

REMINDER: Change to Stebon's INSET day

Stebon's INSET day has changed from Friday 12th February to Monday 1st March.
School will be closed for pupils on Monday 1st March.

Dear mums, dads & carers

So here we are, approaching the end of the first half of the spring term - to call it unique would be something of an understatement!

The term began as Covid cases were spiking all around the country and especially right here in East London. England was heading back into lockdown and most children were being asked to stay at home again. That meant our teachers having to figure out new ways of teaching and you - mums & dads - had to figure out how to juggle the demands of having your children at home & helping them to access their learning!

To both of those groups of people, I would like to say the hugest thank you. Teachers, TAs, support staff - you are amazing people & you continue to blow me away. The way in which you have supported & delivered for your children at a time when the world around you was in turmoil is testament to your consummate professionalism and - more importantly - to how much you care. And you continue to do it every day, despite not knowing what the future holds. Sometimes I don't know how you do it. What I do know is that Stebon's children are incredibly lucky to have you. (I think they know this!)

And parents - you are amazing too! As a parent myself, I know how hard it can be sometimes to simply get your children out of bed ... but to all of a sudden be thrust into helping to deliver their schooling too? I bet you never expected that! None of it is easy - the easy option would have been for you to opt out, to say 'No! I can't do it'. But you've stuck with it & your children are not only surviving ... they're thriving. And, I'm sure if you're honest, you'll admit you've learned quite a bit yourself these last few weeks!

I know many of you have suffered hardship and even grief over the past weeks and months. I hope, in some small way, Stebon has been able to offer you support & stability in your tough times. We are here & will always be here.

Please take the time to rest, relax & enjoy one another's company over the half term break. You deserve it!

Kind regards

Jeremy Iver (Headteacher)

We want to stay connected! You can go to our Twitter for more updates here: [@stebon_primary](#)



Parent Consultation Week: 22 February—26 February 2021

The week after half term is parents consultation week. Your teacher will have contacted you to book an appointment with you in the first week back. If you haven't heard from your child's class teacher please email them to arrange this so you can discuss your child's progress. The meetings will be via Zoom or telephone depending on what you prefer.

Petition to support Outdoor Residential providers

Please see the link below to a petition for financial support for Outdoor Residential Centres during closure.

There's never been a more important time for children to be outside, and be together; learning, growing and developing.

School residentials are a once in a lifetime experiences for our pupils.

Everyone remembers their school residential and we want to ensure the next generations of our children have the chance to make those amazing memories too.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/552754>

A new Tower Hamlets helpline to support those who are eligible for the vaccine

A new helpline has opened to support those who are eligible for the vaccine. Benefits of the helpline include speaking community languages; supporting those who are digitally excluded; tackling vaccine hesitancy and booking appointments directly with GPs.

Whilst not every young person is eligible for a vaccine right now, there will be conversations going on in households across the borough with parents/grandparents, and others, who are currently eligible, or will be soon. So you can now get support by calling **020 7364 3030**.

A reminder for parents of home learning students

Reporting pupil absences when learning at home or onsite

If your child is sick and cannot join in with their online learning, please call the school office as normal so we can record this on our registers.

Check in calls from school staff

We will be continuing to make our weekly phone calls to check in with you all so please do answer the phone to a withheld number as it is likely to be one of us!

Remote Learning During Lockdown - Home School Agreement

Remember to check your email with useful guidelines in order to keep the children and adults safe while they are online.



