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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. It has been lovely to come back to school and welcome all of our wonderful pupils back. All pupils have returned showing all of our school values and they have settled straight back in to learning.

I strongly believe that a smart school uniform helps to make a child feel smart, feel part of the community and encourages them to try their best at school. Thank you for all of your support in making sure that the children of Lea Valley come to school in the correct uniform every day. For example, on non-active kit days pupils must wear a plain white shirt and a school tie. All children should have plain black shoes on too.

Our school values are at the heart of our school and all pupils, staff and families are expected to show them all of the time. Over the next few newsletters I would like to focus on them one at a time; this week I want to talk about ambition. All staff at school have very high expectations for all pupils and we want them to fulfil their potential and be the best that they can be. But, the teachers can only do so much, the pupils have to want this for themselves as well and consequently we expect them to show ambition at all times. This will show in many different ways; trying to complete their work in class and get on to a challenge question; joining a club to learn a new skill; completing all their homework; reading every night and talking to you about what they have learned at school. We hope that by showing ambition now, our pupils will continue to strive to be the best they can be for the rest of their lives.

Last week we were treated to a class assembly by 1R; their very first class assembly. They were confident talking in front of the whole school and sharing all that they have learned so far. This Thursday we look forward to seeing 4As class assembly at 10:30.

Some pupils are representing the school in an indoor athletics tournament tomorrow and 6 other children are going to the Guildhall to collect the award we have won for our garden at the London Children's Flower Show Awards. For parents there is a workshop on supporting your child with anxiety that you can sign up to. The details are below.

Finally, there are still some spaces for clubs so if you would like your child to join a club you can sign up through your Scopay account or come and talk to a member of the school team.

Have a lovely week.

Kind regards
Mrs M Kokotsis
Headteacher