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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are the highlights of the week:

- It was all about our Governors this week because it was Governor-Link Week and our Governors came into school to look around and enjoy seeing your wonderful children learning and engaging enthusiastically in school life. Each Governor looked at life in school through a different lens. Attendance, Behaviour, Inclusion, Personal Development, Safeguarding, Leadership and Early Years. They were all very impressed with what they saw but also gave us some areas to consider for improvement. I think our Chair of Governors, Susan Asser, was most moved by the child who took one look at her and decided she needed a hug! Well, I'm sure she was right - we all need a hug from time to time! Even the bosses! Actually - *especially* the bosses!
- Every year group visits Elm Park library once a term and we've been doing this for years. This term was no exception and 6B trundled off to the library as usual on Monday morning only to find the doors locked when they arrived - turns out that they'd changed the library from Elm Park to Hornchurch but omitted to tell us! Still, it was a lovely morning walk for the children who took the unexpected jaunt in their stride!
- Y6 watched the Steve Backshall video this week as part of their science curriculum. He showed the children different marine creatures living in UK waters. From sharks and rays to crabs, eels and turtles, there was plenty to capture their interest. The biggest surprise, however, was learning that male seahorses are responsible for giving birth to the babies. It's fair to say that this particular arrangement received a great deal of approval from the female contingent of the year group!
- We have addressed water safety with the whole school this week and Year 6 had their own special brand of safety training which included keeping safe outside and keeping our wildlife safe, having an escape plan at home in case of a house fire, what to do in the case of someone choking, the consequences of carrying a knife, beach safety and what to do if you find yourself in trouble in the sea and keeping safe on the roads. Year 6 are now fully prepared to tackle almost any emergency that comes their way short of an alien invasion!!
- Emerson Park secondary school teachers came to visit our Y6 children this week and the children asked very sensible questions about timetables and settling in.



- This week was also Test Week across the school—the last one of the year! The mornings were so quiet you could almost hear a pencil drop as children focused on their tests. By the afternoons, however, classrooms were alive with practical and active lessons, as teachers know from experience that keeping children seated for too long is rather like shaking a bottle of fizzy drink and hoping for the best!
- Test week also included the official PhonicsCheck for Year 1. The children were absolute stars, approaching the assessment with smiles, confidence and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase the fantastic phonics knowledge they have developed throughout the year, and they should be very proud of themselves.
- Thursday was Pyjama Day organised by Joshua (5C) and his band of merry men who wanted to raise some money for OPAL whilst also highlighting the importance of relaxing and unwinding in your PJs! It was just the right antidote to a rainy, miserable day, and there was certainly no shortage of cosy, colourful sleepwear on display around the school. Thank you for all your donations (£193.90) - every little helps replace a broken or worn-out or lost toy that gives your children great pleasure at lunchtime.
- And today was **another** non-uniform day. At this rate, we'll have to start paying for **uniform** days—they're becoming an endangered species! Today's was for collecting sweets and treats for our Summer Fete - I've been eyeing them up greedily to supplement my meagre diet - there has to be some perks to being a Head Teacher, surely!!
- And after school today comes the postponed and ever-popular Colour Run, where the usual balance of power is temporarily reversed as adults gleefully shower children with clouds of coloured powder. Opportunities like this don't come along very often, so I suspect some parents may be planning to make the most of it! I'll let you know how it went next week!
- And that's it for news this week. It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week

R1 Idris	4A Summer
R2 Ariaah	4B Alice
1A Adrian	5A Reyan
1B Amanah	5B Gabriel
2A Azan	5C Jimmy
2B Lola	6A Neve
3A Albie	6B Harrison
3B Mia	Willow Flora

Kindness Award

R1 Greyd	4A Rayan
R2 Tallulah	4B Sia
1A Aleena	5A Regi
1B Lucas	5B Sinachi
2A Jude	5C Ahmad
2B Aidan	6A Penelope
3A Aaron	6B Nicole
3B Isobel	

Congratulations to

Jax R1	Sidney 4B
Madalin 1A	Promesse 5B
Finn 4B	Adelaide 6B

on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Zahra R1	Ella 3A
Myiah R1	Jessica 3A
Zac 1B	Emma 5A
Idrees 2A	Vera 5B
Hallie 2A	Ahmad 5C
Darius 2A	Mason 5C
Callum 2A	Khaleelah 5C

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

Reaching gold this week

Zahra R1	Annie 2A	Ella 3A	Dominic 5A
Amiyah R1	Billie 2A	Jessica 3A	Emily 5A
Dior R1	Cleo 2A	Karley 3A	Jess 5A
Mason R1	Harley 2A	Aaron 3A	Jamie 5A
Myiah R1	Harper 2A	Affan 3A	Mahilan 5A
Edua R1	Hurmat 2A	Isobel 3B	Naylaa 5A
Bonnie R1	Levi 2A	Evani 3B	Eadie 5A
Idris R1	Sehaj 2A	Benuji 3B	Emma 5A
Stanley R2	Musa 2A	Maia 3B	Teddy 5A
Greyson R2	Idrees 2A	Ruby 3B	Kris 5A
Nova R2	Hallie 2A	Yaquub 3B	Kira 5B
Amaya R2	Dhyan 2A		Vera 5B
Rayaan R2	Fola 2A		Mark 5B
Adam 1A	Darius 2A		Ahmad 5C
Mylo 1B	Callum 2A		Mason 5C
Tommy 1B	Vadim 2A		Halimat 5C
Jude 1B	Aariish A 2B		Joshua 5C
Eva 1B	Amelia I 2B		Khaleelah 5C
N'myah 1B	Arisha 2B		Tyler 6B
Zac 1B	Bella 2B		
Kian 1B	Kendall 2B		
Rukah-Ya 1B	Vinnie 2B		
Joshua 1B	Sofia 2B		
Nila 1B	Hudson 2B		



ACHIEVER

Presentation Award

Layla
in 2A



Summer Term Dates

- **Monday 15th June - Open Evening**
- **Tuesday 16th June - KS1 sports day in the afternoon**
- **Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 and 6 puberty talks with the school nurse**
- **Thursday 18th June - KS2 sports day in the morning**
- **Friday 19th June - Father's Day stalls**
- **Friday 19th June - Music Showcase pm**
- **Tuesday 23rd June - Year 2 trip to Clacton**
- **Thursday 25th June - Year 3 trip to the Saatchi Gallery**
- **Monday 29th June - Culture Day**
- **Friday 3rd July - Wear green for gardening club and bring a donation**
- **Friday 3rd July - Performing Arts Wicked showcase**
- **Saturday 4th July - PTA Summer fair**
- **Monday 6th July - Year 6 Transition meetings with David Leech**
- **Wednesday 8th July - Meet your new teacher**
- **Thursday 9th July - Transition day in new class**
- **Thursday 9th July - New Intake Lunch and Learn**
- **Friday 10th July - Rock Steady Concert to parents**
- **Friday 10th July - Year 6 Leavers party**
- **Tuesday 14th July - House winners water fight**
- **Wednesday 15th July - PTA Sponsered bounce**
- **Friday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers presentation assembly**
- **Friday 17th July - Break up at 1:30 pm**
- **Monday 20th July - INSET Day**