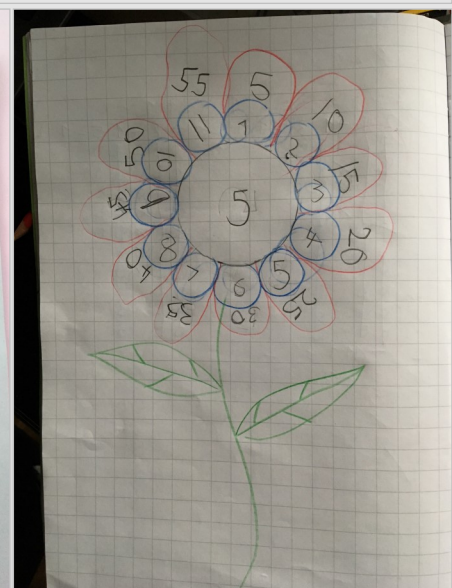
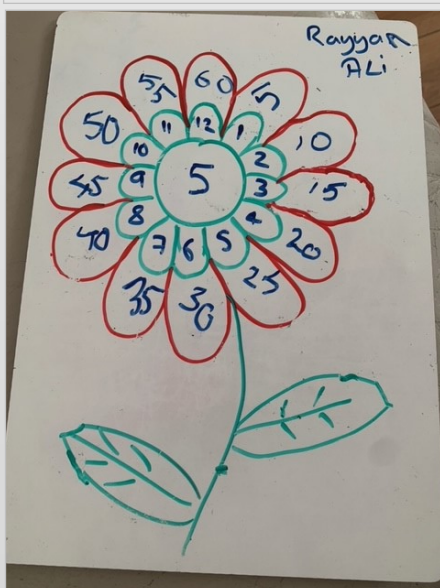
Katina has a picture from her EAL group this week - they made cupcakes and had a mini birthday party for **Taslima!**



Isra from Y3 EF class has made her own ten pin bowling set to play at home.
Great idea, Isra!

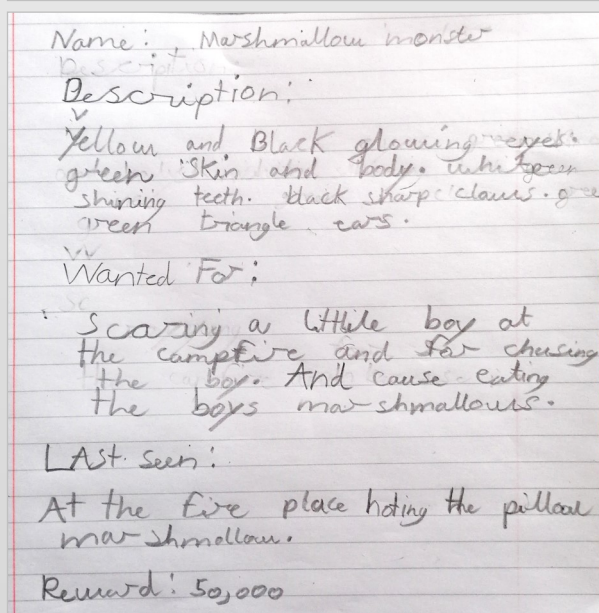
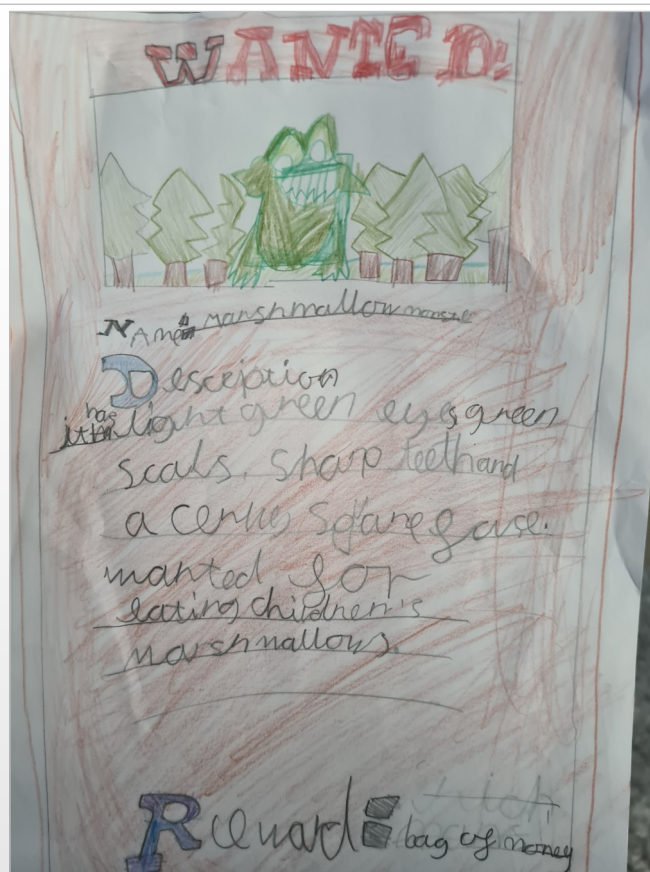
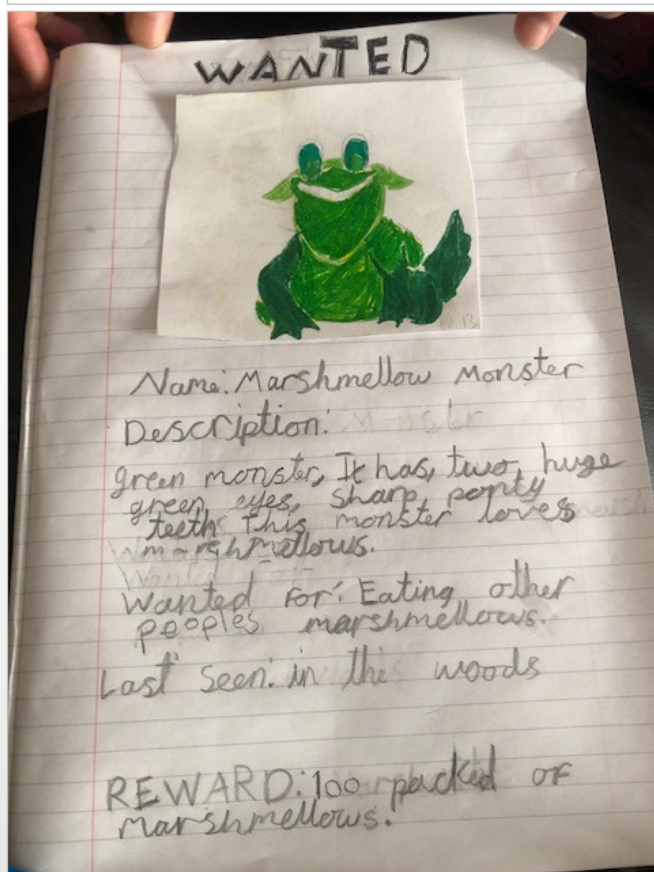


