

Don't forget:
Children back
on Wednesday
4th January



Fleet News

Friday 16th December 2016



Message from the head

I can't believe it's the end of term—it's been fantastic! I'd like to take a moment to personally thank you all, the Fleet family, for making me feel so welcome. Having been here for a term I feel very lucky to have been given the chance to be your head teacher. Many of you may well have heard the depressing headlines in the news this week about funding to education and how much money schools are going to have to save over the next few years. It is a tough time to take over a school, as there is going to be many difficult decisions for heads to make over the next few years but despite this I am delighted to be at Fleet and able to work with you and your children. I know, with your help and working together as a team, we can ensure that the children get the best possible start in life through an excellent education and the wide range of opportunities we offer despite the tough times ahead. The first of these tricky calls you will have heard yesterday when I had to send a letter home about charging for clubs from next term. Please come and speak to me if this will affect your children's take up of a place. With the Christmas Holidays coming up I hope you and your families are able to spend some quality time together—I know I am looking forward to spending time with my own family. Your children have worked incredibly hard, the Autumn term is a very long one, and they have earned a rest, as I'm sure you have! We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wed 4th January. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

Calendar Competition

Make the most of the Christmas break and get drawing, painting (or clicking if you're taking photos) of wildlife in our area. We've only had a few entries from EYFS and adults in November—I'm sure you can do better! Check out this pigeon by Lisa in our office. Can you do better?



Pigeon by Lisa in the Office!

Applying for Reception

Having a child in nursery does not automatically gain you a place for Reception. All parents need to apply for a 2017 reception place before 15th January if your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013. You apply online through Camden—not through us. To apply go to: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> If you have any questions please contact Camden admissions either by emailing admissions@camden.gov.uk or calling 020 7974 1625.

Gardening Project

Interested in getting involved in growing veg at Fleet? Let us know so you can come to a planning meeting in early January.



Attendance Award

The award for this week goes to Year 5 with 95%. Well done to them—fabulous!



Christmas Collection

Thank you for being so generous with your donations to help the governors buy Christmas gifts for the cleaners, dinner ladies and the lollipop lady. They do a great job and school wouldn't run without them.

Play Music? Willing to share with Fleet?

Please contact Lynley the music teacher:

I.benbetka@fleet.camden.sch.uk or see with Lisa or Debbie.

Parents' Association—Class List

The PA have set up a communication system to allow them to let everyone know about events. For it to work they need a contact email address. Please can you give your email address to the class rep for your children's class. Thank you.



Thank you Rotary Club!

On Wednesday at our Assembly we were visited by the President of the Hampstead Rotary Club, Utz, along with two former presidents, Ben and Jonathan. They came along to present the school with a cheque for £250 towards the annual printing costs of producing



our newsletter in colour. While they were here Utz told the children a bit about the Rotary Club and what they do, while Jonathan told us about the 'Peace Garden' at Hampstead Station they are involved in. If you've not seen it before we'd recommend going along and having a look. We hope to take some classes along there next term. We'd like to thank the club for agreeing to sponsor our newsletter for the next year and helping us to be able to celebrate the children's achievements with you through it. Jayna, from our school council, can be seen here accepting the cheque on the school's behalf.

TERM DATES 2016/17:-

SPRING TERM

First day of term: 4th January
Half Term: 13th—Friday 17th February
Last day of term: 31st March

SUMMER TERM

First day of term: 19th April
May Day Holiday: 1st May
Half Term: 29th May—2nd June
INSET Day: Monday 3rd June
Children back— Tuesday 4th June
Last day of term: 21st July

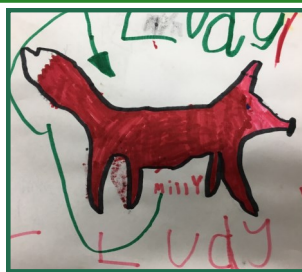
Staff inset days: 3rd January 2017, 18th April 2017, 3rd June

'Star of the Term' Awards...and the winners are...



We are now at the end of the Autumn term and so this week we bring you the children who have excelled all term. Each class teacher has chosen one child from their class that they feel has been a shining example to everyone in their attitude to work and endeavour, their resilience and who embodies the Fleet Rights Respecting Ethos. Well done to them all!

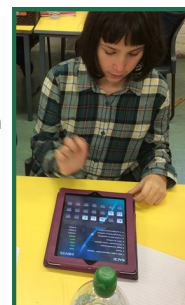
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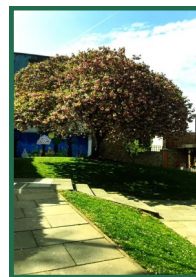
Spelling is fun!



This week Miss Kingham tried out 'Spellfix' on her class—a new app we've bought. They loved it! If you are looking for a fun way to help your children with their spelling check it out—just ask year 6 how much fun spelling practice can be!

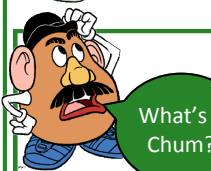


The winners were announced this week for November's Calendar competition. From Left to Right we have: EYFS Winner—Milly; KS1 Winner—Ijaz; KS2 Winner—Masuma; Adult Winner—Caroline (Luca and Ryan's Mum). We also had some 'Highly Commended': Ni'mah, Lucia and Vesa in KS1; Pearl, Rosa and Mae in KS2. You will be able to see all these entries on the website soon. We look forward to December's competition—we've already had lots!



Yesterday we went to the Camden Food bank at St Pancras Church House near Euston Station. It was an amazing trip! We learnt everything about what needs doing there—how vouchers work, how much food people get and what sort of things mean people might need help from the food bank. Dorothea explained to us lots about the history of the food bank before getting us to weigh the food then sort it into the correct places. We'd managed to collect almost 160kg of food (great maths from Hanna adding up all the weights!). We really enjoyed this trip and are really glad we were able to help people who are struggling to make ends meet. A special thanks to Mel (Mae in Year 6's mum) and Mr M^cGibbon for taking us and another thanks to everyone who donated food.

By Masuma



How many of you know what a 'Chum' is—and we don't mean a friend! Ask year 1 they can tell you! This week they were making some 'Chums' and did a fantastic job. Isabelle, Esme, Nida and Amin worked really hard on theirs as you can see. A 'Chum' is the name for a temporary shelter made by the Inuit people of the Siberian Arctic.

Building 'Chums' in Year 1!



Thank you from the Ambassadors



Pitch Perfect Carol Singers @ Homebase

This fantastic extract was written by Macey in Year 5. It really evokes the feeling of winter.

As the white, puffy clouds dropped miniature collections of snowflakes down to the frosty ground, the beautiful rose flowers turned into ice and fell off the tall emerald green stems, leaving rose petals swallowed deep down underneath the fluffy snow. The long furry trees glimmered and sparkled in the russet sky. The trees were so solid that if you even threw a metal sword at it the sword would snap into two rather large pieces. The sun rose into the light maroon sky making the navy blue lake sparkle like the silver snowflakes. When the sun rose the thin layer of ice was slowly melting making more water for the crystal like lake.

By Macey



Descriptive Writing in year 5



Nursery Party!

