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### Message from the Head Teacher:

It has been a busy week at Central and I have had lots of opportunities to visit classrooms to see the children's learning. Year 6 have been working hard on discussion texts and their class assembly today is inspired by the work they have been completing in class. It is always a joy to see children take their learning and really develop it into something that is truly theirs. I hope that you have been hearing about some of the learning your child has been up to this week, whether it is their Maths, English or History work.

Mr Mynott

## Challenge Cup

On Wednesday, James, Nikola, Yashica and Joseph from Year 2 took part in the Challenge Cup event at Laurance Haines School. The theme of the event was Philosophy for Children and teams from eight local schools used their thinking and co-operation skills to decide which qualities would make the best leader of a new planet and give a presentation with their choices and reasons. The judges were particularly impressed with the children's mature discussion on the importance of having a good balance between brain and soul and they were given certificates for taking part. Their behaviour was superb all afternoon and they were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Well done James, Joseph, Nikola and Yashica!



## Hindu Temple



Year 4 visited the Neasden Temple as part of their year-long study of Hinduism in their RE lessons. They enjoyed a tour of the temple and had opportunities to ask questions and to observe prayers.

## Minecraft Bereavement Workshops (for ages 5-16)

**Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th March**

Starlight Centre Wellbeing Services are running informal peer-support sessions, offering bereaved children the opportunity to meet and express their feelings about loss through creative activity and play, in a safe and accepting environment. There will also be a parent/carer support group running alongside. To book, call 01923 330332 or go to [www.peacehospicecare.org.uk/starlightcentre](http://www.peacehospicecare.org.uk/starlightcentre)

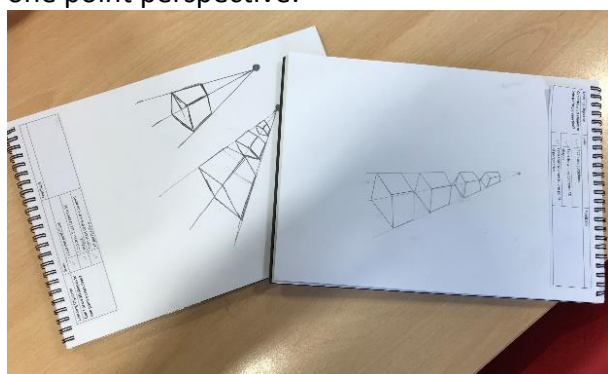
**Hayward Services are looking for a cleaner to do 1.5 hours per day at Central Primary School.**

**The shift time is 3.45 pm-5.15 pm (this can be later if needed). Hourly rate is £7.85.**

**Please contact Fernando Lima on 07961 295526 if you are interested in this job.**

## Art

Well done to Arwin and Rares in Year 3, who have produced this beautiful work exploring one point perspective:



## Regular features

### e-Safety

Many thanks to all the parents who attend the e-Safety meetings on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** January. The presentation will be available soon on the school website. There will be a special Safer Internet Week meeting for parents on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 9am.**

### Attendance

*Year 2 Pear and Year 4 Beam classes* are this week's winners of the attendance award. Well done! Attendance is disappointing overall this week, due to families returning late after the Christmas holiday. We do our best to plan holiday dates to support families to take extended holidays, but please make sure that your child is always in school unless they are unwell.

Class	Attendance %
Acorns YR	94.4%
Conkers YR	88.5%
Maple Y1	92.6%
Mulberry Y1	90.6%
Pear Y2	97.6%
Pine Y2	86.7%
Ash Y3	84.6%
Apple Y3	96.7%
Beech Y4	96.1%
Beam Y4	98.9%
Willow Y5	89.2%
Oak Y6	88.9%

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

**Sarang & Sofia** (Y1 Maple)  
**Lois & Indelah** (Y1 Mulberry)  
**Ryan & Wasif** (Y2 Pear)  
**Charlie, Natasza, Adam & Daniel** (Y2 Pine)  
**Ana & Amin** (Y3 Apple)  
**Dylan & Shivanshi** (Y3 Ash)  
**Milhir & Keira** (Y4 Beech)  
**Ruby & Callum** (Y4 Beam)  
**William & Ethan** (Y5 Willow)  
**Musa & Amber** (Y5 Walnut)  
**Giulia, Leanne, Daryl, Lauren & Hannah** (Y6 Oak)

