

Weekly Newsletter



'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Working with National Trust Castlefield Viaduct

Our work with National Trust Castlefield Viaduct has continued this week and we were visited by Olivia for our last art workshop. The children started by learning about blossom, and then Pre-School created different 2D and 3D blossom pictures and models using different creative techniques, whilst Reception got busy creating clay mini-beasts! A huge thank you to Olivia who facilitated such a wonderful and creative session! We can't wait to see the final piece!

Please find some links below you may find useful:

- Castlefield Viaduct National Trust page here: [@ntcastlefieldviaduct](#)
- Castlefield Viaduct Instagram here: [NT Castlefield Viaduct](#)
- Manchester's Little Artists Instagram here: [@manchesterlittleartists](#)

Blossom Trail

You don't have to go far to experience nature this Spring! There's plenty of blossom to discover on your doorstep! The blossom is starting to bloom all around Greater Manchester – should you wish to go blossom spotting please find the National Trust Bloomtown map here – [Bloomtown Blossom Trail](#)

It features blossom trails that will take you on a journey through several floral hotspots!

Should you spot any blossom – please share it with us via your Tapestry account.

Eid al-Fitr

As the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan approaches, the religious celebration of Eid al-Fitr will be celebrated by Muslims worldwide.

This week we had the lovely privilege of welcoming Ayesha (Anam's Mummy) into school to talk to Pre-School and Reception all about Ramadan and celebrating Eid. Ayesha shared with the children what Ramadan is and talked about how Eid al-Fitr is celebrated by Muslims all around the world and what the celebrations might involve. The children asked lots of questions and shared their experiences of different celebrations and festivals that they share with their families. The children then had an opportunity to get creative and make Eid greetings cards for their friends and families. A huge thank you to Ayesha for taking time to share all about this important celebration with us.

We would love to find out more about how our children and families have celebrated Eid, so if you wish to, we would love to see any photos you are willing to share on your Tapestry account.

We wish all our families who are celebrating, a joyous Eid al-Fitr filled with love, peace and blessings.



Spring Sing Performance

You are invited to join our first EYFS Spring Sing Performance on Thursday 3rd April, at 9.30am. Please book your tickets through this link – [Spring Sing Performance](#)

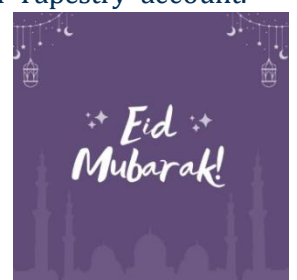


We are asking that tickers are limited to two per family to ensure we can accommodate all Pre-School and Reception parents in our hall. Should you require more tickets, please contact Mrs McGowan in the School Office.



PARENTS' EVENING

This week we held our second Parents' Evening of the year. We hope that you found these meetings useful and enjoyed the opportunity to speak with your child's Class Teacher. We really value working in partnership with parents/carers to support our children in being the best they can be, so thank you for making the time to come into school and for the ongoing support you provide at home.



PTA UPDATE



The PTA will be offering light refreshments at our Spring Sing Performance, as well as facilitating a pre-loved book sale. They can only accept cash on this occasion and so kindly ask that you bring small change with you.

There is still a chance to donate any used, but good condition books that can then be sold for a small cost at the performance. Please drop-off any donations into the PTA Book Box in the Front Office of school.

Uniform labelling

Please could you ensure that any items your child brings into school (including jumpers, ties, coats, PE kits and spare clothes) are labelled with your child's name. We are finding that some of the stamps that have been used are fading, so stickers may be more useful (please see the last PTA Newsletter for codes for some of the sticker companies).

Should an item come home with your child that is not theirs, please return it to a member of staff and we can make sure it finds its way back to its rightful owner! Thank you for your support with this.

Assembly

Within assembly this week, we again focused on our School Rules and this week we focused on 'We make good choices'. We talked about why it is important to make good choices and what good choices in our school look like. We then focused on how we can follow this rule and the good choices we make within the classroom. We came up with a list of different ways we can all make sure we all make good choices. It has been great to see lots of good choices being made within our Pre-School and Reception classrooms, so well done children – keep it up!



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School Rules

We are respectful

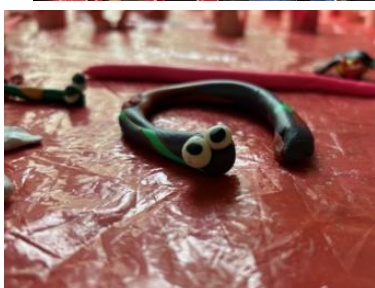
Everybody is valued and respected

We do our best

Everybody takes pride in all that they do

We make good choices

Everybody reflects on their behaviour and learns how to make good choices



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 3rd April – Spring Sing Performance, 9.30am start*

Fri 4th April – last day of term

Tues 22nd April – Inset day – school not open to pupils

Weds 23rd April – Start of Summer term – school open to pupils

Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday – school closed

For term dates for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, please visit our '[Term Dates](#)' page on our website



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