



OUR CORE VALUES

Aspirational Brave Compassionate Determined Enlightened

Message from our Head of School

Dear Parent,

We are coming to the end of our second week back at school following the Easter holidays. Our school family have been back together for a total of five weeks since schools reopened for all children. It is lovely to see most of our children beginning to settle back into our school routines and enjoy valuable social times with their friends. Alongside our core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths and the foundation subjects, we are very much continuing to focus on developing children's friendships and social skills (personal, social and emotional skills) as well as their physical development at school. We are so proud of our children and how resilient they are; I am in awe of them everyday.

Reception 2021 New Starters

All of our Reception 2021 new starters for September should have had their places confirmed recently. We hope they have been successful in gaining a place in the school of their choice. For those children and families starting their school journey with us, we are very excited and are looking forward to you joining us soon; We promise nothing but the best for your children. We will be in touch next week with further dates and information about meetings and visits. It can be a very stressful time and we want to offer us much help and reassurance as possible so please get in touch if you would like to discuss your child's place in Reception for September.

Food donations

Thank you for the donations provided during the lockdown to support our families and the rest of the community. We made sure all parents who needed the food got it and we have given what was left when school reopened to the Food Bank. Here is a short message from Christina Norman who runs the Food Bank:

"Thank you so much for the amazing food donation yesterday. We literally refilled the shelves later in the afternoon with the food. Once again, thank you for thinking of us."

Foods and drinks high in fat and / or sugar

It is important not to fill up on too many foods that are high in fat and / or sugar at the expense of other more nutritious foods. Limiting high fat and sugar foods will help protect young people from becoming overweight as well as helping prevent tooth decay, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. This is why we do not encourage children to bring sweets, chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, fruit bars, toffee/salted popcorn, squash and fizzy drinks Please support us by not including these items in a packed lunch.

A reminder **that Monday is Bank holiday and therefore school will be closed.** Children will be back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cobblah

Message from our Executive Headteacher

Ramadan



It was a pleasure this week to lead assemblies at both schools on Ramadan. I began by speaking about the Bismillah and the importance of compassion and mercy in Islam. We looked at the early life of the Prophet (PuH) how he was orphaned as a boy. We thought about what it would have been like and to travel with his uncle in a camel caravan journeying over a thousand miles between Mecca and Syria, the sights, sounds and smells the young boy must have seen.

How as a young man he would withdraw for the busy and sometimes wicked world to meditate, fast and pray at the cave in Hira. I was struck by the respect and reverence with which all our children listened, fascinated as I explained the 'Night of Power' and how the Angel Jibril, God's messenger, brought the first revelation of the Holy [Qur'an](#) to the Prophet (PuH).

We talked about the importance of fasting to remind us of all the peoples of the world who have little or no food and of Zakat- giving to the poor and needy. In one school I shared some dates – the traditional food used to break the Ramadan fast in the evening. We looked at the Shahada and the importance of the declaration of faith to Islam.



Some of the children had brought a copy of the Qur'an to show and the assembly finished with one child in a clear and beautiful voice reciting a Sura that she had learned by heart. Every child in the school listening thoughtfully and respectfully as her voice carried through the hall and into the school.

After the assembly one of the elder girls in Year 6 sought me out to speak to me of her faith as a Christian, and how she felt it helped her be a better person. I am so proud of the acceptance, tolerance and respect which our children afford all the faiths and beliefs that are in our school. I have every confidence that these children, our children, will contribute to making the world a better kinder place for all peoples.

Mr Mickey Kelly

Celebrations



From Reception

Alyssa Patrick — for amazing progress in phonics and reading.
Bailey Hayes — for improved effort with writing

From 1S

Mohamed — for working hard in his phonics and independent writing.
Tiwa — for perseverance in her maths.

From 2H

Raheem - for his positive attitude and the consistent effort he makes when completing his work.
Lewis - for always being keen and enthusiastic to contribute to class discussions.

From 2w

Artem — for participation and increased confidence in sharing and explaining his Ideas.
Alician — for a massive improvement in effort, confidence and enthusiasm in all areas of learning.

From 3D

Sanaya - For her enthusiasm in the classroom.
Yvette - for being aspirational and pushing herself to achieve more.

From 40

Ellie:- For being in school all week and showing that she is willing to work hard and improve in her studies.
Michael - for being such a good assistant. Helping others that are struggling with their work. A good role model to be proud off.

From 5F

Chaniyah - for working hard in all lessons and being star of the day twice.
Kelis- for showing determination in maths to overcome problem solving questions.

From 5M

Ella- for her mature approach to working in a group
Logan- for his determination in math.

From 6A

Faithia — for really listening and applying herself when writing, the progress is fantastic. Keep up the good work!
Rauff — for being more focused when working independently.

From 6D

Natalia- for coming back, after being off injured, in a mature way, getting on with work as if she had not been off.
Ari- for an excellent attitude to learning, particularly in maths and finding the mid-point, linked to co-ordinates.



Attendance

Matters

Unfortunately, we do not have any classes with 100% attendance this week.

However, well done to the top three classes



98.86%



98.81%



98.68%

We would like to remind all parents that it is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this.

Learning in Year 4



To kick start their History unit, year 4 went on a trip to Deptford High Street. This local area study is underpinned by the key question, 'How has Deptford developed into the area it is today?'

In true Historian mode, year 4 found some great clues! One significant spot was the anchor which represents the heart of Deptford's identity and heritage. Henry VIII founded the Royal Dockyard in 1513 and it went on to become the powerhouse of the Royal Navy with the town prospering from 350 years of shipbuilding. Year 4 are looking forward to delving into the unit further in the coming weeks.



Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think" Albert Einstein

Learning in Year 5

Drama

Year 5's took on the conscious alley in their drama lesson this week.



This is a useful technique for exploring any kind of dilemma faced by a character, providing an opportunity to analyse a decisive moment in greater detail. The class forms two lines facing each other. One person walks between the lines as each member of the class speaks their advice. When the character reaches the end of the alley, they makes their decision.

These are exciting times at The Phoenix Federation. Under new leadership the schools are bursting with energy, ideas and appetite for the future. We wish to recruit teachers to help us deliver an exciting Deptford based Curriculum as well as exemplary practice in oracy, reading and writing across our two schools.

If you are an exemplary class teacher, with an absolute passion to deliver an effective, relevant and innovative offer to our delightful, challenging, inquisitive and curious children. Please contact Susanne Platt on 020 8692 4660 to arrange a discussion with Mickey Kelly, Executive Headteacher.

Application packs are available on our website, not from the office at this time. Please email completed application forms to recruitment@gglvfederation.org.

For further information please use the link below

[The Phoenix Federation - Teacher Vacancy - Lewisham Council Careers \(selectminds.com\)](https://selectminds.com)

"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

– Roald Dahl

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from:

Whitehall Clothiers Limited

244a Lewisham High Street, SE13 6JU

Click here to visit their website:

[Lucas Vale Primary School
\(whitehallclothiers.co.uk\)](https://whitehallclothiers.co.uk)

Upcoming Dates

**Summer Term 1
Monday 19th April—Friday 28th May**

**Half Term
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June**

**Summer Term 2
Monday 7th June—Thursday 22nd July**

**Monday 3rd May—No school, bank holiday.
Inset Day Friday 23rd July**

Staff joke of the week

Holly Morse—Executive Curriculum Lead



Why does nobody talk to circles?

There's no point.

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