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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Dear parents and carers of Stepney Park,

Music at Stepney Park. We have had a very musical week at Stepney Park this week, with professional harpist Diego Laverde Rojas visiting Y4-6 in assembly, and the whole school taking part in a special *Music around the World* event on Friday. This is part of a wide musical offer at Stepney Park, which includes instrumental lessons for older children in guitar, flute and violin as well as a school choir and, new this year, a school band. If you think your child might enjoy any of this, please encourage them to speak to Stuart, our music teacher, in the first instance.

Phones and other devices. As you may have seen in the media, government guidance is now clear that schools should be phone-free for children. This is due to the abundant research demonstrating the negative impact on education of the distractions they present. As in many primary schools, we do not allow children to have phones in school at Stepney Park. However, on some occasions recently, children have brought smart watches into school. We believe these can have similar adverse effects on education to phones and I am therefore asking for your support to ensure, if your child is lucky enough to have such a device, that it does not come into school. I have asked staff in school to confiscate smart watches and return them to parents if they see them.

All the best for the week ahead.

Richard.
Headteacher, Stepney Park Primary School.

STARS OF STEPNEY PARK

Year 6 Trip to the Saatchi Gallery. Year 6 recently visited the Saatchi Gallery. They explored an exhibition called *The Long Now*, which made them think about time, the future and how our actions today can affect the world. The children were fascinated by the large artworks and unusual ideas on display, they asked thoughtful questions and they shared their own interpretations with enthusiasm. Overall, it was an exciting and memorable learning experience for everyone.



Diego Laverde Rojas. Years 4-6 had a special assembly led by the professional harpist Diego Laverde Rojas - it was a great opportunity to hear some fantastic live music. Diego will be working with our school band in the coming months to prepare for a concert in July, where the band will be playing some of his compositions.



NOTICES

Coming up next week:

- **Y3 Trip - Natural History Museum.** 3Oak - Wednesday 4th February; 3Maple & 3Willow - Thursday 5th February

Other dates to note:

- **Poetry slam.** Our annual poetry slam will take place this term, with the finals on the 11th February (parents of children who make it to the finals will be invited to join us). Children who choose to participate need to practise at home, so do ask your child about the poem they will perform.
- **Next school holiday.** School finishes for February half term on Friday 13th February at 3.30pm. You can find all our [term dates](#) on the school website.

Let's Talk SEND TRANSITION

An information event about Secondary Transfer for parents/carers whose children have Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) in Years 4 & 5.

Presentation from SEN Department on Secondary Transfer

Local Offer & Family Information Service

Independent Travel Training

Meet the Secondary SENCos

When? Tuesday 24th March , 9.30am-2pm

Where? The Brady Arts and Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU

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