



CONCORDIA  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22 October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Notting Hill Carnival may have been cancelled this year, but we saw to it that the annual Concordia Carnival went ahead this week! Children across all year groups have had a fantastic time learning about carnival, creating costumes and enjoying different foods from the Caribbean.

They also had the chance to dress up again today for Halloween and all of the staff were blown away by the effort that went in to the children's costumes.

We know that many of you were apprehensive about the new measures put in place this half term but we have been able to keep the school running safely and smoothly thanks to all of your cooperation.

All of the staff would like to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a restful half term. We look forward to seeing you back after the break.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES 2020/21

### Autumn Term 2020

**Monday 2 November**  
Staff training day—school closed

**Tuesday 3 November**  
Children return to school

**Friday 18 December**  
Students' last day of term holidays

**Monday 4 January**  
Staff training day—school closed

**Tuesday 5 January**  
Children return to school

*\*Dates may be added or amended as necessary*

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	97.9%
Bluebell	98%
Daisy	95.7%
Daffodil	98.3%
Sunflower	100%
Poppy	94%
Carnation	93.9%
Orchid	94.4%

Congratulations to Sunflower Class who are our attendance award winners again this week with a maximum 100% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of Autumn Term will receive a special prize.

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day. Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



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## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Our Headteacher Award in Daisy Class went to Wali, who always tries his best in Phonics lessons. Wali has really started to find his voice in our speed sound lessons, and always uses his sound mat and Fred Fingers to help with his spelling - Super job, Wali!



In Buttercup Class, the Headteacher Award goes to Zunairah. Zunairah has been working very hard to recognise and from numbers correctly. Congratulations Zunairah!

In Bluebell Class this week, Olivia received a Headteacher Award for her creative 'feely' picture. Olivia used different materials to make a collage. Having learnt about our five senses, Olivia was able to use adjectives, including 'fluffy' and 'rough', to describe how the textures felt to the touch. Well done, Olivia!



The Headteacher award in Daffodil Class goes to Ariz. Ariz this week has been trying his best in reading and writing. During group reading, Ariz has been participating in discussions and helping others read. Well done Ariz, keep it up!

We have two Headteacher Awards in Sunflower Class. Jeremiah received an award for using excellent vocabulary when writing about the lifecycle of plants. He used the word 'hydrated' when explaining how to care for them. Fatima also received an award this week, this was for working hard to be independent while completing her work in math. She has demonstrated excellent focus and a great attitude to learning. Well done to these children.

In Poppy Class, this week Lelani received a Headteacher Award for her Guided Reading comprehension writing. She quickly sourced sounds in her book and then wrote an imaginative sentence using those sounds. Well done Lelani!

Haroon also received a Headteacher Award this week for his writing - he wowed us with his sentences by using adjectives to create his own story. Great work Haroon!



Ophelia in Carnation Class has received an award for showing great effort whilst writing her poem inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah. She edited her work to check she had accurately used capital letters, full stops and appropriate vocabulary. Keep it up!

Adah has also received an award for consistently being a great role model for her peers in all lessons, as well as putting 100% effort into all she does. Great work!

In Orchid Class Tavia For turning a corner with her attitude to learning by not only completing additional homework, but participating more within classroom discussion, which has helped her to improve her independent work. Very well deserved award Tavia, well done!

What a super effort by all of our award winners!



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## STAR OF THE WEEK



This week, our Star Of The Week in Daisy Class is Nala - Imani. Nala - Imani always has beautiful manners and this week, the kitchen staff have highlighted that she always says "please" and "thank you" at lunchtime. We are proud that Nala - Imani is such a shining example both in class and around the school, well done!

Star of the Week in Buttercup Class is Giovanni! Giovanni has been trying extremely hard to form his numbers correctly. Ms Mills and the other teachers are very proud of Giovanni, well done!

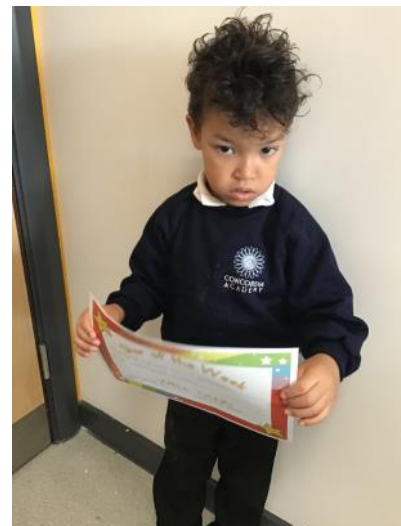
Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Marnee! Marnee consistently sets a wonderful example to her peers during carpet and activity time in class. She is polite, caring and respectful to her teachers and classmates. In addition to this, Marnee always comes into school with a smile on her face. Congratulations!

In Daffodil Class, Star of the Week goes to Komal. This term we have been learning about the celebration of 'Diwali' in RE. Whilst working hard at home, Komal has created a beautiful Diwali decoration for our classroom. Thank you Komal, keep up all the hard work!



Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Sofia K. In Maths Sofia has been working extremely hard when writing number bonds to 10 on her whiteboard, she has been writing them down repeatedly to ensure she is confident with them. She has also been completing her independent tasks to a high standard.

The Star of the Week this week in Poppy Class is David. David always sets a good example for Poppy class by sitting like a star, and joining in with the lessons. However, this week he really wowed us with his similes in Comprehension. When asked how we could describe



Cinderella's sisters as unkind he came up with the sentence 'The grumpy, moody sisters treat me like a slave and never give me a single present at Christmas!' He made Cinderella's sisters sound very unkind indeed - fabulous work David!

Star of the Week in Carnation Class is Alba for always showing excellent partner talk and helping with jobs around the classroom. Well done!

In Orchid Class Safaa won Star of the Week for a fantastic piece of writing in her English lesson persuading people to buy a new gadget.



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## CURRICULUM CORNER—Y2

Y2 have been investigating key black historical figures for Black History Month, including Mary Seacole, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. We watched Martin Luther King Jr's 'I have a dream' speech and were inspired to write our own speeches and present them to the class. The children dreamt of having a world that is fair, equal and does not treat people by the colour of their skin. Well done Poppy Class - there were some very convincing speeches indeed!



**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



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## CONCORDIA CARNIVAL

Over the past few weeks, the children have been doing a lot of learning in relation to Black History Month. This week, we topped it all off with our annual Concordia Carnival!

The children had a great time wearing their headdresses, dancing and tasting different Caribbean foods.



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