

Free School Meals

Are you eligible for Free School Meals? Anyone who is in receipt of certain benefits could be able to claim a healthy school meal every day for their child/ren for free. Not only that but it also grants reduced costs on other trips and activities, for example our current homework, reading, hockey and breakfast clubs, are all free for those who receive free school meals.

Not only does it bring benefits to you, but it helps the school. For every child who has free school meals, the school receives additional funding from the local authority. We can then use this money on resources for the children and projects around the school, further benefiting everyone. So please do apply if you can.

This should not be confused with Universal free school meals, which is automatically granted to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The added benefits are only for those who receive the additional free school meals. You will need to apply for Free School Meals to get all of the benefits.

If you would like to apply for free school meals, please contact either Miss Miller or Mr Hall in the school's office.

STARS Gold Award

We are very proud to announce that Ferry Lane has been awarded the Transport for London STARS Gold Award in recognition of our achievement in active and safer travel initiatives. This is great news as Mrs Elfetheriades has been working very hard over the last few years to help the school achieve this goal. The Smarter Travel Team are holding a special event to celebrate our and other schools achievements on the 22nd February. We will be sending 4 children to the event and will report how it goes in a later issue!

Good Behaviour

On Wednesday we received a lovely email from a member of the public. A commuter was on the tube on their way home when a large group of children got on her carriage. Expecting them to be noisy and badly behaved, she was pleasantly surprised to find them to be very polite, well behaved and engaging. We're proud to say that those children were our Year 6 class coming back from their trip to the Emirates Football Stadium! The person was so impressed with the respectful way they interacted with each other and how well spoken they were, that they asked one of the accompanying adults which school they were from, and sent us an email that evening. The children are very well behaved at school, and so it's fantastic to see that it continues when they're outside of it as well. Year 6 should be very proud of how well they have represented themselves and the school! You can read more about their trip to the Emirates Stadium on the next page.

Monday 16th January:

Football club

Tuesday 17th:

Stay and Play

R + Y1 Sports club

Wednesday 18th:

Homework club

Thursday 19th:

Stay and Play

Multisports club

Reading club

Friday 20th:

Parent Coffee Morning -
9.00-12.00 Community Hall

Hockey club

Monday 23rd:

Football club

Tuesday 24th:

Stay and Play

R + Y1 Sports club

Wednesday 25th:

Homework club

Thursday 26th:

Stay and Play

Multisports club

Reading club

Friday 27th:

Parent Coffee Morning -
9.00-12.00 Community Hall

Hockey club



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Year 6 Emirates Stadium Trip

Year 6 were invited to the Emirates Stadium to take part in an event led by Teentech, an organisation that seeks to engage young people in science and particularly girls in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The children made buildings for a 'City of Tomorrow' and these were judged alongside buildings made by other students that had travelled from as far away as Scotland. The idea was to design something that would overcome problems with city living, including space, sanitation, and health and wellbeing. Ferry Lane won the categories of 'Most Accessible' and 'Best Outdoor Space' and these certificates are displayed proudly in the Year 6 classroom.



School Clubs

The school's after school clubs started again this week. Mr Ierotheou's Football club on a Monday is full, but he still has availability in his Reception and Year 1 sports club on a Tuesday and in his Multi-sports club on a Thursday.

We also have three new clubs, replacing some of the other clubs we previously offered. Homework club is on Wednesday afternoons, Reading club on Thursday afternoons and Hockey club on Friday afternoons. All of these clubs have some spaces available. These three clubs run from 3.30-4.30pm and each one costs £20 for ten weeks. If your child would like to join a club, please let Miss Miller in the school office know.

Science Challenges

On the 23rd - 27th January, all children will be taking part in the Squashed tomato challenge where they will be trying to find a solution to a very real life problem in Nepal, where transporting tomatoes and other goods proves perilous. They will be using creative ideas to create strong baskets and a pulley system to transport the goods from one location to another. The creators of the winning designs will be awarded with a certificate and have the opportunity to take part in a larger science challenge held in March, alongside pupils from other local schools.

A second 'Floating House' challenge to be held on 6th February will allow children to explore the problems of living in areas that are waterlogged and thinking of solutions for a waterproof/ floating house. We are hoping these events will help the school achieve a gold award in the Primary Science Quality Mark which the school is striving to achieve under the guidance of Mrs Rawashdeh.

Year 6 Corporate Visit

Leading up to Christmas, some of the boys from year 6 headed into central London this to meet with workers at Leyton Associates.

They learnt all about the company, asked lots of questions, had a tour of the very impressive office, had a lovely lunch and even practised tying a tie so they could look the part!

The director even invited them back next year, before they all leave Ferry Lane, to give a presentation about their future plans.

