

Friday 4 March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

11before11

REAch2 and Concordia Academy have a stated aim of giving children in all of our schools a minimum of 11 unique experiences before they leave primary school. These experiences are what we call 11before11.

At Concordia, we aim to give our children experiences that they may never have outside of school. Since we opened in 2016, Concordia children have, amongst other things, experienced some 11before11 events. They have sung carols for the elderly at local care homes, visited Queens Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast, raised money for several different charities, worked with a specialist Fine Artist to create high quality finished artworks, and taken part in cookery workshops with a specialist chef. Unfortunately, and due to restrictions imposed as a result of Covid-19, the last two years have not allowed us to deliver further experiences for our children. However, now that life in society is beginning to return to normality, we are keen to deliver an 11before11 experience for each year group this year. The experiences will include, a flashmob performance (choreographed by a professional dancer) at a local public shopping centre, watching a live performance at the West End, and a charity project focusing on an area of need in the local community. As you can see from the Key Dates section, Reception and Y1 have their 11before11 event next week when we have an external company coming in all day to deliver a Bug Workshop!

We have an 11before11 page on our website which will, over time, contain images of some of the wonderful experiences our children have taken part in. In the meantime, please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mr Akhtar
Headteacher

Spring Term Second Half 2022 Key Dates

Tuesday 8th March

11before11: Reception and Y1 Bug Hotel Work-shops

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th March

NHS staff on site for Reception height and weight checks

Monday 14th March

INSET DAY—school closed

Monday 14th March

IT Week

Friday 18 March

Red Nose Day

Monday 21st March

Environment and Conservation Week

Wednesday 16th March

Y2 at Havering Islamic Centre

Wednesday 23 March

PTA Doughnut Sale in the playground from 3pm

Monday 28th March 2022

Parents' Evening – from 1.30pm

Wednesday 30 March

World Maths Day

Friday 1 March

Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm

Easter 10p Roll

PTA School Disco from 1.30pm

ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	94.6%
Bluebell	96.4%
Daisy	96.7%
Daffodil	96.9%
Lilac	100%
Sunflower	94.4%
Poppy	95.6%
Lily	95.1%
Carnation	98.5%
Orchid	93.3%
Magnolia	99.6%

Congratulations to Lilac Class and Magnolia Class who are our KS1 and KS2 attendance award winners this week with 100% and 99.6%! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of each 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.



ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY PLEASE!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week in Daisy Class is Ronny! This week we have been learning how to complete subtraction calculations on a number line. Ronny independently completed the focus work and even made up his own calculation sentences. Well done, Ronny!

Star of the Week in Bluebell Class goes to Adora. Adora has impressed us with her great progress during Phonics. Adora can hold a sentence, joins in with her own ideas and adjectives, as well as doing great partner work during reading tasks. Keep up the amazing work, Adora!

Star of the Week in Buttercup Class goes to Maher! This week, Maher has produced some excellent pieces of writing. In addition, Maher has been following the class rules by doing superb listening. Keep it up, Maher, we are very proud of you!

Star of the Week in Daffodil Class is Meida. Meida has been working very hard during Maths. She has been working independently and attempting challenging questions. Well done, Meida.

Star of the Week in Lilac Class goes to Lilian. In Topic this week we were learning about Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the Earth. Lilian thought carefully about what Yuri might have said in an interview. She considered his changing emotions and explained that he probably would have been quite scared at first but when he looked at how beautiful the Earth is from space, he would have thought it was incredible! Well done, Lilian!

Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Maame. She has won the award for her fantastic behaviour on our school trip this week. Maame has also worked hard to participate in discussions. Well done, Maame.

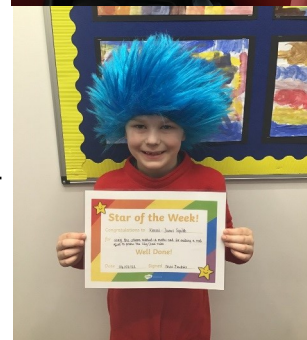
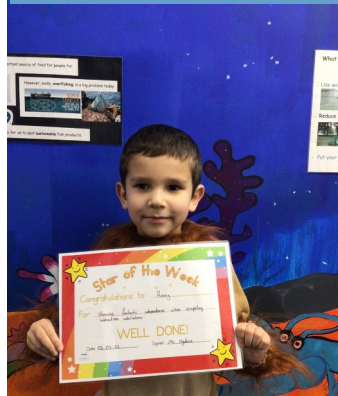
Star of the Week in Lily Class is Kenzie! Kenzie has been practising the column method during Maths and can now use the strategy independently to solve addition sums! As well as this, Kenzie has made a real effort to follow our classroom rules. Keep up the super work, Kenzie!

Star of the Week in Poppy Class goes to Mpilo for her work in Comprehension. As a class, we read a story together and answered some questions. Mpilo read fluently and was able to give great reasons for her answers. Well done, Mpilo!

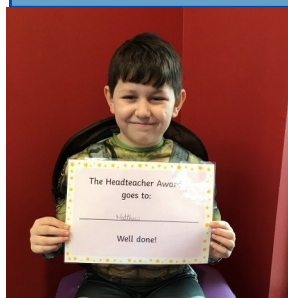
Star of the Week in Carnation Class is Olivia! Olivia is a fantastic role model to the class, always showing fantastic effort across all lessons. She shares ideas clearly and works hard on the presentation of her work. You're a star, Olivia!

Star of the Week in Orchid Class is Maanav! Maanav has started to form strong friendships within the class and is learning the names of other children. Maanav is also listening to instructions and is settling into the daily routine. Excellent work, Maanav.

Star of the Week for Magnolia Class is Safaa! She is the Star of the Week because she has been completing fantastic work during Science! Safaa was able to share a range of facts with the class about different types of metals and their properties! Well done, Safaa!



