

Friday 10th May 2019

Message from the head

Thank you to all of you who were able to come along to the information/coffee morning this week and the session I did in the evening. I hope you found it useful. I'm going to be doing one of these sessions every term so if you have any areas you think it would be useful for me to talk about—an aspect of school you aren't clear on or would like more information, please let me know and I can consider it for a future session. If you weren't able to come but would like to know what we covered this link will take you to the presentation: <http://tiny.cc/fcag6y>

Next week is the SATs week for our Year 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard this year and I wish them all the best for next week. While opinion on testing is divided for now, they are part of the educational landscape. We do our best to ensure that they are prepared for the tests but not at the expense of the wider curriculum. If your child is nervous about them please reassure them that they should not worry. It's simply an opportunity to show off what they have learnt—we are proud of them already and know they will do the best they can.

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, the works on the top pitch will start on July 1st so that the project is finished in time for the new school year in September. It will mean that we are not able to use the junior playground for the last three weeks of term in July. During that time we will be using the grass area to the front of school along with the infant playground for play and lunch breaks. We will be doing a dry run after the half term break so the children get used to this. As well as the pitch development we have a number of other building and conditioning works happening this summer on heating, water systems and the roofs. Some of this conditioning works will be starting in June. To accommodate this work we will have a small portacabin sited in the infant playground for the contractors base from the beginning of June. We will position this to cause the least amount of impact on the play space. We appreciate your patience and understanding while all these works go on, and while inconvenient, we know they will leave us with an improved site and better facilities.

I'd like to take the chance to say thank you to those of you who have sponsored me for the cycle challenge I am doing to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The event is this weekend—I'm starting to get a bit nervous about the 300km distance I need to cover! Poor planning on my part means I need to make sure I am fast enough on the Sunday to make it to White Hart Lane for the last Spurs game of the season! If you would like to sponsor me the link below will take you to my fundraising page—leave me a message so I can say thank you:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Don_cycles_London

Have a great weekend and see you all rested and ready for another fantastic Fleet week.

Parent Workshop—Building Resilience and Healthy Self-Esteem—21st May 9-10am

As part of the Camden Mental Health 'Trailblazer' Project over the next couple of years we will be working with a mental health professional to support us, the children and the school community. We have arranged for them to come in and put on a parent workshop on the above area on Tuesday 21st May from 9-10am. This is such an important area for all our children we hope you will be able to come along.

Volunteer with Number Sense!

Be part of *Number Sense*, the charity helping children to learn and enjoy maths - including in Fleet Primary from Sept 2019. *Number Sense* train volunteers to provide

one-to-one support to children in maths. Through games and other activities they help children to develop skills, confidence, and enjoyment in maths.

If you'd enjoy volunteering regularly for 1½ hours once a week during the school day, and would find it rewarding to help 6 to 8 year-olds, you could be one of their in-school volunteers.

As well as bringing enthusiasm, you will need to be competent with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – and also be confident in explaining them. *Number Sense* provide training on how to interact with children in a school setting, on the early years maths syllabus, and on creative and fun ways to engage young children with maths. To find out more please visit www.numbersense.org.uk and contact volunteer@numbersense.org.uk.

Alternatively, speak to Ms Kingham (Y5 teacher).

Number Sense

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fun + skills = confidence

Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Year 5 with just 1 late! Well done to them.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 3 with 99%. Well done! Lets see if we can improve on that next week.



Class Teas and Assemblies for this term...

23rd May—Y6 Class Tea	27th June—Y2 Class Tea
6th June—Y5 Class tea	28th June—Y2 Class Assembly
7th June—Y5 Class Assembly	4th July—Y1 Class Tea
13th June—Y4 Class Tea	5th July—Y1 Class Assembly
14th June—Y4 Class Assembly	11th July—Reception Class Tea
20th June—Y3 Class Tea	12th July—Reception Class Assembly
21st June—Y3 class Assembly	18th July—Nursery Class Tea

Dates for your calendar for this term

13th-16th May	KS2 SATs
17th May	Fun run on the Heath (am) and Family Picnic (pm)
20th May	Year 6 to the British Library
21st May	Year 3 to the CLC
21st May	Parent Workshop—Building Resilience and Self Esteem
22nd May	Nursery to National Gallery
24th May	Reception and Year 5 to the CLC
27th-31st May	Half Term
3rd June	INSET Day—School Closed
6th June	Year 1 to Kentish Town City Farm
10th-14th June	Year 6 to Gower
13th June	Year 1 to Hampstead Heath for Nature Walk
14th June	Year 5 to UCS for Science Workshop
18th June	Individual and Class Photographs
21st June	Year 4 to Kew Gardens
28th June	Year 4 to the Heath
29th June	Summer Fair
3rd July	Reception to Kew Gardens
9th July	Year 4 to the CLC
12th July	Year 5 performing on the heath bandstand
12th July t.b.c.	Summer Disco
17th July	Sports Day on the Heath
17th July	Parents Evening 3-6.30pm
19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ 6-8pm
23rd July	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm



Star of the Week Awards

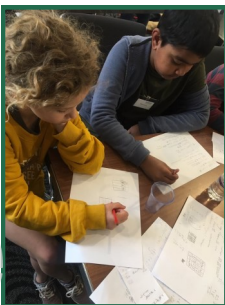
this week's winners...

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

Rec—Yacub, Y1—Tyrell, Y2—Rayane, Y3—Amin, Y4—Nommi, Y5—Tayyibah, Y6—Tom

Over the next few weekends a selection of our children are taking part in some 'Maths Master-classes' at the Royal Institute. The first one took place last Saturday and they saw a Maths Magician before having a go at some magical maths of their own. They really enjoyed the experience and look forward to the next workshop.

Magical Maths at the Royal Institute



The New topic displays are up in the admin block corridor outside the staff room. If you haven't had a chance yet come along and have a look. They look great! This term our topics are:

- Nursery—Amazing Animals
- Reception—What we want it to be
- Year 1—Food Detectives
- Year 2—Explorers

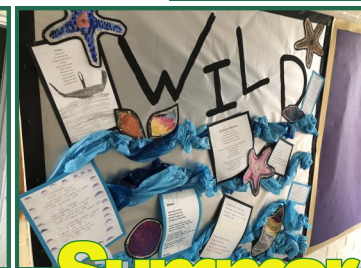


Y2 @ The Golden Hinde

This week Y2 visited the Golden Hinde and learned about Sir Francis Drake and other infamous pirates like Anne Bonny and Mary



Read. They had great fun steering the ship, playing Port/Starboard and climbing down into the bowels of the ship to learn how to load a cannon! (TIP FROM Y2: Remember to put your fingers in your ears and your other fingers around your jaw to protect your hearing and your face when the cannon booms!)



Summer Term Topics

- Year 3—The Enchanted Forest
- Year 4—Into the Rainforest
- Year 5—To India and Beyond
- Year 6—Wild!

Fairy tales in Year 3



As part of their 'Enchanted Forest' topic, Year 3 visited the South Bank recently to do a Fairy Tale workshop on Shrek. They had a great day and learnt lots about the structure of a good fairy tale.

Cooking with Candice!



Stars of the week!

This week the stars of the week cooked up a fantastic Thai Green Curry!



Playing at the Emirates!



sent a group of our Year 4 and 5 children who had a fantastic time. How many people can say they have actually played a match on the Emirates Pitch! The Arsenal coaches have been great this year and we really appreciate them thinking

We'd like to say a big thankyou to Arsenal for inviting us to their 'Playing on the Pitch' event this week. We

of us when these opportunities come up.

