

Head Teacher Update

Dear parents and carers Today marks the end of Spring 1 term. I wish you all a happy half term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday February 21st.

Thank you for your ongoing support Best wishes Mrs Stone

## History At New City

This term we have been celebrating European Heritage Month. Each year group studied a historical figure from Europe and learned why they are important and how their work has made an impact on the world.

Reception created some wonderful artwork based on Vincent Van Gogh's, The Starry Night.

Year 1 researched the life and accomplishments of Leonardo Da Vinci. They enjoyed looking at some of his most famous paintings.

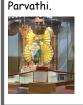
Year 4 researched the accomplishments of Frederick Chopin. They listened to Nocturnes and Etudes to get into the mood.

Our runners up are Diamond in 5Ra, Afrin in 5Ra and Sarah in 4P.

The winner is Aimee in 5Ra.

# Year 4 Visit a Temple

This week year 4 visited the SKSS Hindu Temple in Newham. They have been making religious buildings in their DT lessons. They explored the temple and observed a prayer session taking place. Year 4 are also studying Hinduism in their RE lessons and were able to see the different idols and recall why they were significant in Hinduism. They saw the Hindu helper Ganesh who is responsible known as the remover of obstacles and the offspring of Shiva, the Hindu helper of destruction and his consort the goddess







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**LGBT**+ **History Month** Every February, the UK celebrates LGBT+ history month. At New City our pupils will learn about what the past was like for some LGBTQI+ people, celebrate their achievements and work for a fair equal future where respect and kindness are shown to everyone. The theme for LGBT+ History Month this year is 'Politics in Art', and pupils will be exploring how art can be political and how we can express ideas through art, including through writing and poetry. Our Year 6 pupils will also have the opportunity to meet children's author D Lapinski. author of



meet children's author D Lapinski, author of 'The Strangeworlds Travel Agency' at a Newham Libraries online event. Lapinski writes stories which "include queer characters who aren't defined by their gender or sexuality alone ... queer characters having adventures, forming non-romantic relationships and doing things where their queerness isn't actually a factor."





February 21<sup>st</sup> - Start of Spring 2 February 21st - Fair Trade Fortnight February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Launch of the Family Centre February 28th - World Book Day Workshops March 3rd - Children visit Stratford Library March 4<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day Fancy Dress March 10<sup>th</sup> - Y5 IntoUniversity starts March 14<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week March 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Skype a school in Canada March 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 visit Marvin's Binoculars March 18<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief Day March 21<sup>st</sup> - International Day Lunch March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent's Evening at school 3 - 5 March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Cultural exchange with a partner school March 24<sup>th</sup> - Parent's evening 3:30 - 5:30 March 25<sup>th</sup> - Child of the Term March 29<sup>th</sup> - Y6 visit the Natural History Museum March 30<sup>th</sup> - Science Assembly Workshops March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter Shows for parents April 1<sup>st</sup> - Autism Awareness Day April 1<sup>st</sup> - Last day of the Term Please note all information regarding dates, policies and the curriculum can

be found on our website at

Online Safety at home

Dear Parents and Carers to ensure that our children remain safe we ask that you monitor your child's use of social media at home with such sites as Snapchat, Facebook and Roblox. According to terms and conditions the minimum age for children to be using these sites is 13 years of age. There are parental permission facilities that you can put in place on all of your devices to support with this. Should you need any further information or clarification then please do not hesitate to contact the school.



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### KS2 Online Reading Journals

Reading with your child at home is very important and makes a big difference to their happiness and motivation at school and learning outcomes. You can let the teacher know how it's going by completing the Reading log found on your MarvellousMe home screen. We have moved our reading logs online so parents are able to give concise feedback of their children's reading in seconds. Please read

with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and fill in the online reading journals every **Sunday**. If you have any questions about the online reading journals, please speak to your child's

teacher who will be happy to support you.



#### Music at New City

In Year 4, the children learned about pentatonic scales and used their knowledge of music notation to compose and play their composed piece on a recorder. Music provision is also continued after school, where children from years 3- 6 attend choir club. They are currently learning songs from the Beatles and Disney's Lion King in preparation for their O2 Arena performance on 4th May 2022.



## Year 2 Visit the Tower of London

Last week, Year 2 went to visit the Tower of London. They learnt how the Tower was used as a fortress, palace and even a prison. They were stunned by

Crown Jewels and were amazed to see the graffiti carved by prisoners of the past into the walls of the Bloody Tower and Wakefield Tower.









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Star of the Week



#### Book Review By Mr Freeland

This graphic novel for young children explores the life and legacy of celebrated civil rights activist Rosa Parks. The opening pages depict a young black girl and her grandmother attending an exhibition about Rosa, where they learn about her early childhood, education, marriage and lifelong campaigning to challenge racial discrimination. Rosa's story is brought to life for a young audience in this wonderfully accessible picture book, with comic-style illustrations. As well as learning about a key figure in American history, children will also understand the importance of being kind, fair and always standing up to injustice.



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta	Jerk Chicken with Rice	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian Choice	Spanish Ome- lette with New Potatoes	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet and Sour Noodles	Vegan Mexican Roll with Chips
Sides	Cucumber	Sweetcorn	Cabbage	Green Beans	Peas
	Rainbow Slaw	Mixed Peppers	Broccoli	Carrots	Baked Beans
	Carrot and Courgette Cake with Custard	Apple and Raisin Flapjack	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt	Orange and Cinnamon Cookie	Peaches and Ice Cream