



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers

This morning I welcomed some more of our governors to the school. We had arranged for a coffee morning for parents to meet them, which had been shared in the newsletter, by email and by poster. I was disappointed that we didn't have any parents in attendance, as the governors would have loved to have met you. Please do let us know if you think there are more ways in which we can get messages out to you as these meetings are great opportunities to bring the parent view into the school.

We then spent the rest of the morning in classes with a specific focus on behaviour for learning and how SEND learners are catered for. Yet again, I am really pleased to report how consistently strong this was in each class, which the governors were really impressed by.

A huge round of applause goes to our HLTA Karen and some of our lovely EYFS parents who this week hosted visitors from the Caymen Islands to their early language group. The visitors were looking at exemplary practice in developing early language. The feedback speaks for itself! *"I have attended many Early Words Together sessions, and yours stands out as one of the best I've seen."*

## THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS - Gardening Club

Every Monday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, we run a gardening club for a group of enthusiastic young gardeners at Rotherfield so they can explore the joys of growing their own food and flowers.

In our club, children learn hands-on skills like sowing seeds, caring for plants, and understanding the seasons. So far, we've planted carrots, flowers, and strawberries, and the children are excited to watch them grow! Through digging, watering, and nurturing their plants, they're discovering the magic of nature and the patience it takes to help things flourish.

Gardening is not only a fun outdoor activity but also teaches teamwork, responsibility, and a love for fresh food.

This past Monday, we had a picnic to celebrate our harvesting of Rosemary! Every pupil got some flowers for the parents and rosemary leaves to season their food at home. That also saw and tried the different varieties of carrots: purple ones, orange, white carrots baby carrots... and they tried them raw, in the form of a cake and even the juice!

We can't wait to see what sprouts next!



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Whole school: 93.7%**  
**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: Cienna, Emmanuel and Giorgio**



**Year 5: Cassie and Kayra**



**Year 4: Fay and Madina**

**Year 3: Aubrey and Yigit**

**Year 2: Ramzan and Amelia.H**

**Year 1: Arya and Grey**

**Reception: Shane**

**Nursery: Gael**

Palm	98%
Cedar	96%
Maple	95%
Ash	95%
Oak	94%
Mulberry	93%
Rowan	93%
Beech	90%
Willow	89%
Elm	88%
Silver birch	87%
Apple	87%
Holly	87%
Pine	84%

## TOP DOODLERS - ASH & PINE

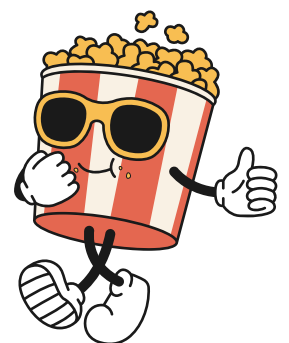


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

## POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

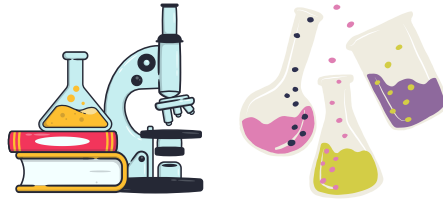
Well done to **Palm** class  
for having the highest  
attendance this week!



# Science Club



Our inaugural Year 4 lunch time science club. We made lemon volcanoes and minion lava lamps! So exciting (and messy!).

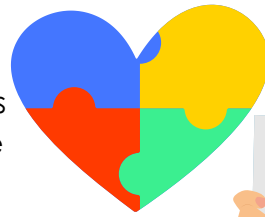


# Neurodiversity

This week the children have been learning more about Neurodiversity, this includes dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, ADHD and autism. To celebrate our differences we are inviting the children to **design a poster** around the theme '**We are all different, but all the same**'. Entries must be on A4 paper, but can be completed in pen/pencil/paint and **submitted by the last day of term (04/04/25) to Rhian**.

Winners will be announced after Easter.

**The best poster will be displayed around the school.**



# Tiago's Weekly Recipe - Flavourful Pakistani Beef Kebabs

These easy, family-friendly kebabs bring the rich, aromatic spices of Pakistan into your home. They are mild enough for children but full of flavour, perfect for lunchboxes, wraps, or as a side with chapati and chutney.