In Y2, we've been working on our 5 times table in quick maths. Have a look at some of the lovely multiplication flowers we made! Here are just a few examples from **Rayyan, Mahdiya** and **Iqra**.





Year 3 and 4 have made some brilliant Wanted Posters after watching a short animation called Marshmallows. Well done to **Habiba** (Y4 RP), **Raha** (Y3 LVB) and **Zaima** (Y4 RP)!



This term, on-site pupils had a chance to develop their hand-eye coordination, focus and many other skills with archery in PE.



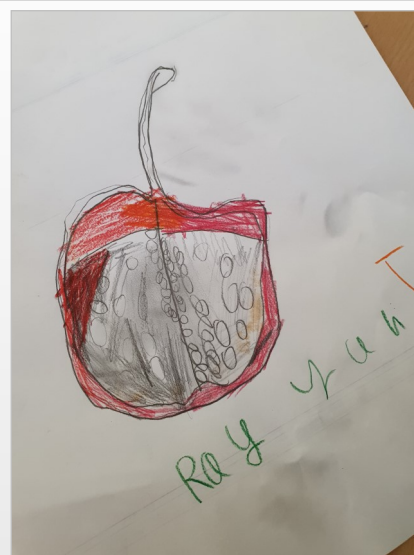
Fun Fact and a Challenge:

Today's date, 12/02/2021 or 12/2/21 is a palindrome. This means that when you write it out backwards it's still the same!

Can you find any future palindromic dates?



Year 3 artists developed their drawing skills by looking really closely at a pepper and drawing what they could see. Great work **Ehsan, Grace, Rayyan I., Maryam C, Zacharia, Rayyan A & Maria.** You make us proud!





Unleashing potential

Learning Hive are an expert after school tuition provider which targets Maths and English through an interactive and engaging curriculum.

Our 2.5-hour after school programme aims to build confidence, boost grades, develop skills and offers a personalised learning journey through Numeracy and Literacy sessions with the aid of drama and science.