**Next week is Week 3 of the new Winter/Spring menu.** Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

**Monday** Red: Pork grills & tomato rice  
Green: Cheese slice (v)  
Yellow: Tuna baguette

**Tuesday** Red: Lasagne  
Green: Vegetable cobbler (v)  
Yellow: Egg roll

**Wednesday** Red: Roast beef  
Green: Vegetarian burrito (v)  
Yellow: Chicken roll

**Thursday** Red: Chicken pie  
Green: Quorn hot dog (v)  
Yellow: Cheese roll

**Friday** Red: Bubble coated fish  
Green: Pizza (v)  
Yellow: Ham baguette

Our preferred method for payment is School Gateway. If you are not sure how to use this, please speak to the office.

## Dates & Reminders

### Cold weather

Please can you ensure your child has a winter hat, gloves and a warm waterproof coat at school each day as they will be going outside and they should be suitably dressed for the wintry weather.

### Twitter

Many of the class teachers are posting regular photographs of their classes on Twitter. Follow all the school's news @centralprimary

### Birthday treats

It is lovely for our pupils to be able to share their birthdays with friends at school and we are very grateful for the gifts provided by many parents. However, please be mindful that we are a healthy school, and cannot give out chocolates, sweets or cake. If you would like your child to share birthday treats, some appropriate suggestions might include pencils, stickers, healthy snacks, etc. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Safeguarding

A reminder that parents should NOT walk through the school during school hours for any reason. All enquiries during school hours (8am-5pm) should be directed to staff in the playgrounds or to the school office.

### School Gateway

We have set ourselves the target of another 200 parents joining the School Gateway! This would significantly reduce the cost of sending texts to families. To sign up, download the School Gateway app from the App Store – if your email and phone number match what we have recorded on our school systems then this should be very simple. Any problems, please speak to Mrs Oguz in the office.

### Nursery admissions

We are now accepting applications for Nursery for September 2018. These should be made directly to the school, using the forms on the admissions section of the school website:

<http://central.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

### Breakfast Club

It is now possible to book and pay for Breakfast Club in advance using the School Gateway. Breakfast Club is just **£2 per session** per child, which includes 45 minutes of childcare, breakfast and a sports club!

## Spring Term 2018 dates

**Good Work assembly every Thursday, 3-3.20pm**

Fri 19 Jan	3pm	YR Conker Class Assembly
Fri 26 Jan	3pm	Y5 Walnut Class Assembly
Mon 29 Jan	2.30pm	Tea and Talk (SEN parents' event)
Tue 30 Jan	Pm/eve	Young Voices Concert @ O2 (Y6 & choir)
Fri 2 Feb	3pm	Y5 Willow Class Assembly
Mon 5 Feb	9am	Safer Internet Day talk for parents
5-9 Feb		Safer Internet Week activities in all classes
Tue 6 Feb	All Day	Rock Challenge (dance competition)
Fri 9 Feb	All Day	100 Days (RE themed day)
10-18 Feb		Spring Half Term – School Closed
Fri 23 Feb	3pm	YR Acorn Class Assembly
Tue 27 Feb	6pm	Creative Arts Showcase
Thu 1 Mar	All Day	World Book Day – Dress as a character
Fri 2 Mar	3pm	Y3 Ash Class Assembly
Fri 9 Mar	3pm	Y3 Apple Class Assembly
Wed 14 Mar	All Day	Group/ Class Photo Day
Fri 16 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beech Class Assembly
Fri 23 Mar	3pm	Y4 Beam Class Assembly
Mon 26 Mar	3.30-8pm	Parent Consultations
26-29 Mar	All Day	MFL – Carnival Week (Languages and Creative Arts themed week)
Thu 29 Mar	All Day	End of Spring Term – Early Close 1:30pm
Fri 30 Mar - Sun 15 Apr	All Day	Easter Holidays – School Closed
Mon 16 Apr	All Day	Summer Term Begins – All pupils to return