

## Fern House School Newsletter 11/10/21



Throughout October Fern House School will be promoting and celebrating Black History Month. This is a great way for children to learn about the importance of Black History. So far, we have completed lots of activities around Black History Month. This includes everything from written work to cooking and PE.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October was World Mental Health Day... At Fern House School Mental Health is very important to us. A lot of our children have experienced trauma in their lives and supporting Mental Health is at the forefront of everything we do. We must always know that it is ok to not be ok. Even though WMHD was only for one day it's important to recognise the importance of mental health every day.



							
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### The World Around Me.....

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October each class is going to start the day with 'The World Around Me'. This will be taught from 9.00 - 9.15 every morning and the aim to expose our pupils to people, places, occupations, the arts, music and events that are outside of our offered curriculum. Each week pupils learn about something important from the wider world, with the aim that pupils gain an understanding of the world around them. During these sessions pupils will offer their opinions, share knowledge, link new information with previous knowledge from our curriculum and be exposed to topics, themes, places and people they may not have come across before.

Some examples of what pupils will be learning about are astronomy, Banksy, The Seven Wonders of the World and Walt Disney. We hope that offering an eclectic mix of topics will engage pupils in subjects they have not been exposed to and turn our pupil's curiosity into understanding and opinion.



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October two of our children participated in the borough Cross Country it was a very competitive effort by our children in a race participated by around 100 Year 6 boys. They conducted themselves really well and represented Fern House proudly. Well done Thomas and Jamie!



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# ATTENDANCE

As we know attendance is hugely important. The expectation is for a child's attendance to be 95% or above. We want to celebrate good attendance from our pupils.

Well done to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the last 2 weeks.

Cherry Class:- AD & COC

Juniper Class:- KE, JG & TS

Ash Class:- RH, AM, JQ & SC

Spruce Class:- RM

Pine:- RC, RP & TRM

Cedar:- LF, MPW & KR

Chestnut:- KG

# 100%

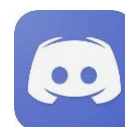
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## Safeguarding Update

This week, we want to primarily talk about pupil usage of apps. In particular the app Discord. Discord has come to our attention following on from 2 incidents that occurred recently. Whilst discord is primarily a chat app for gamers it can be a hub for cyberbullying, isolation and the sharing of inappropriate images. Our CP Lead John has completed an in-depth video on Discord which will hit our website shortly. In the mean time we would recommend monitoring any usage of discord and being very aware of what your child uses it for. If you need any support, please see John E.

Remember to regularly check your child's phone. Whilst they may feel its intrusive these checks could be key to their safety.



# RSE

We will be teaching a Relationships and Sex Education module to our pupils over the next 3 weeks. These sessions will be by year group and will cover age-appropriate content. This is always a tricky area to teach our children and we understand it can raise questions. If you have any questions or concerns about the topic(s) please contact the school and speak to either John P or Esen