## Ingredients:

- 500g minced beef (20% fat for juicier kebabs)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 green chilli, finely chopped (optional)
- 2 tbsp fresh coriander, chopped
- 1 tsp ginger-garlic paste
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp turmeric
- ½ tsp garam masala
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ½ tsp salt (adjust to taste)
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 2 tbsp gram flour (besan) or breadcrumbs (for binding)
- 1 tbsp oil (for grilling or frying)



## Method:

1. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients thoroughly until well combined.
2. Take small portions and shape into flat patties or long kebabs.
3. Heat a grill pan or frying pan with a little oil and cook for about 4-5 minutes per side until golden brown and cooked through.
4. Serve with raita (yoghurt sauce), naan, or a simple salad.



## Ingredients for Veggie Option:

- 2 medium potatoes, boiled and mashed
  - 1 carrot, grated
    - ½ cup peas, mashed slightly
- ½ cup chickpeas, mashed (or use cooked lentils)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 green chilli, finely chopped (optional)
- 2 tbsp fresh coriander, chopped
  - 1 tsp ginger-garlic paste
  - 1 tsp ground cumin
  - 1 tsp ground coriander
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## Curious Facts About Pakistan & Its Food

1. Pakistan has the world's largest canal irrigation system, making its agriculture-rich plains perfect for growing spices, wheat, and rice—the backbone of Pakistani cuisine.
2. Kebabs in Pakistan date back to the Mughal era and were influenced by Persian and Central Asian cooking traditions.
3. Pakistan is home to the second-highest mountain in the world, K2, standing at 8,611 metres!
4. The famous Karachi Nihari was originally a breakfast dish for Mughal emperors and labourers because it was slow-cooked overnight.
5. Pakistan produces some of the best mangoes in the world, with over 200 varieties! The Chaunsa and Sindhri mangoes are especially prized.
6. Pakistani cuisine has strong influences from Persian, Afghan, and Indian cooking, making it rich in flavour and spices.
7. Chai (tea) is a national obsession, and Pakistan is one of the biggest tea-drinking countries in the world.
8. Lahore is considered the food capital of Pakistan, famous for its street food, including spicy chana chaat, seekh kebabs, and crispy samosas.
4. Dal (lentils) is a staple in Pakistani homes, often paired with rice or roti for a simple, nutritious meal.
5. Pakistan has one of the world's oldest civilisations, the Indus Valley, where evidence of early wheat and barley farming has been found!

# REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 5 Trip - Jo'Burg Anniversary Event	Thursday 20th March
Meet the Governors Coffee Morning	Friday 21st March @9-9:30
Year 1 - Forrest School	Tuesday 25th March
Parents/Carers Evening (All other year groups)	Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March (Bookings up until 5pm on 26th)
SENDCo Coffee Afternoon	Thursday 27th March @2pm
Year 1 - London Landmarks Trip	Thursday 3rd April
Eid Celebration Afternoon	Friday 4th April
Last day of term	Friday 4th April
Children return to school	Tuesday 22nd April
Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Parade	Tuesday 22nd April
Year 1 - V&A trip	Monday 28th April

## ROBLOX

**Roblox Parental Controls:** Roblox is a popular game for young children where they can make their own games and play games that are created by others. There are problems with children speaking to strangers on Roblox which is why Common Sense Media ([Roblox Website Review](#) | [Common Sense Media](#)) has given it a 13+ age rating. There are issues with games made by other users which have inappropriate content. One of the best ways to keep your children safe online is to keep the devices in a room where you can see them. If your children are playing Roblox, the best advice is to set up parental controls, here is a guide on how to do this. [Roblox parental controls guide](#) | [Internet Matters](#)

### **SENDCo Coffee Afternoon**

There will be a SEN Coffee afternoon for Parent/Cares on Thursday 27th March at 2pm in the lower hall. This is a chance for Parent/Cares to come and speak to other parents/carers about any concerns they have. Rhian will be there as the SENDCo.

### **Important Notice**

Please click [here](#) to view the late collection policy

### **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