



Fleet News

Friday 12th May 2017



Message from the head

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children (and the staff who have taught them over their time at Fleet) on completing their SATs tests this week. Whatever your opinion of these tests they are, for now at least, a requirement of the final year of primary school. They can be stressful for children, families and school staff alike. I'd like to recognize the effort made by Ms. Kingham and the rest of the staff who ensure that the children's Year 6 is not defined by these tests and make sure the year is not turned into an endless drive of test preparation as I know it can be in some schools. Instead, Year 6 at Fleet is, and should be, just like any other year in the school—with access to a rich and varied curriculum with opportunities for projects and trips. You could have walked into Year 6 at any point this year and seen this in action. No curriculum subject was dropped in place of a narrow Maths and English focus. They have been on as many trips and completed as many projects as the other classes. Their class environment is rich with artwork that they have had time to do throughout the year. This will continue to the end of the year and we believe their readiness for secondary school will be better for it. Thanks to all the parents who support this approach. I'd also like to thank you all for the patience while the front gate has been replaced. Hopefully the wider opening will ease the congestion at the end of the day. Please note the date of the summer fair (opposite). Class Reps will be speaking to you about donations and helping. I'm looking forward to it—my first at Fleet! Have a great weekend.

Donation

This week we received a donation of £50 from the **Abeona Housing Co-Operative** who own the buildings next door to school. Thank you so much—it is much appreciated.

Looking for a new career?

Are you ready to train to be a primary school teacher? Fleet is part of the School's Direct PGCE programme and we would encourage potential trainees to apply for a place starting in September 2017! The programme is run through the teaching school at Eleanor Palmer and provides an outstanding School Direct PGCE with 60 masters credits (awarded by UCL/Institute of Education), local placements within partnership schools in Camden—of which we are one—and additional weekly training sessions which allow you to observe and discuss outstanding practice across our cluster of 12 Camden schools. Contact Sarah Ewins as soon as possible if you are interested: sarah.ewins@camdentsa.org.uk 020 7485 2155 for a chat and/or to arrange a visit.

Rookie Lifeguarding Course

Want your children to become lifeguards and lifesavers of the future? This intensive course at Kentish Town Sports Centre will provide them with key lifeguard skills that will last a lifetime!

Rolling Program: Wednesdays @ 5-5.45pm

Holiday program: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June @ 11-11.45am

Contact K.T. Sports Centre on **0207 974 7000** or Alex.Rainsby@gll.org

Message from the School Governors...

Our governors met last week and as well as receiving the head's report, they discussed how teachers plan their lessons so that all children learn, nursery funding for next year and children with Special Educational Needs. We welcomed three new governors: Marc Meshaka (parent), Sorin Floti (local authority) and Marcus Boyland (co-opted).

PLEASE NOTE
THE CHANGE
OF DATE!

FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

SAT 15TH JULY 2017
12-3PM

ALL WELCOME.
FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL, FLEET ROAD, NW3 2QT
BBQ

Afternoon Teas, Cakes & Strawberries
Cake Decorating & Face Painting
Summer Games - Tombola
Fabulous Raffle & Golden Ticket Auction
Pre-loved Book, Clothes & Toys

Music Tuition

At Fleet the children get a rich music education including whole class tuition in Years 3 (ukulele), Year 4 (recorder) and Year 5 (trumpets and trombones). On top of this there is the chance for parents to sign up and pay for individual instrument tuition in violin, piano, guitar and drums. These lessons are provided by the Camden Music Service and the teachers come to the school. The lessons are taught during school day. Costs are:

10 x shared lessons = £76.50 per term

10 x 20 minute individual = £102.00 per term

10 x 30 minute individual = £153.00 per term

There are subsidised places (50% off) for children on Free school meals. If you would like to know more speak to Lynley or:

Call the Camden music service on **0207 974 7239**

Web Address: www.camdenmusic.org

Email: camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

Attendance Award

The award for this week goes to Year 6 with 97%. Well done to them—fabulous!



TERM DATES 2016/17:-

Half term - Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June

INSET Day: 5th June (School Closed)

Parents' Association school Disco: Friday 16th June

Summer Fair: Saturday 15th July

Last day of term: Friday 21st July

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—Esema, Y1—Ifeoma, Y2—Ijaz, Y3—Thora,
Y4—Josie, Y5—Evan, Y6—Dennon

A very happy year 6!

Well done Year 6 who completed their SATs this week! One step closer to secondary school—we'll miss them!

Year 4 visited the Tate Modern last week and had an amazing time. They took part in a workshop where they were responding to the art with sound and dance. They chose the actions for a dance after looking at Monet's Waterlilies. The children loved it and hopefully it will help them to look at art in a completely different way.



Year 4



In PE, many of the classes were having their endurance tested doing the infamous 'Bleep' test. Anyone who remembers doing it when they were in school will remember how punishing it can be if you really push yourself. There were some stand out performances. Tom and Louis managed to get all the way to Stage 12—fantastic

considering they're only in year 4. Even they were eclipsed by Rosa who made it all the way to Stage 10 and is only in Year 1! 3 future Olympians perhaps?



Keep on running!



We know some of our families already take part in this, but given the fabulous performance of the children in the Fleet Fun Run and then again in this week's PE Bleep Test—we thought we would share the information. 'Parkrun' is a weekly free 5km timed run open to everyone. They happen all over the country however, we have one right on our doorstep at Hampstead Heath. It starts at 9am every Saturday morning. It's fun, free and keeps you fit. All levels, ages, sizes are welcome. You need to register on their website and print off a bar-code to take with you. It currently starts up the hill by the Peggy Jay playground opposite the end of Well Walk. They rely on volunteers. Older siblings doing Duke of Edinburgh would be very welcome. For volunteering email hampsteadheathhelpers@parkrun.com and to register for the run or find out more visit the 'Parkrun' website at: www.parkrun.org.uk/hampsteadheath



Get involved - the Hampstead Heath 'Parkrun'

Reception were surprised this week to discover a new 'mud kitchen' in their outdoor learning area. In a fantastic piece of 'green' building it was made from old wooden pallets and other repurposed bits of wood and work-top. The children have been cooking up a storm since it arrived. We must say a huge thank you to Ms Bonner for bringing it in and behind every amazing teacher is an amazing and supportive family! Thank you to her husband Robin who provided the carpentry skills to bring the idea to life. We are all very appreciative. We could have spent hundreds of pounds and still wouldn't have got anything anywhere near as good as what Robin and Ms Bonner built for next to nothing!



Thank you Robin and Ms Bonner!



This week the sun came out and Year 3 enjoyed an afternoon story at the log circle. With Summer around the corner we hope to make more and more use of the grounds, especially classes gardening.

Fun in the sun...