



### Rangoli Art

Many children enjoyed celebrating Diwali over the weekend, however, pupils in Year 5 Pretoria decided to ward off evil spirits and welcome good luck by decorating Rangoli patterns. A Rangoli is a colourful design made on the floor near the entrance of a house to welcome guests. At Diwali, Hindus create bright Rangoli patterns to encourage the goddess Lakshmi to enter their homes. Religious Education teaches ethical values. In lessons, pupils have been learning about various religions, cultivating an open-minded and accepting attitude of the different faiths and backgrounds within the School.



### Art Gallery

To build their excitement for Diwali, Year 6 got their creative juices flowing and continued to explore the festival of lights, celebrating the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and new beginnings by designing luminous lanterns! During this festival, window and doors of houses are lit by bright lights and decorations, of which a lantern is placed at the centre. Pupils enthusiastically embraced this tradition in attempt to eliminate darkness and bring forth happiness, whilst 'shining a light' on the festival with their vibrant handmade lanterns!



### Children in Need

This year, Children in Need has been slightly different with the country in another national lockdown. However, this has not deterred our children from creating wonderful cards to commemorate Pudsey Bear and learn about the power of charity and the benefits of charitable giving. The children were receptive to the concept of fundraising and helping others in need in order to make the world a better place. Demonstrating altruistic behaviour, they acknowledged how giving strengthens personal values, which in turn, has a lasting positive impact on their mood.



### Royal Family Mathematicians



On Friday 13th November, to celebrate our pupils in Year 4 for their resilience and determination in meeting expectations in Mathematics, four children were crowned King, Queen, Prince and Princess with their very own custom made crowns!



## School Photographs – Monday 7th December

The health and safety of all our pupils is paramount to us and we have been working hard to ensure we can still supply your child's individual photographs in the safest way possible.

As such, we have finalised arrangements with Fraser Portraits who have provided us with a rescheduled date for your child's individual photographs and a risk assessment, outlining the various measures that will be put in place for their onsite presence on the day. The photographer will now be visiting the School on Monday 7th December, so please ensure that your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform.

Should you have any concerns, a copy of the risk assessment has been uploaded to the School website and may be provided upon request at the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## Microsoft Teams – Online Classrooms

As we enter the second wave of coronavirus (COVID-19), we expect more pupils to be accessing their classrooms virtually if they are asked to self-isolate. All pupils have received letters and guides on how to access their respective classrooms, along with an email address and password.

We request all parents, guardians and carers to access **google chrome** and enter '**Office 365**'. Next, sign in using your child's email and password. You will have two options - 'change password' or 'enter security questions'. Once signed in, please click the box on the top left hand side of the screen, then access the **Microsoft Teams** application. If you require any assistance, please contact the School office.

## Poppy Donations

Poppy Funds may be used for: grants for food, heating costs, clothing, prescription medication, medical appliances and equipment, essential home repairs and emergency shelter or assistance for Veterans and their families in need. Thank you in advance for all your donations. This year we managed to raise £344.95.

## Curriculum Meetings

Over the next couple of weeks, the teaching staff have arranged virtual curriculum meetings with all parents, guardians and carers in order to share their child's targets. Teachers will also share what worked well from the previous year and the level of support they will need from families for the children to surpass their targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There will be an opportunity towards the end of the meetings for teachers to answer any general questions that families may have about learning in the year group. All meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams; a link has been sent via text. Please click on the link, enter your child's name and wait to be admitted to the meeting.

## Phonics Meetings


Parents, guardians and carers of children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 are invited to attend an interactive session on how to help their children with phonics at home. Teachers will give an overview of how the children are taught to read and write using the Read Write Inc. Programme and how their phonics knowledge will be tested through the Year. Dates for your child's Phonics Screening Check are detailed below:

**Nursery and Reception - Monday 23rd November**

**Years 1 and 2 - Wednesday 25th November**

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 23rd November</i>	
	<b>MENU 3</b>	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

		
NOVEMBER		
Monday 23rd	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 5
Monday 23rd	4:00pm	Phonics Workshop - Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 24th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 6
Wednesday 25th	9:00am	Phonics Workshop - Years 1 and 2
Thursday 26th	9:00am	Reading Record Workshop - Years 3 and 4
Friday 27th	9:00am	Reading Record Workshop - Years 5 and 6