



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

MEND

Mend (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it!) is a national programme promoting healthy living and healthy weight in children. There is a 10 week course running in Southwark starting next week and there are still places available. If you would like more information please see Miss Bridges or contact the Programme Manager, Lola Ross on 07413513720.

Y6 Science / genetics workshop:

Today, the children in year 6 were lucky enough to have two scientists from Oxford Brookes University come in and lead a session with them on genetic links between different types of arthropod. The children learned all about the different varieties of arthropods and their genetic similarities. They then got to handle the real thing, including millipedes and cockroaches! They also got to see spider babies under a microscope and observe other insects. This was a fantastic learning opportunity and the children (and staff) learnt a lot and were very brave too!

YR trip to London Transport Museum

Last Friday Reception had a fantastic day out at the London Transport Museum. They looked at transport from the past and looked at the similarities and differences. They also took part in an interactive workshop called "find your way home" which involved following clues and exploring the museum. We had some excellent feedback from members of the public about the way in which the children behaved as well which was lovely to hear! They have been developing their reading, writing and maths skills following the visit by reading Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke, writing sentences and labels about the book, ordering different sizes of buses and solving maths problems about transport. Photos are on the website!

Y6 Into University project

Next week, Year 6 will be doing a week long project with the charity "Into University". They will be introduced to the ideas behind and benefits of University education by doing a series of workshops and activities that will relate to their CLJ topic of World War 2. The week will culminate in a trip to Christ's College Cambridge where they will meet Cambridge undergraduates and staff and have their own Graduation ceremony. It looks like it will be a fantastic week for Year 6 and we hope to raise their aspirations of what they can achieve later on in life.

Dates for the Spring term 2015 (please also check our website for updates):

Monday 19th January – volunteer reading partners to start with Y1 children
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd January – Year 6 taking part in a week long project with "Into University"
Wednesday 21st January – Y3/4 sportshall athletics tournament
Thursday 22nd January – KS2 football match vs St Joseph's 3:45 @ GMH Park
Wednesday 28th January – Y6 to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 3rd February – Y5 to start a weekly dance project with Ballet Rambert (for five weeks)
Friday 6th February – Parent open morning 9:10 – 10:10
Friday 13th February – last day of first half of spring
Monday 23rd February – Height and weight measurements for YN and Y6;
Monday 2nd March - last week of Y3 swimming lessons
Monday 9th March – Y2 to start weekly swimming sessions
Tuesday 10th March – Spring term parent consultations (during the school day and up to 6:30pm)
Wednesday 11th March - Spring term parent consultations (during the school day)
Tuesday 17th March – Book fair arrives at school
Tuesday 24th March – Y5 at Into University workshop
Thursday 26th March – Scooter training workshops for all children in YR-Y6
Friday 27th March – final day of Spring term.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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