

Value of the week: This week we have focussed on cooperation. Next week the focus will be kindness. Can you spot and praise your children when demonstrating these values at home?

Postcards home: Our assemblies are a special time, to gather together and recognise the children who have demonstrated our values. Children who have gone over and above expectations, who show a real understanding of the values in all situations, are rewarded with a postcard home.

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Moaiad

Year 5: Ivan and Poppy

Year 4: Sara and Kairo

Year 3: Amelia and Malek, Naila and Stacie-Kadi

Year 2: Aminah and Angela, Jake and Aimee

Year 1: Lalaina and Ayansh, Emily and Jack

Reception: Vincent and Kit, Alexandra and Kimaya

Chief chicken carer postcard go to: Rosie

Music of the week: We want to share music with our pupils – music that they might not usually hear. In our assemblies this week, the children have listened to Carnival of the Animals by the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Why don't you have a listen on YouTube this weekend?

Uniform and Lost Property: It is essential that uniform is named. It is best to use a Sharpie pen as these do not fade in the wash. It is impossible for us to return clothes that have no name, or a name that has faded through washing.

Uniform and playtimes: It is so lovely to see all the children playing together, running and jumping, doing cartwheels and handstands; our girls might like to wear shorts under their skirts to give them a confidence when being active.

PTA news: Many thanks to the 36 parents who attended our meeting on Tuesday – what a fabulous turn out! You will see in the days and dates section below new PTA events. Coming up we have the nearly new book sale on Thursday 30th September. Please look out for books that your children no longer need. Bring them into school from Monday 27th September and we will sell these at 50p per book after school on 30th September.

PTA Lottery: We have our very own New Islington School Lottery. Registering and setting up a recurring Direct debit is so easy - £1:00 per week with recurring numbers means that you are in with a chance.

You've got to be in it to win it!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/new-islington-free-school>

PTA Christmas Fair: This event may seem a long way off - Friday 10th December - however it would be really helpful if parents can start to collect high quality raffle prizes now.

Communication: We want you all to feel welcomed and valued in school. We are here to help answer questions and to resolve any worries. However, please be respectful, considerate and calm in your interactions with all our staff, including our amazing office team.

Term dates: The following list gives an outline of the term's events. They are not set in stone! New additions or alterations will be highlighted. Greater details will be given as appropriate nearer the time.

20 th September	Value: kindness
24 th September	Year 5 singing with Withington tem (Cathedral concert) Parents pop this date in the dairy – you will be invited along. It is held in the afternoon. Exact details to follow.
27 th September	Value: Respect
27 th September	Start to bring your nearly new books into school for the PTA sale on 30 th September
30 th September	Year 6 Water Cycle Workshop – a topic-based free event
30 th September	National Poetry day
30 th September	PTA nearly new book sale at 3:30 in the playground (to coincide with National Poetry Day)
1 st October	INSET day – First Aid for everyone NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
4 th October	Value: Resilience
5 th October	Year 5 Most Able Mathematician workshop at MGS for 4 pupils
8 th October	Year 5 singing with Withington tem (Cathedral concert)
8 th October	Nasal Flu vaccinations FOR ALL PUPILS
11 th October	Value: Doing the right thing
12 th October	PTA meeting via Zoom at 7pm
14 th October	Year 4 MGS concert (pm) Please look out for the letter being sent next week. All children will need to be collected from MGS and parents are encouraged to attend the concert, which starts at 5:15
15 th October	PTA Halloween disco – come dressed up to party! Reception, Years 1&2 6:15pm to 7:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5&6 7:15pm to 8:00
18 th October	Value: Cooperation
21 st October	Parent Forum (TS) @ 9:15 More details to follow, but this is a chance to come and have a your questions answered, about anything school related!
22 nd October	Finish for half term

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1 st November	All pupils back in school
2 nd November	Year 6 Ancient Greek immersion day with Yellow Brick Road Workshop
2 nd November	Year 5 Most Able Scientist Workshop at MGS for 4 pupils
8 th November	Sign up for parents evening this week
9 th November	PTA meeting via Zoom at 7pm
10 th November	PTA cake sale at 3:30, more details to follow
12 th November	Children in Need day – come to school in your own clothes and bring a £1:00 donation
15 th November	Year 5&6 Primary Maths Challenge this week
17 th & 18 th November	Parents evening (Year 1 JM will be held on 16 th and 17 th)
19 th November	INSET day – NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
24 th November	Year 5 concert at the cathedral – more details to follow
7 th December	Possible Carol Concert at the Halle (Year 3&4)
9 th December	EYFS nativity
10 th December	PTA Christmas fair
14 th December	Key Stage One Carol Concert and Christmas poems
15 th December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner day
16 th December	Panto x2 performances
17 th December	Toy day / parties / finish

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