Fuelled by a passion to aid learning, further academic achievement and secure social development, we believe that an amazing education should be open to all and our subsidised business model means that we can make high-quality, low cost tuition accessible for all students.



Why Learning Hive

We believe in being the change you want to see, and so we have created a programme that works seamlessly with schools to further children's learning, bolster their achievement and give them the confidence and skills to excel in life.

Benefits for families

- ✓ Improve your child's academic performance
- ✓ Heavily subsidised or fully funded for most families
- ✓ Delivered in partnership with your school

Benefits for students

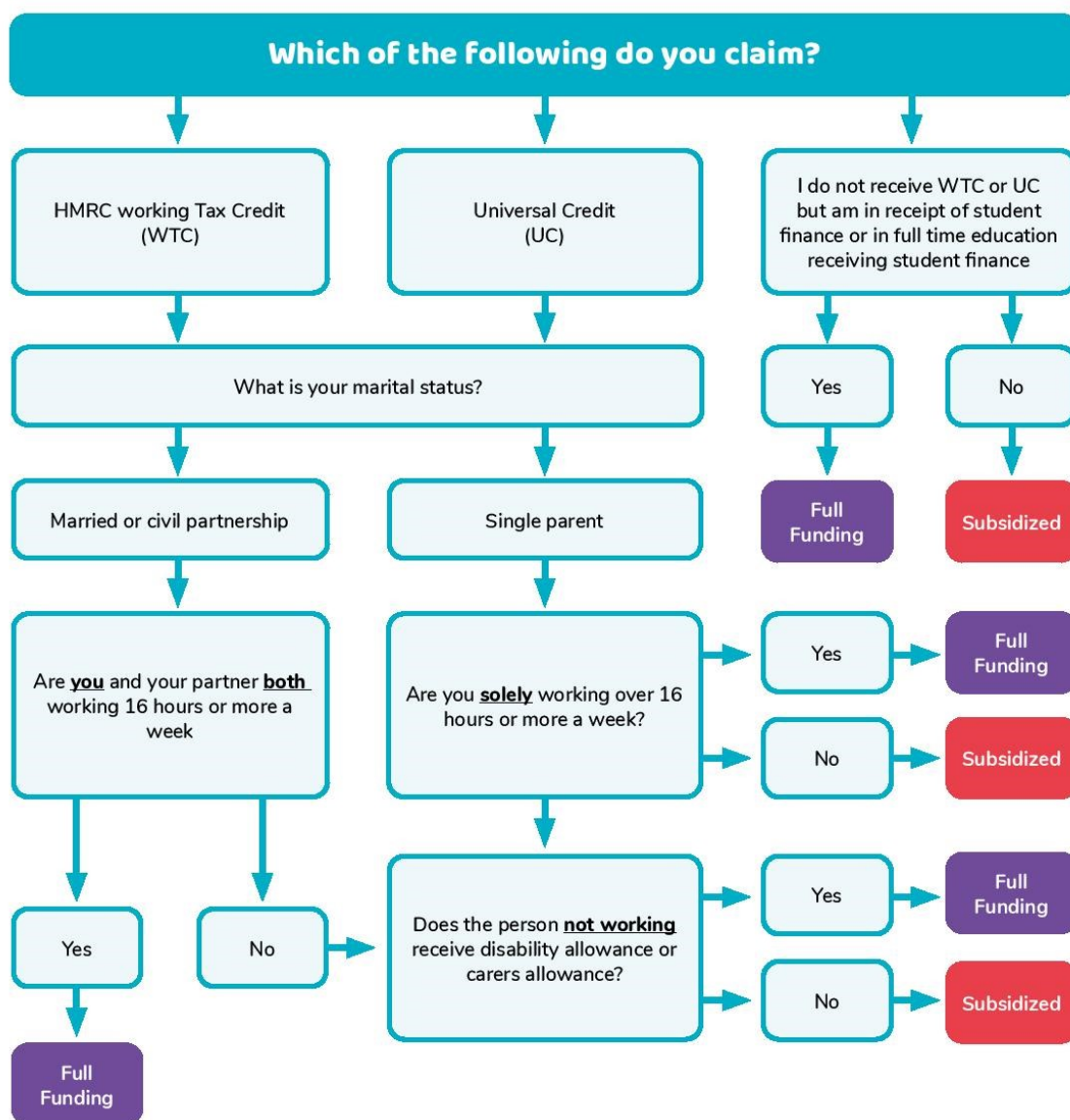
- ✓ Individual Learning Plans to support gaps in prior knowledge
- ✓ 1-1 guidance and support
- ✓ Develop skills in public speaking through interactive drama and science workshops
- ✓ Achieve your full potential

