

February 2023

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you attending your child's parent consultation meeting with your child's teacher/teachers recently. These meetings are held to give you the opportunity to discuss your child's achievement so far this year and to inform you of where your child is currently working and to discuss how you can support your child in helping them reach their targets.

If you didn't make an appointment, please see the class teacher who will be happy to fit you in another time. We value your partnership in ensuring we achieve 100% attendance at meetings.

Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

Y5 KidZania

On Friday 3rd February, Year Five pupils ventured out to KidZania, in Shepherd's Bush, London. They had a very busy day exploring the mini city, taking part in a range of job opportunities to earn and spend KidZos (KidZania's very own currency). They became, pilots, couriers, fire fighters, musicians, graphic designers and detectives - the list goes on! At the end of the day, they were able to use their KidZos to buy a little souvenir to take away with them. The children were well-behaved, polite and a joy to be with - they are definitely not afraid of a bit of hard work!



Reading

Your support with reading at home is essential in order for your child to achieve their potential as a reader. Please listen to them read at least four times a week. We track how much reading your child is doing at home, so please sign their reading record and add a brief comment every time you have listened to them read. In years 5 and 6, they are responsible for their own daily records, however they should be signed by parents/carers at least once a week.

We will communicate with parents/carers of children who are not regularly reading at home. Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us.

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House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respect, resilience and relationships.



Dragon 1845



Griffin 1578



Lion 1682



Unicorn 1948

Young Voices



On 24th January, Potter Street Choir travelled to the O2 in London to perform as part of the Young Voices Choir. The children were all very excited and we spent the morning rehearsing the songs, practising dance moves and even recorded 'Proud' with Heather Small to become part of a charity single for Place 2 Be!

The children had an amazing time and sung their hearts out! Well done to all of you, we are very proud of you - keep singing!

Author Visit

On the 30th and 31st of January the author Steve Clifford came to work with the children. The children enjoyed experiencing his fun storytelling and worked with him on workshops to create their own stories about a range of topics. It was a fantastic two days for all the children. Steve commented on how great the children's imagination was as well as how brilliant their behaviour was. Thank you to all the parents and carers that bought his books and we hope you have enjoyed reading them at home.

Essex Library Service

We were lucky enough to have the Mobile Library Service visit us on the 21st February. The children had a fantastic time choosing their own selection of books. It was brilliant to hear the children talking passionately about their love of books and reading. We hope they enjoy reading their choices at home.



Wellbeing

It was lovely to see so many families attend our Time to Talk event in early February.

Following your feedback - we will be hosting these on a regular basis and the next one will be on Thurs 9th March 3.10pm-4.15pm.

Families can also drop into our community space after school for a cuppa, crafts, help with homework and/or other family support needs.

School Disco

Thank you to our PTA and Mrs Beesley for organising another successful fundraising disco. Many thanks also to all the staff volunteers.

All the children and adults had an amazing time!!



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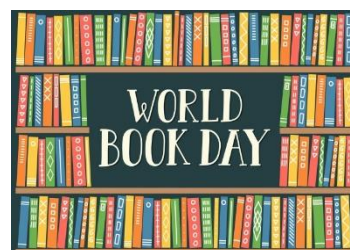
2 nd March	World Book Day
3 rd March	Tag Rugby (Y6)
10 th March	Tag Rugby (Y3 & 4)
13 th March	Inset Day
16 th March	Y2 Class Assembly – 9:15am
17 th March	Comic Relief Day / Mothers Day Celebration
17 th March	Tri-Golf (Y3 & 4)
24 th March	Cross Country (Y3 & 4)
29 th March	Top Sports at Passmores
31 st March	Quad Bikes Festival (Y3 & 4)
31 st March	School finishes at 1.30pm for Easter holidays – no after school club
17 th April	Children return to school

World Book Day – 2nd March

This year, World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 2 March 2023. Since it was first celebrated in the UK and Ireland over 25 years ago, the day has grown to become an essential calendar fixture for schools, settings and communities. It provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

This is an annual event that is celebrated across the globe to promote the love of reading. At Potter Street we will be joining in this love of reading by

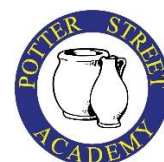
asking children and staff to come into school dressed as a character from a book. On the day children will have the opportunity to share who their character is. They will also come home with a book token which can be put towards the cost of a book at local retailers.



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Mother's Day / Comic Relief – 17th March

On Friday 17th March, Potter Street Academy are supporting Comic Relief. Children and staff are asked to wear something red to support the charity; children can wear other non-school uniform clothes as well which are suitable for school – a donation of £1 will be appreciated.

In the afternoon we will be celebrating Mother's Day and are inviting all mums or significant females (over 18); details are as follows:-

EYFS / Y1 / Y2

Please arrive at your child's classroom at 2:30pm (please enter the school via the top school gate). You will be celebrated by a performance in the hall and will then return to your child's classroom for a Mother's Day activity.

Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6

Please arrive at your child's classroom at 2:40pm (please enter the school via the top school gate). You will be celebrated by a performance in the hall and then will return to your child's classroom for a Mother's Day activity.

Due to restrictions with space in classrooms, only one female adult should come unless you have 3 or 4 children and then two relatives will be allowed.

We look forward to a fun day.

