



Headteacher's Newsletter

Date: Monday 19th October 2020

Aspiration

Our Year 6's have been working hard in their 8.15am breakfast club improving their maths arithmetic ability and increasing their reading speed and multiplication fact recall. Every second counts Year 6—keep it up!

Year 4, 5 and 6 Planners have been a huge success this term. The self quizzing, paired with the knowledge recall check in all lessons is really helping our pupils retain the knowledge from previous lessons more easily to be able to swiftly build on it with new learning.

Daily home reading and spelling practice has increased significantly! Thanks for all the parental support with the home learning tasks—we couldn't do it without you!

Well done to our Reception pupils, who have settled into school really well! They're particularly enjoying their daily cosmic yoga, whilst improving in their phonics, literacy and numeracy. Next term, they're going to be joining the whole school enrichment programme, which we're really excited about.

Success

We are delighted to have all pupils back into school and settled into the 'new normal'. We have maintained a good level of attendance since September and where families have needed to self isolate, if in receipt of benefits related pupil premium, we've been able to support them with breakfast and lunch throughout that time. Make sure if you're eligible, you're signed up so that we can fully support you.

With our recent articles in the Gazette, it's an opportunity for us to reflect on what has truly been a successful first year at Tyndale. It captured the significant changes that have been made since September 2019 and made us very proud. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Our breakfast programme has been so successful this term, with many pupils telling their teacher they really look forward to coming into school to a warm toasted bagel. It helps to quickly settle our pupils so that they can get straight into their first learning activity and be fully prepared to get the best chance of success that day.

Pride

Our trust's CEO, Mr Will Smith, visited our school on Monday following the recent articles in the press to see the changes at Tyndale for himself. He commented on how smart our pupils look in their uniforms, which they wear with pride and how engaged they were in their learning. He is very proud that Tyndale is a part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

Our Primary Director of Education, Mr Cooper-Hind inspired our Year 6's with their writing this week by teaching their English lesson on conjunctions. They had a lot of fun in their lesson and the work they produced was impressive!

With pride being one of our school values, we are currently finalising plans for our new extra-curricular clubs starting in Term 2! These clubs will be led by our dedicated team of teachers and TA's and will range from creative activities, the arts to competitive sports, where you could represent Tyndale at a local sporting event!
More information to follow on these clubs.

Nurture

A Friday afternoon, during Enrichment, as we walk around the school, it is such a pleasure to see pupils completely engaged and inspired in their sessions.

In cultural studies, with their Tyndale 'passport' our pupils 'travel' to a new destination weekly, exploring the cuisine, festivals, language and geographical aspects. This term, they have 'travelled' to Portugal and Mexico, they've celebrated world peace day and researched the history of pirate culture as well as studied the Jewish New Year.

In PE, KS1 have developed their fundamental motor skills including running, jumping, throwing and catching and have had lots of fun completing team challenges to develop their skills in communication, and collaboration. KS2 have developed their body awareness (specifically tension and extension) through a sequence of Gymnastics lessons.

Within Choir this academic year, we have a musicals theme. This term we have been rehearsing The Lion King's, "I just can't wait to be king" and "Circle of Life".

Character Education

We believe in developing the whole child, success is not just measured by academic achievement but by the character of an individual also.

We have recently awarded 'Leadership' badges to our new school council members and have appointed a Year 6 Heady Boy and Head Girl—their 'mission statement' is coming soon! We are hoping to award some 'Literacy' badges soon as pupils are keenly working their way through our prescribed reading list.

We have been privileged to virtually meet inspiring guest speakers ranging from a successful children's author, a famous opera singer and a STEM museum co-ordinator. Next term, we look forward to being inspired by an athlete, scientist and medical professional.

Upcoming Event

INSET Day—Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term—Monday 26th—30th October 2020

Term 2 Begins—Monday 2nd November 2020

EYFS Phonics Meeting—Wednesday 4th November at 3.30pm

Academic Review Days:

Monday 9th November—**Year 6**, Tuesday 10th November—**Year 2**,
Wednesday 11th November—**Year 1**, Thursday 12th November—**Year 5**,
Friday 13th November—**Year 3**, Monday 16th November—**Year 4**, Tuesday
17th November—**Reception**

Flu Vaccinations— Tuesday 1st December 2020