road **School Street will now become active on 1st December**, rather than 24th November.

With best wishes,

Ewan Marshall

Head Teacher

We warmly welcome all parents, carers and grandparents to their child's class assembly which take place on Friday 10th October starting at 9.05am. Please stay and have a cup of tea or coffee with us afterwards.

Friday 17th October - Swift

Friday 24th October - Pelican

Friday 7th November - Peacock

Friday 14th November - Puffin

Friday 21st November - Magpie

Friday 24th November - Nightingale

Friday 5th December - Owl

Parents' Evening

19th November 5pm-7.30pm

20th November 4pm-6.30pm

Christmas Dates

Nativities

Dove - Monday 8th December 9.15am

Chaffinch - Monday 8th December 2.45pm

Eagle - Tuesday 9th December 9.15am

Sing-A-Longs

Nursery AM - Wednesday 10th December 11.30am

Nursery PM - Wednesday 10th December 2.30pm

Year 2 Performances

Kestrel— 11th December 9.15am

Kingfisher - 11th December 3pm

Kookaburra 12th December 9.15

Year 6 & 6 Concerts 6-8pm

Monday 15th December Featuring **Junior Chorus**

Tues day 16th December



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Community Gardening

Join us for our last Community Gardening session with Mrs Greene after school this term. This is a chance to garden FOR FREE with other families and children in a relaxed and informal setting – all welcome. **After this session, we will take a break until the Spring.**

Who: Parents / Carers / Grandparents / Staff and up to two children
(adults must stay to supervise them)

When: Weds 5th Nov, 3:45 – 4:30 – planting bulbs to take home

Where: School allotment (fenced off area left of the dining hall) behind playhouse

Bring: Nothing required, but bring gardening gloves if you have them

Litter Pick of Everington Road

Come and help us clean up the streets near our school! Picking up litter protects local wildlife and marine life, as plastic items often end up in drains and eventually in the sea.

We will provide **litter pickers, gloves and bin bags** for the first 30 who arrive.

Who: Children with parents / carers / grandparents

When: Weds 26th Nov, 3:45 – 4:30

Where: Meet opposite the Everington Road school gate

Bring: Nothing required, but bring a black bin bag if you can.

Want to organise your own litter pick?

You can borrow our school litter pickers. To arrange this, send an email to Mrs Greene via the school office.

Please give at least two weeks' notice.

Thank you!

Switch Off Fortnight – 10th – 23rd November

In November, we will be taking part in **Switch Off Fortnight** at school. This is a national campaign to reduce energy use by turning off lights and other appliances when they are not in use. We hope you will also take part at home.

Turning off appliances at the plug is a quick way to save as they are using energy if left on standby. **Let's work together to help the planet – and reduce our energy bills!**

Reducing Waste at School

This year, we are collaborating with the North London Waste Authority on their *'In The Know'* programme. As a school, we are on a mission to **reduce waste** inside the classrooms, on the playground and at lunch to become more sustainable. Star Squad, our eco committee, took part in a **waste audit** where they took a deep dive inside our bins. **This is what we found:**

Food waste makes up over half of the waste across the school

Recycling quality is generally poor across the school, with recyclable items being placed in the rubbish bin

General rubbish could be reduced by up to 85% if everything was disposed of correctly

We will be working on these areas as a school, and encourage you to **talk to your children about what should be recycled** at home too.



OPAL Corner



As the weather becomes colder and wetter please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. A waterproof jacket and wellies (named please) are essential as are gloves and hats when it becomes colder. Children will be going outside and accessing our fantastic play opportunities all year round.

Golden Welly

Well done to Theo (and friends) in Kookaburra Class who have won the first Golden Welly Award this month. They have been enjoying the 'muddyness' of the digging zone and creating deep tunnels and holes. Maybe they'll find some gold soon?



OPAL Homework – November

Thank you everyone for last month's OPAL homework! We have been overwhelmed by all of the lovely photos children have sent in on Google Classroom.

This month the OPAL homework is to build a shelter in the woods for yourself, an animal or mythical creature. Use natural parts, logs, branches and leaves to build a simple shelter to protect yourself or your chosen creature from the weather. If you prefer you could create one for a smaller animal to stay dry, warm and snuggly in. Upload a picture to Google classroom for your teacher to see.

Donations

We really need more loose parts donations. This is so children can build camps, obstacle courses, life size cars etc. We particularly need:

- Wooden planks
- Tarpaulins
- Milk crates
- Pvc pipes
- Cable reels

If we have any parents who are builders we'd be really grateful to talk with you about taking some of your old junk off your hands.



Autumn Angel by Cassidy