



KEY DIARY DATES

Half Term

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

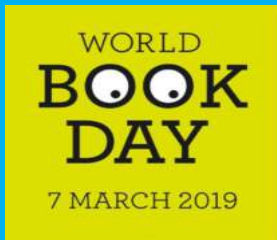
Back to school
Monday 25th February!

Internet Safety Week
25th—28th February

Tower Hamlets E-Safety Parent Information Session
Tuesday 26th February at 9am in the school hall

Green Fingers Family Gardening Group Begins
Thursday 28th February from 3:30 to 4:40

EYFS Learning Celebration
Friday 1st March
Please join us!



Thursday 7th March
KS2 Big Breakfast READ
EYFS & KS1 Bedtime Stories
Get your PJs ready!

Science Week!
Monday 11th March to Friday 15th
Lots of fun and exciting science learning this week!

Family Homework Workshop
Monday 1st April from 3pm to 4 pm
An interactive family session to inspire and generate fun and

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

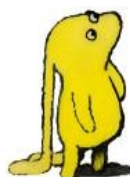


Happy new year and happy half-term holiday to you all. It's been a very busy time at Halley, we have had some fantastic Family Topic Assemblies—Hat's off to year 5 and great performance (including the singing)! We have also had a number of new additions to the school building: Yr2, Yr3. Yr4 and Yr5 have new interactive white boards, a new privacy fencing to increase our children's safety and school security and the installation of a new Hygiene room. Next half-term continues to be very busy for us all as we have a number of exciting themed weeks happening which we really hope you will be able to get involved in.

NEWSFLASH! Year 1 ALIEN INVASION!



Year 1 had a very exciting visit from a mysterious alien a couple weeks ago. They heard a huge crash from the car park and we went running into year 2 to see what the sound was. They saw a small silver object next to the skip, then they noticed a trail of yellow footprints! They found out that the footprints belonged to a small yellow alien called Beegu, who has been lost in the city trying to find her way back home. Thankfully, year one have been working hard in science exploring different materials to help fix Beegu's broken spaceship. The whole school is wondering if they will succeed...



Spacecraft witnessed by Yr1 children in Halley School carpark.

NEWS & INFORMATION

STAFF UPDATE

Welcomes our new PE and Sports Apprentice. Ben Clarke who is going to be at Halley for this academic year to support and further develop our PE provision and pupils overall skills and fitness.



We are sad to say goodbye to Jen our ICT Curriculum specialist, who has been an inspiring computing teacher of the last year ensuring we provide innovated opportunities for our children. We have some great coders! Thank you Jen. From next half-term we will be welcoming Noddy who will continue to support us with developing our computing curriculum.



Parent Phonic Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the phonic workshops this half term. We had a fantastic turn out!



We held a number of sessions across the school. Parents that attended had the chance to develop their understanding of how we teach early reading; practice their phonic skills and explore a range of exciting activities to support their child in becoming an independent reader.



SCHOOL & CLASS MOTTO'S

This half term through our assemblies and in classes we have been exploring what the Halley motto means and looks like in action.

All learners achieving great things

Each class then worked on their own mottos encompassing what their intentions and goals are for the coming year.

Work Hard Play Hard.

Respecting our rights and achieving our dreams.

Include everyone in what we do!

TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More!

Lets stay positive & determined on our amazing journey.

We are a kind, excited and hard-working class.

We are happy class, that works hard, perseveres; are kind and always try our best.

RECENT TRIPS AND NEWS

Indoor Sports Hall Tournament



On Wednesday the 23rd of January a team of 12 children from Year 6 competed in an Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Tournament at Stepney Green College. It was a fantastic event and it showed the benefits of competing as a whole team. Halley came second in the whole event!!!



Well done and congratulations to:

Sumaiyah, Tashfiah, Fatima, Ismah, Inaya, Amani, Safwan, Zaid, Hassanur, Ibrahim, Masoud and Nuyen.



STEPNEY PARTNERSHIP PARA-SPORTS

The Stepney Partnership Para-Sports event took place on Wednesday 23rd January at Sir John Cass Secondary school. A group of children from across Halley attended the event and had a great time. Five schools competed including, Cayley, Harry Gosling, Redlands and Smith Street. Brilliantly, Halley came **2nd** in the competition.



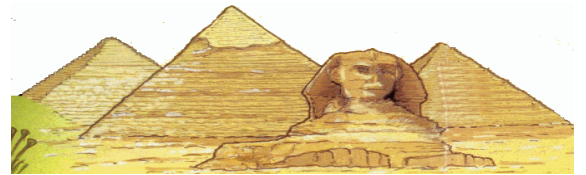
Well done Team Halley!

Year 3 Trip to THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 3 went on an exciting trip to the 'British Museum' as part of their Ancient Egyptians topic.



'We discovered that the Ancient Egyptians lived in a hot climate, they used hieroglyphics to write and buried their pharaohs (kings and queens) in magnificent coffins!'



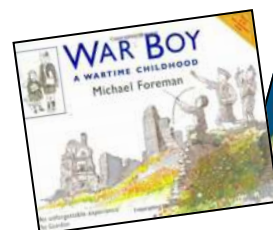
Yr6 Visit the Imperial War Museum

As part of Yr6's new topic for next half-term on World War II they visited the Imperial War Museum.



Recommended Reads:

- ◇ **When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** by Judith Kerr
- ◇ **Billy the Kid** by Michael Morpurgo
- ◇ **My Secret War Diary** by Marica Williams
- ◇ **War Boy** by Michael



NEWS



All are welcome to our Stay and Play Session

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:15pm

Open to all families with either nursery or pre-school aged children. *Ocean Children's Centre Staff will be available to support you with any queries.*



Please contact school office or Nilufa on 020 7265 8061 for more information.

FAMILY HOMEWORK!

Last half term we had a great turn out of family homework contributions and we are really excited about this half-term's project.



This half term's Family Homework is based on Pirates! Have a look at the activities in the Family Homework leaflet and choose one that you can enjoy together as a family. We will be celebrating your contributions during our

Friday Assembly on the 1st March.

Road Safety Reminder!

A reminder to all our families to please ensure you do not park your cars on the yellow lines or 'Keep Clear' signs when dropping off or collecting your children. This ensures the safety of all children, parents, staff and the wider community. We thank you for your co-operation in making sure we all stay safe.



Get Your Skates On!

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE HALF-TERM BREAK!



Wednesday 20th February
11am to 3pm



At Bethnal Green Gardens, Braintree Street E2

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: *Ice skating, climbing, fairground rides, basketball, skateboarding, tennis, athletics, football, boccia, coconut shy, arts and crafts and much more!*

