



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an external review recently from our school improvement partner. I have been pleased to note the feedback about what a calm and purposeful learning environment the school is. Our SIP inspector specifically commented on our highly engaged, well mannered and delightful pupils! It is great to see our hard work paying off when we have this sort of recognition from external partners.

You may know that we are about to receive our **Healthy School Award**, which has been an entire year of work gathering evidence. As you know the food offer at Rotherfield is exceptional and way above the standards of the majority of schools due to our onsite catering team. As part of this we are now reviewing our packed lunch policy. I am meeting with our new Executive Chef, Tiago, next week to finalise this. Once agreed, it will be shared with parents and will be introduced soon... **The policy will reflect government guidance on healthy food.**



Don't forget that we will have a film crew in on Monday working on the new video for our website. Please make sure children are in the correct uniform. If you do not want them to be filmed at all for the website then do let us know.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP NEWS - BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Over the last few years, we have reviewed our curriculum to ensure that Black excellence is weaved into many areas of study across the year. This month, Rotherfield are celebrating Black History month and the theme for this year is 'Reclaiming Narratives.' This theme is not just about revisiting history; it's about taking ownership of the stories that define our culture, our contributions, and our very identity.



Here are some of the things we'll be doing this month to celebrate:

Through PSHE and History, the children will have the opportunity to investigate untold stories, unsung heroes and everyday individuals who positively impact society. We will explore themes such as resilience, self-care, and well-being, underscoring the strength and determination of black individuals and communities throughout history.

To further enhance our curriculum, we are excited to offer children the opportunity to prepare dishes rooted in Black history with Thiago, our newly appointed Head Chef and Food Educator. Children will also be exploring influential Black musicians with Matthew, our music specialist.

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Finally, Rosa, our English lead has put together a booklist of historical stories from Black History around the world. From picture books to short novels, spanning fiction and non-fiction these books are bound to captivate and inspire the children.

Our weekly phase assemblies will revolve around the theme 'Reclaiming Narratives' this month. We'll also be delivering an assembly on celebrating difference and the impact of racism.

On the theme of captivating and inspiring our children, we are of the belief that we can all learn about Black history through stories from our own community - this is why we would love to hear stories of your own. As a school, we would like to invite in any parents, relatives, etc into school to share any inspirational stories with our children. If this is something that you or a family member would be interested in doing, please do contact Lesley in the school office.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Whole school: 91.1%**  
**National: 95%**

Well done to all our wonderful children on their hard work this week. The following deserve a special mention for receiving **Star of the week!**

**Year 6: Zane and Caroline**

**Year 5: Samuel and Sibel**

**Year 4: David**

**Year 3: Reegan and Max**

**Year 2: Berzan and Deanara**

**Year 1: Amber and Ryan**

**Reception: Abbas**

**Nursery: Hunter**



Mulberry	97%
Pine	96%
Cedar	94%
Palm	94%
Rowan	94%
Willow	94%
Holly	93%
Ash	93%
Oak	93%
Apple	92%
Elm	91%
Maple	90%
Silver birch	89%
Beech	85%

### TOP DOODLERS

Top class - ASH

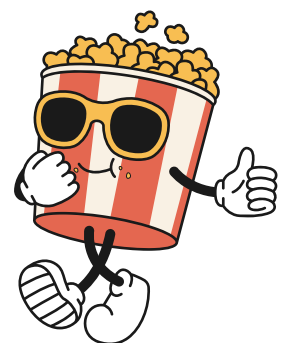


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

### POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Mulberry** class for having the highest attendance this week!



# ISLINGTON TRIBUNE FEATURE

It was a proud moment to see our lovely school featured in the local paper last week. Click the link to read!

<https://www.islingtontribune.co.uk/article/schools-overjoyed-and-proud-after-high-praise-from-inspectors>

## IslingtonTribune

Tuesday, 1st October 2024 E-edition Camden New Journal Westminster E

### EDUCATION

#### Schools 'overjoyed' and 'proud' after high praise from inspectors

Newington Green rated 'outstanding', while Rotherfield is recognised as one of Islington's 'most improved' schools

Friday, 27th September - By Isabel Loubser



# APPLY FOR DIGITAL LEADERS!

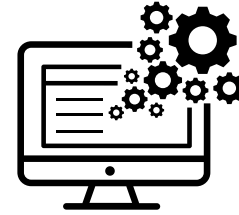
Digital Leaders are an important part of the school who help to share information and skills that keep children safe online. Digital Leaders help in lots of different ways, they get a badge, help with assemblies and they go on a trip that is only available to children who are Digital Leaders. We only have place for 1 digital leader from each class for the entire year so it's important we find children who are going to really make a difference and help the team.

