New City Primary School









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Why reading at home matters:

New City students take part in research!

We would like to say a big thank you to the current Year 2 pupils who volunteered to take part in research for City, University of London! The Masters research project was carried out in May-July 2019 by our speech and language therapist, Amelia Hutchon, to find out how behaviours at home are linked to children's language development.

What did the research find out?

Reading at home

We found out that children who read more books at home have stronger language skills! Participants who read a greater number of books and more often with their parents had stronger narrative skills. This suggests that reading with your child at home can support their language development.

Why are narrative skills important?

Narrative skills are the skills we use to tell stories. Children need to use narrative skills all the time, for example, if you ask them what they did at school today, or to tell you about their favourite holiday. Narrative skills are closely linked to literacy and reading comprehension. Children with delayed narrative skills may find it difficult to tell you about events or understand written stories.

Screen-time at home

We explored how much screen-time (TV, tablets, smartphones) children were using at home. Children's access to screen-time is increasing. The World Health Organisation recommends no access to screen-time before 2 years old and a maximum of one hour a day for children under 5. Our study found that 100% of children (age 5-6) used an iPad at home for at least 1 hour per day, with over 50% accessing 2 hours every day. We need to cut down on screen-time use!

What is the impact of too much screen-time?

Excessive screen-time in children has been linked to difficulties with attention, sleep, and weight gain. Our research project did not find a link between screen-time and language development. However, other studies have suggested that educational content, such as educational apps, may be more beneficial to language development.



<u>Important dates-Spring</u> <u>Term 2020</u>

14th February—Last day for half term

24th February—New half term

26th February—Reception visit the cable cars

2nd March—Y6 at IntoUniversity

6th March—World Book Day

12th March—Ben Kinsella Workshop Y5

12th, 13th and 16th March—Y3 visit the Science Museum

24th March—Y5 at IntoUniversity

31st March and 2nd April—Parents Evening

6th April—Parent Shows

7th April—End of Term

8th April—Revision School for Y6

9th April-Revision School for Y6

20th April—First day of the Summer term

7th May—School closed for a Polling Day

May 8th - May Day Bank Holiday

May 22nd - Last day of the half term

June 1st - First Day back of the half term

July 17th—Last day of the Summer term

Please note all information regarding dates, policies and the curriculum can be found on our website at www.newcity.boleyntrust.org

Mr Canning OBE Visits New City

On Monday the CEO of the Boleyn Trust visited New City. Tom Canning toured the school and saw all the developments that have been taking place to ensure all children are reading for pleasure. He was very impressed by how all our staff, children and parents have been supporting this important initiative.

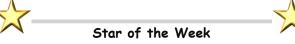


Fossils Workshop Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time taking part in 'Palaeoquest' on Tuesday, where Dr Helen came in with lots of interesting artefacts. We looked at crystals, uncovered fossils and got up close to real shark teeth! We learned so much and had lots of scientific fun!







RK-Sulayman RM—Zephy RD—Alexia 1P—Samiha 1D- Diyana 1H-Zaynab 2F-Keeyana 2B-Alex 2H- Khalid 3K-Yusra 3D-Majid 3P-Amanda 4W- Faizan 4S-David B 4H- Joey 5B- Aidan 5M-Zara 5R— Safoora 6K-Christopher 6F—Muaad 6B-Larissa



Dropping and Picking up Children

The start and the end of the school day are busy times on the road. To ensure all children are safe please park in the designated areas to drop off and pick

up your children. We have seen too many near accidents in recent times whereby parents are not parking but just stopping on the yellow lines, Please think about the safety of everyone and leave enough time to park



Thank you!

StudyBugs

We are pleased to announce that New City is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. The service is linked into the NHS and other public health organisations and provides help and advice to parents regarding childhood illnesses and how to treat them. For more information about the benefits of using the Studybugs app go to https://studybugs.com/about/parents and download the app

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Apple: <u>https://apps.apple.com/app/id695307170</u>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.sickly.app

Microsoft: https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/p/studybugs/9wzdncrdm71v?rtc=1&activetab=pivot:overviewtab

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Choice | French Bread and Tomato Pizza with Wedges | Chicken Enchiladas with New Potatoes | Roast Lamb, Roast Potatoes with Gravy | Jerk Chicken with Rice | Breaded Fish and Chips |
| Vegetarian Choice | Potato and Courgette Stack | Linda McCartney Sausages, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy | Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Soya Bolognaise | Cheese and tomato Quiche with Chips |
| Sides | Sweetcorn Tomatoes | Swede and Carrot Mash | Carrots Green Beans | Sweetcorn Broccoli | Baked Beans Peas |
| Dessert | Oaty Apple Crumble with Custard | Banana Sponge and Custard | Iced Bun | Orange and Lemon Shortbread | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt |