



Portway Press



Highlight of the week



On 29th April, two of our dedicated Year 6 pupils, Kai and Sahmara, jumped in the pool to complete an incredible charity swim to raise awareness and funds for Cancer Research. They each swam 2 km (that's 40 lengths of the 50 m Olympic pool!) non-stop which was a very tough test of both fitness and determination. Kai's dad also be completed the final 1 km making it an impressive 5km in total!



Please support and celebrate them in any way you can by logging on to their fundraising page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/portwaycrew>



Forthcoming Events



Bank Holiday

School is closed on Bank Holiday Monday. School is open again on Tuesday 8th May.

Term Dates

The last day of this half term is Friday 25th May – please make the most of every day until then!

Pupil Parliament Trip

On Friday 11th May, members of Portway's Pupil Parliament are going on an informative and exciting trip.



Year Africa Day

Last week, Year 4 used a range of authentic African objects to inspire curiosity about their new topic – Amazing Africa.



'Last week, we had a breath-taking opportunity to visit our very own in-school museum, which was based on brilliant Africa's culture, patterns, artefacts and colours. It was a special time to let our imaginations flow and we imagined who used the artefacts and what their lives are like.'



Alicija (Hackney Wick)

Attendance

Our school target is 96%. This week the whole school attendance was **95.6%**, an improvement on last Term!

Congratulations to Angel class who achieved the highest attendance AGAIN this week with **99.1%**! That's 3 weeks in a row!

Congratulations to Green Park, Baker Street, Hoxton, Hamstead Heath and Whitechapel, with no late marks, keep up the great work!



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Views on the News

This week, Mile End were stirred up and inspired by what they read in First News.

SHARE A PENCIL DAY

First of all, they read about 'Share a Pencil Day' which is on 23rd May. The day is designed to raise awareness about the fact that millions of children around the world do not get to go to school and that there are thousands and thousands of schools where children do not have the basic equipment like paper, pencils and books to use.

HEROINE HONOUR

After that, Mile End came across news of a new statue being unveiled in Parliament Square. The statue is of Dame Millicent Fawcett who fought for women to have the right to vote. It is the first statue of a women to go on display in Parliament Square and it sparked an impassioned celebration of equality in Mile End this week!



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Tennis Team Tournament

On Tuesday, Portway pupils took part in a tennis tournament at Cumberland School.



Damilola (Year 3 Moorgate) said, 'I enjoyed playing with other schools because I like to experience new challenges and competitions. I liked that we nearly won all of our matches and that we got to the semi-finals.' Ruby said, 'It was fun because we got to try our best and compete with other schools.'

Office News

We have had lots of requests to buy new items of the school uniform.

School uniform is on sale as you leave the playground on the left-hand side of the playground on Wednesdays.

Please support your child by sending them to school in the correct school uniform and shoes.



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