Only available for year children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### Apply by Friday 11th October

Here is a link to the application form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cYKtKNiaA6>



# BIKEABILITY



This week our Year 4 students have all taken part in Bike ability lessons.

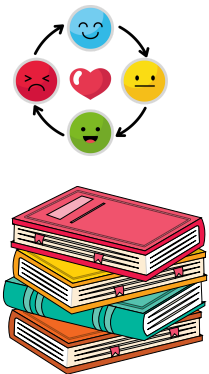
Find out more about the organisation here:

[www.bikeability.org.uk](http://www.bikeability.org.uk)

All children were able to participate multiple times over the week, even if they do not own their own bike. This is an important extra curricular lesson in helping our children to stay safe on the roads. It is also a key part of supporting children to develop healthy and sustainable habits for the future, such as travelling by bike instead of by car. We hope this opportunity will support our Year 4 pupils to get around by bike more often!



# ZONES OF REGULATION



In the library, a Zones of Regulation book corner has been set up. In this area - which we will be adding to with books from Islington Library Service, children can access a range of books that explore emotions and help children reflect on how to manage and regulate their own big feelings.

Of course, we have also chosen books that are fantastic stories in their own right! Class library slots are starting in the next week or two so you can chat with your children about whether they have read any yet!

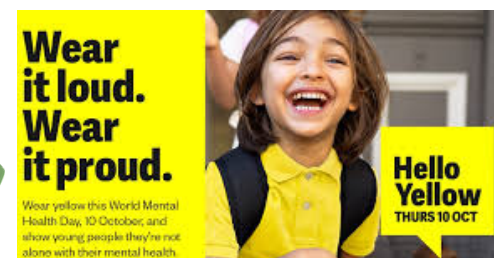
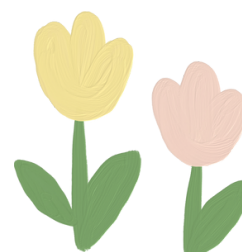
# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

This week, the school council presented an assembly to discuss next Thursday's fundraiser for World Mental Health Day.

Each child will be given a Wellbeing Bingo card to complete at home. Please encourage your child to carry out the tasks and discuss with them the importance of talking about things when they are on their mind.

We look forward to seeing you all arrive in something Yellow next Thursday (10th October).

As a school council, we felt that our wellbeing is equally as important as the next child and wanted to make our playground a better place to be at lunch times. Therefore, your £1 contribution will be going towards playground equipment.



# REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 5 Bikeability	Monday 7th October - Thursday 10th October
Flu vaccination	Monday 7th October
Film Crew in school for promotional video	Monday 7th October
Year 2 Trip - Tate Modern	Wednesday 9th October
Wear it yellow for World Mental Health Day	Thursday 10th October
KS1 Parent/Carer Reading Session	Monday 14th October @9am
Year 4 Trip - Science Museum	Wednesday 16th October
Year 6 Trip - Jewish Museum	Wednesday 16th October
Parents/Carers Evening	Tuesday 15th October (3:45-6:30) / Wednesday 16th (3:45-5:00)
Halloween Disco & Dressing Up Day	Thursday 24th October
October Half term	Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
INSET day	Monday 4th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th November
School Nurse Drop-in	Wednesday 27th November

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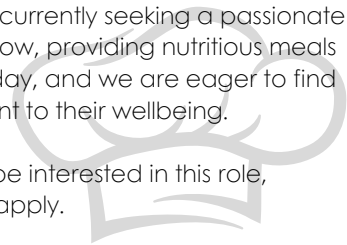
ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY  
PARENTS/CARERS

Please call 02090177926 or email [islington@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:islington@v-uk.co.uk) to book an appointment  
<https://mcd.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/ISLINGTON>

## SOUS CHEF VACANCY

At Rotherfield Primary School we are currently seeking a passionate Sous Chef to join our team. As you know, providing nutritious meals to our children is a vital part of their day, and we are eager to find someone who shares our commitment to their wellbeing.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this role, please click [here](#) to learn more and apply.



### Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington  
[Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership](#)

### Clubs contact info

Should you need to reach a staff member after 4PM regarding your child at after-school club (such as late collection from after school club), please call this number for immediate assistance: 07955184099