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Highlight of the week

On Monday, Year 6 competed a Quick Cricket Cup.



Amaal (Angel) reflected, "I loved the competition because of all the other good teams and schools we got to play against."



Forthcoming Events

Term Dates

The first day back after the half term holiday is Monday 4th June.

Meeting New Teachers

We value how important it is for teachers to know the children in their class and for children to know their teachers and to feel comfortable in their new class. With this in mind, we are investing activities spread over three days where your children will get to meet their new teacher. This will take place on July 11th, 12th and 13th.



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!

Proud Portway Prowess

Last week, Year 2 pro Portway showed its prowess during a football competition at West Ham United FC. Mr Smith reported that the children won two matches, drew two and lost one – well done!



As well as getting to compete against other schools, the children honed their skills in coaching session run by West Ham.





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This week, Yara (Mile End) shares her views on the news:

Mission to Mars

I read an article called 'Mission to Mars'; it was all about rockets. It was interesting, because it blasted off at 4:05am in California and Insight rocketed off into space faster than the speed of sound. What stood out to me was that Mars is a perfect place to study due to the fact it's a good size and scientists think it could hold a lot of answers to how other planets in our solar system, like Mercury and Venus, were formed. I learned that a seismometer is on board and its job is to wait patiently on the surface to sense pulses, or seismic waves, from marsquakes, as well as thumps when meteorites hit the planet. Interestingly, it nearly takes two Earth years to reach there. Did you know that the launcher contains lots of different instruments, all with different jobs, that have been built by scientists all over the world, so the mission is a real international effort?

I think that this newspaper article is powerful and inspiring due to the fact it tells a little bit of information about Mars and how many days it takes to go there, it could inspire someone to be an astronaut when they are older.

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Cool School Caps For Sale

You can now buy a new cool school cap for just £2.50.



They can be bought from the uniform shop that is open on Wednesdays at 3pm – the entrance is in the playground.

Caps in Portway-blue or Portway-green are also available to buy.

Important Reminder

We can only let your child go home with the people who are officially on the school system, whose contact details we have, even if they have gone home with that person before.

If you want someone else to collect your child on a certain day, **you must ring the office by 2:00pm** so that the class teacher can be informed.

If you do not call the office, we will not be able to let your child go home with anyone who is not on your child's official contacts list.