

# ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



## Friday March 13th 2020

### SCIENCE WEEK AT ARNETT HILLS

Following on from the theatre visit last week where the children learnt or revised information about living creatures and processes, classes opened their doors to family members to join in activities with the children. This involved the challenge of designing trees out of one sheet of A4 paper or creating weird and wonderful animal flip books using knowledge about the various characteristics of different animal groups. On Wednesday the children had an 'explosive' assembly which was followed by short workshops. Many thanks to the teachers and support staff for managing the activities and to Mrs O'Neill for organising us all.

As part of the week, year 2 visited the Science Museum where they had a workshop about space to coincide with their topic, and they viewed exhibits in the galleries. Miss Wenham gave Y2 a certificate in assembly this morning because they showed such a positive attitude and much enjoyment throughout the day.



### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB EXHIBITION

Today sees the culmination of the hard work of the first group of Y6 children who have attended the club run by Mr Sills. The amazing photographs have been put on display in the hall where the children's families will come to view them. I am sure they will inspire the second group and future year groups. Many thanks to Mr Sills for introducing this new set of skills to the children—their enjoyment and sense of achievement are most evident.

### CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Keeping on the theme of photography, each class had their group photograph taken this morning by Richard of Tempest Photography. The children sat beautifully and tried to give him their best smiles! He also took photos of the school netball and football squads. Please look out in the near future for your proofs and forms should you wish to order copies.

**HOUSE POINTS** (Photo finish- to keep up the tenuous link!)

1st—Robins 247    2nd—Greenfinches 235    3rd- Canaries 228    4th -Kingfishers 226

**GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK** ...to Mrs Martin who finished today in her role as Midday Supervisory Assistant. We thank her for her contributions to making lunch times run smoothly.

## UPDATE ON COVID—19

As you know, the Cobra Committee met yesterday and the government announced further steps in their action plan as they move from strand 1 CONTAIN to strand 2 DELAY.

There have been all sorts of rumours about school closures leading up to this, but for the foreseeable future schools will remain open. Should we receive a directive from Public Health England/DfE/ government, we will of course inform you immediately and we will set up a work folder for each year group which you will be able to access from the school website.

At Arnett Hills, as elsewhere, we are being extra vigilant about handwashing. Children are being given time to queue up and wash their hands and/or to have hand sanitiser sprayed on their hands. They have been shown how to minimise the impact of sneezing. Cleaning of door handles and surfaces is happening during the day. We have discussed with the children about how to 'catch' their sneezes.

All elements of class trips are being assessed before making any decisions. Y2's trip to the Science Museum went ahead this week but the choir's participation in Voices In A Million at Wembley (due to take place next Thursday evening) will not be going ahead.

Swimming—we are waiting to hear about the measures that leisure centres will be required to take. Until then we will not be sending out our usual swimming letter.

Shared reading will continue on Friday afternoons should you wish to attend. Our music week will continue as planned.

Our PTA are currently rethinking activities around the Easter theme and will keep you informed. However, one thing they are planning and which the children will love is a non uniform day on Friday April 3rd, to include optional 'crazy' hair!

Any information which might lead to changes in any of the above or to any aspect of school life will be shared with you via Parent mail so please ensure you read your messages.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

