



Fleet News



Friday 20th January 2017

Message from the head

It has been a very busy week again! Is there ever anything but? Clubs started, swimming is well under way and class trips for new topics started too. Among them, Year 1 visited the October gallery and came back very excited with the clay animal sculptures they had made—special mention to Alfie—I loved his bird!

Speaking of birds, on Tuesday Year 5 were involved in an art project for Chinese New Year. They have created the most amazing sculpture of a Rooster. There are photos on the back page. Go and see it in the flesh at an exhibition at Burgh house in Hampstead from 27th January.

On Monday, I delivered an assembly to the Juniors all about the history of democracy in our country. You may (or may not!) know that today is an important date in English history—as the children learned this week—on the 20th January 1265, the first Parliament with representatives elected by votes from towns and cities across England was held. We talked in assembly about how it was almost another 700 years before we had a fully democratic parliament with all men and women over the age of 18 given equal voting rights. If you get a chance, chat to your children about democracy and the importance of having their voice heard.

Today was important for other reasons too—Fleet Science Day! The day has been a huge success with children not working with just their year but being mixed together to do experiments and learn all about different scientific concepts across the school. It went smoothly but only thanks to the meticulous planning and preparation put in by the teachers, led and organized by our amazing Science lead, Miss Cleine. A huge thank you to her. We'll have photos of the activities in next weeks newsletter.

I hope the children all have a relaxing and restful weekend, ready for another busy week next week. Have a great weekend.

Philosophy Open Evening—7th Feb

We are holding an open evening on Tuesday 7th February from 5-6.30pm. The evening will be an opportunity to find out more about the philosophy sessions that we do in school, & take part in sessions led by Y6 children & also find out more about our Rights Respecting ethos. We look forward to seeing you there.



Parent Gym

ParentGym sessions start next week.



We'd love to see as many of you there as possible. In total, there will be six 2-hour workshops. Over 4000 parents have already participated in this programme and 98% of those surveyed would recommend it to a friend.

This is what one parent on the course said: "I feel like a more confident parent. I like that this was so positive, really focused on situations. This class avoided the problems I've found other book and groups or lectures and scolding. I look forward to putting these ideas into play."

It is a great help to parents, even if you're not a first time parent there is always something that can help.

Sessions take place on Wednesday's in the Qube 9-11.30am:

25th Jan, 1st Feb, 8th Feb, 22nd Feb, 1st Mar and 8th Mar

Attendance Award

The award for this week goes to Year 6 with 99%. Well done to them—fabulous! Keep up the great attendance!



Parking outside school

Fleet is a community school and the majority of our families live in the local community. We would urge you all to resist driving to school at drop off or pick up time. I was shocked to see how many cars were parked outside school this week—which is a no parking zone. London is among the most polluted cities in the world. By driving to school you add to the high levels of pollution already found around Fleet. Children should be encouraged to walk or cycle, or if you live further away, to travel by public transport. However, If you are forced to drive, please try and arrive early enough that you can find somewhere to park legally and walk to the school from there. Directly outside the school gates is a crossing point with zig-zag markings on either side. These mean you are not allowed to park on them. They are to keep the road clear and ensure that anyone using the crossing point is safe. By parking on them you put the children crossing the road in danger. The rest of the road has yellow lines, again indicating no parking. Please refrain from using it to park and wait. You hold up the traffic around the school, increasing the risk of accidents and the amount of pollution from passing cars. Thank you for your help with this.

iPads from the Parents' Association

This week we took delivery and started using the new iPads Minis which were bought with money raised by the Parents' Association. We wanted to say a huge thank you all for supporting this fundraising drive.

Is your child a Lego fanatic?

Do they love to build awesome LEGO creations? Channel 4 are looking for pairs of all ages to take part in an exciting new competition to find Britain's most talented amateur LEGO builders. Contact TV production company Tuesday's Child if you are interested in hearing some more about how to take part. Email build@tuesdayschild.tv



Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 7th Feb—Philosophy Evening @ 5pm
- Mon 27th Feb-Fri 3rd Mar—Fleet Writing Week
- Thurs 2nd Mar—World Book Day
- Friday 3rd March - International Food Evening

Class Teas

- Thurs 26th Jan—Nursery
- Thurs 2nd Feb—Reception
- Thurs 9th Feb—Year 5
- Thurs 23rd Feb—Year 6
- Thurs 2nd Mar—Year 4
- Thurs 9th Mar—Year 3
- Thurs 16th Mar—Year 2
- Thurs 23rd Mar—Year 1

Class Assemblies

- Fri 10th Feb—Y5
- Fri 24th Feb—Y6
- Fri 3rd Mar —Y4
- Fri 10th Mar—Y3
- Fri 17th Mar—Y2
- Fri 24th Mar—Y1

TERM DATES 2016/17:-

- SPRING TERM**
- 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 (School Closed)
- Half Term: 29th May—2nd June
- First day of half term - Tuesday 6th June
- Last day of term: 21st July

Staff inset days: 18th April 17, 5th June 17

Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.

- Rec—Lexi, Y1—Maureen, Yr2—Ayesha, Y3—Lily-Bo, Y4—Edie, Y5—Harrison, Y6—Aya

Year of the Rooster!

The children in Year 5 worked with an artist from Burgh House this week to make a rooster to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The sculpture will be exhibited at Burgh House for three weeks from the 27th of January. It looks amazing! Make sure you get to Burgh House to see it in the flesh!

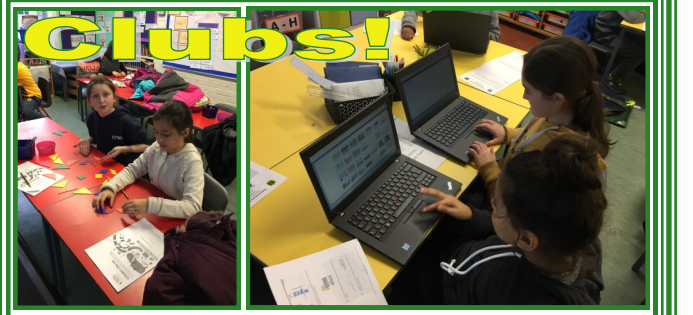


This week Year 1 had a fabulous time at the October Gallery. Look at the amazing animal sculptures they made!

Amazing Animals!



Nursery go to Chinatown!



Clubs started this week. Our new maths club started with some fiendishly difficult Tangrams set by Ms. Wall on Thursday. Well done to the children who worked very hard to solve them! In Code Club this week they were able to try out our new Laptops—a huge improvement on the old ones!