If you would like enrol your child onto our course or to find out more about how Learning Hive can help your child, please visit www.learninghive.co.uk or speak to one of our consultants on 0207 112 8658.

We all have dreams-let's help our children achieve them by **Nurturing Potential Together**



What do I qualify for?



You qualify for 'Full Funding'

Please ensure you have an online HMRC account as this is mandatory to receive funding.

You qualify for a 'Subsidized Rate'

The learning hive programme is available at the hourly rate of £10 per hour with a minimum of 2.5 Hours (£25 Total per session)



WOMEN VOLUNTEER RIDE LEADERS WANTED!



Cycle Sisters, an award-winning Muslim women's cycling organisation, is looking for sisters from within the Muslim community in Tower Hamlets to train as volunteer Ride Leaders and play a part as role models and community champions.

The volunteer Ride Leaders will help run rides for our new Cycle Sisters Tower Hamlets group which will take place weekly (day TBC).

This is an exciting opportunity to develop your cycling and leadership skills, as well as share your passion for cycling with others. You don't need to be an expert cyclist, just confident at cycling on the roads and comfortable up to a distance of 15 miles.

You'll receive free training and ongoing support and development in the role.

Applicants would need to be able to commit to leading two to three rides per month for at least one year from start points in Tower Hamlets. You'll also need to be able to attend the training elements which involves some online modules and three days in February or March (depending on restrictions) for the Ride Leader course, basic bike maintenance course and first aid (if not already a first aid certificate holder).

For more information and application form, please contact Sabeha on sabeha@cyclesisters.org.uk



How to support your own wellbeing

BBC Newsround has collaborated with psychologist Laverne Antrobus to compile a range of tips to look after yourself in the current climate.

1. Connect with other people and talk about your feelings
2. Keep active
3. Try to be 'mindful' and don't worry about what you can't control
4. Do what you enjoy
5. Be kind

Support After Sudden Bereavement During the Covid-19 Pandemic



Links to some useful resources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51896156>

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKTOWERHAMLETS/bulletins/2c0a4f1>

https://thriveidn.co.uk/resources/support-after-sudden-bereavement/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Your+latest+update+from+Thrive+LDN&utm_campaign=Thrive+LDN+newsletter+-+20%2F11%2F2020



Term Dates 2020-2021

School open: Monday 2 November – Thursday 17 December 2020

INSET (school closed): Friday 4 December 2020

INSET (school closed): Friday 18 December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January 2021

School open: Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021

Half term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021

School open: Monday 22 February – Friday 26 March 2021

INSET (school closed): Monday 1 March 2021

Spring Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2021

School open: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2021

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

Polling Day (school closed): Thursday 6 May 2021

Half term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

School open: Monday 7 June – Friday 16 July 2021

The school will be closed on Eid celebration days:

Eid-ul-Fitr: TBC 12 May or 13 May 2021

Eid-ul-Adha: Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July 2021

Entrance & Exit Times

Please ensure your children are through the allocated gate in time

Nursery: nursery gate between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Reception: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 1: pupil entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 2: main entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 3: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 4: car park entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 5: pupil entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 6: main entrance between 9:00—9:30 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

(For the gates that have more than one year group, both will come in at the same time, one on each side of the entrance.)

Coffee Mornings - Every Thursdays

Please join our virtual (Zoom) Coffee morning on **Thursdays at 10am.**

It's a great opportunity to see each other and catch up with what is happening around our local community.



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://letta-org-uk.zoom.us/j/83969489106?pwd=MDIzUGNsWIVxajFsOGhpS24veDNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6948 9106 **Passcode:** 075628

If you need any support with joining the virtual Coffee morning please contact Kulsuma via the school office.