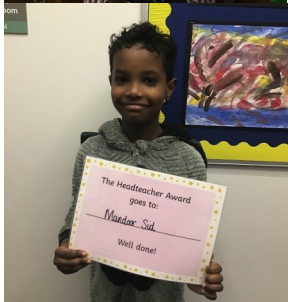
HEADTEACHER AWARD



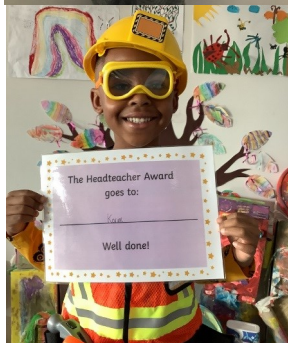
The Headteacher Award in Daisy Class goes to Elizabet! Elizabet has been showing super determination during Phonics lessons, and is starting to use her Fred Fingers to help with her writing. Amazing work, Elizabet!



The Headteacher Award in Bluebell Class goes to Rokayah. Rokayah has worked super hard during Literacy this week and retold the whole story of The Gingerbread Man. Well done, Rokayah!



The Headteacher Award in Buttercup Class goes to Amelia! This week, Amelia has arrived at school with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. We are extremely proud of how much your confidence has grown this week. Well done, Amelia!



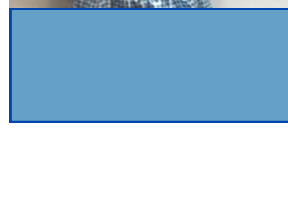
The Headteacher Award in Daffodil Class goes to Elena. Elena has been working hard across all subjects, but particularly hard during Literacy. Elena always pushes herself to extend ideas and use ambitious WOW words.



The Headteacher Award in Lilac Class goes to Karim. This week, we visited the Havering Museum and Karim was working very sensibly when trying to find different items around the museum. He also showed excellent concentration when using a dip pen! Well done Karim, excellent work!



The Headteacher Award in Sunflower Class goes to Amaya who created a brilliant newspaper report in Topic, including lots of interesting facts. Super writing, Amaya.



The Headteacher Award in Lily Class goes to Mandoor! Mandoor has really impressed us with his quick mental arithmetic skills. Also, Mandoor is developing his language and growing in confidence every day. Well done, Mandoor!

The Headteacher Award goes to two winners in Poppy Class this week! Elyette has received The Headteacher Award this week for her fantastic use of key vocabulary in Science. We are learning about 'Everyday Materials' and conducted an experiment to see how bouncy different balls were. Elyette made a fantastic prediction that the plastic ball was going to bounce the most times because of its 'elasticity'. Great scientific thinking, Elyette! Abbie also received The Headteacher Award for her fantastic work in Maths. She was able to demonstrate how to regroup using the column method - she wowed Ms Black, Mr Akhtar and Ms Brooks with her maths skills! Well done, Abbie.

The Headteacher Award in Carnation Class goes to Matthew who has worked really hard to improve his presentation in his books and follow instructions clearly. Keep it up, Matthew.

The Headteacher Award in Orchid Class has been awarded to Lia! Lia was extremely enthusiastic on the school trip to the Sea Life Centre and showed excellent behaviour throughout! Amazing work, Lia!

The Headteacher Award for Magnolia Class is presented to Poppy! This week Poppy answered a range of questions across all subjects and she showed a great understanding of the texts that we read in Literacy and Language. Well done, Poppy!



SCHOOL TRIPS—YEAR 1 AND YEAR 4

Y1 visited the Havering Museum this week as part of our learning about Changes in Living Memory. We learned about how the area around our school has changed and found out it used to be a hospital, and we saw some pictures of our school being built. We then did a scavenger hunt around the museum, looking at different artifacts including ink quill, mobile phones and photos of the Oldchurch Hospital. We all had a fabulous time! A huge thank you to all the parents who assisted us and made it possible for us to give the children this experience.



This week, Y4 visited the Sea Life Centre! The children took part in a workshop where they learnt about the different adaptations that animals make in order to survive within their habitat. They then explored some of the animals that they would find within the Rainforest. After feeling the scales of a crocodile, experiencing the bite of a Piranha, escaping the terror of an Anaconda and discovering all about sharks, they were exhausted to say the least! Along the way, we had several people, including an MP from the House of Commons, comment on how well behaved the children were. Orchid class blew me away with their maturity and behaviour, so I want to thank you all for making it such a wonderful experience! Ms Keeley is very proud of each of you!



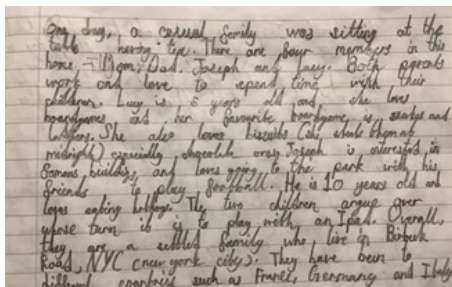
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WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day has been amazing this year, it was been wonderful to see all of the costumes representing different book characters! During the day, the children had an assembly where they learnt about the history of World Book Day and they guessed each of the teacher's favourite books. In the afternoon, each class took part in a range of activities, including an author visit in Y2 and a Reading Café.



During the assembly, the competition winners were announced – there were a large number of entries across the whole school and everyone who entered produced incredible work! Here are a few examples of the work from the competition:



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CURRICULUM CORNER—RECEPTION

This week, Reception have been exploring different Traditional Tales. They have been engaging in role play activities where they use their imagination to put themselves in the shoes of the story characters. They have also been learning to retell a story by describing the beginning, the middle, and the end. Reception have really enjoyed their activities this week and are eager for the new Traditional Tale activities next week.

