



Portway Press

Spring Term 1 – Week 3

Highlight of the Week

Year 6 Trip to Stratford Theatre

Year 6 were lucky enough to be invited to attend a special performance of The Winter's Tale by Shakespeare at the Stratford Circus Arts Theatre on Tuesday this week.

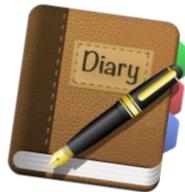


The story was told by incredibly talented actors through words, movement and music. The children were amazed by the retelling and asked some really impressive questions during the Q&A session at the end. Here they are waiting patiently for the show to begin around the circular stage.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 31st January –
Year 2 Visit the River Lea

Thursday 31st January –
Zoo Lab Visit Year 4



Stars of the Week

Year Group	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathlete of the Week
Reception	Zurielle	Chifaa	Elshaddai
Year 1	Fatimah C	Rozalia	Minhazul
Year 2	Younus	Antonia	Hannah
Year 3	Azim	Jennifer	Kenzell
Year 4	Jaydon	Callum	Jayla
Year 5	Nusaibah	San San	Victoria L
Year 6	Shani	Mario	Andra-Iona

Welcome to Portway



We would like to send a warm welcome to our new student teachers. They have joined Portway from UEL and will be supporting us in the following year groups:

- Ms Rezwana Shabbir – Reception
- Ms Jennifer Ijeoma – Year 2
- Ms Humayra Anjum – Year 3
- Ms Elina Luce – Year 4

Attendance

Did you know?

If your child's attendance is **80%**, this means they have been absent for ...

1 day **EVERY** week
6 days **EVERY** half term
12 days **EVERY** term
36 days **EVERY** year
180 days in five years



That's nearly **ONE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!**

Time missed at school can lead to gaps in knowledge and that becomes difficult to fill.

As a Parent/Carer it is **YOUR** legal duty to ensure your child attends school every day and on time.

ATTENDANCE
MATTERS



After School Activity Clubs

After School Clubs have now started, and so far they have been a great success with all the children who have attended.

If you have not yet paid for your child's After School Club, can you please do so via Parent Mail as soon as possible. Failure to do so could result in your child losing their place.

Children will need to be collected after each club, at 4:15pm prompt - if you have alternative arrangements, please let the school office know so that we are aware of who will be taking your child home.

Clubs will finish the week commencing Monday 22nd March, with the exception of Cricket club, which will run for 6 weeks and finish week commencing Monday 4th March.

Swimming Lessons

Hackney Wick have really enjoyed their swimming lessons this week and will continue to attend for another week.



The Benefits of children learning to swim are:

- Health & Safety. Swimming is an excellent form of low-impact cardiovascular exercise for the whole body.
- Self-confidence and life skills. With every new stroke a child learns, they will be developing self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment.
- Social benefits. It's very fun!

'Miss, this is amazing! I want to go there again!' - Humaira (Hackney Wick)

Head Lice

From time to time, cases of head lice in the school come to our attention. It is therefore essential that all parents and carers check their children's hair regularly for signs of lice and their eggs.

Having head lice, also called nits, doesn't mean that a child is dirty. Children are most commonly affected, but anyone with hair can catch them

Here is some advice provided by the NHS that parents and carers may find useful:

If you think your child may have head lice:

- Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

If head lice are present, you need to treat your child.

You should only treat your child if you find live head lice, which confirms a live infestation. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.