

Fleet News



Friday 13th January 2017

Message from the head

It's been a great week with classes well underway on their topics. We had this term's first sharing assembly on Friday which was brilliant. It's great to see the enthusiasm already for their new topics. Come and have a look at the wonderful new topic displays in the corridor outside the office. School Council went on a visit to the House of Parliament this week with Ms. Wall. They were fantastic and really inquisitive about all that they saw.

We have arranged for Miriam, our philosophy teacher, to do an open evening at the beginning of February (8th @ 5pm). Please put the date in your diary and if you are able to come along it should be a really interesting evening. Having sat in on the year 5 session this week, I'd encourage you to come and find out about what the children do in these sessions. It was incredible hearing the discussions and seeing the deep thinking going on—they were discussing what it means to be born 'free and equal' and if that is what they believe is reality. Deep stuff! I'd like to say a big thank you to the parents who came along (and Margaret for organising) to the Parent Gym coffee morning this week.

On Wednesday I invited Marion Hunter, our school improvement partner from Camden, to spend the day with us.

We spent the morning watching lessons in all of the classes, then in the afternoon looked through children's books and met with groups of children to chat about school. It was such a positive day and Marion was impressed with many things she saw. I found it particularly useful personally. There were no surprises—the things I see as strengths at Fleet were confirmed to me, and confirmed the areas I've identified where we can do even better. My favourite comment of the day was when we asked a group of KS2 children what, if anything their teachers could do that would make learning even more effective and one of the year 6 children said, "Actually, I think they do a really good job!" I do too. Have a great weekend.



School Council at Houses of Parliament

Clubs

Clubs start next week. There are still places left on some clubs—for example, we are very excited to be offering French this term with the teacher being a language student coming from UCL university. Please see Lisa in the office if you want to request any places on this or any other clubs. We'd like to reiterate that if any of you are concerned about the new charges for some of the clubs and they are stopping you taking a place, please come and speak to us.

Baby Photo Teaser

No-one managed to correctly answer last week's photo teaser. Some year six children almost had it but then changed their minds about the staff photo. The correct answer was (clockwise from top left): Mr M^cGibbon, Rosa, Katherine and Masuma. The lesson here for the year 6 children—have more conviction in your ideas, you swayed from the correct answer too easily—Mr M^cGibbon bluffed you and you fell for it!



Parent Gym

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the coffee morning this week to find out about the Parent Gym course that starts later this month. We can accommodate up to 20 parents which means there are some spots still available. If you didn't manage to make the coffee morning and would like to know more please ask Margaret in Nursery or Mr M^cGibbon for more information. Or just come along to the sessions. There will be six 2-hour workshops in total. 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 2 with 99%. Well done to them—fabulous!



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.



Dates for your diary...

Fri 20th Jan—Fleet Science Day
Tuesday 8th Feb—Philosophy Evening @ 5pm
Mon 27th Feb-Fri 3rd Mar—Fleet Writing Week
Thurs 2nd Mar—World Book Day
Friday 4th 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

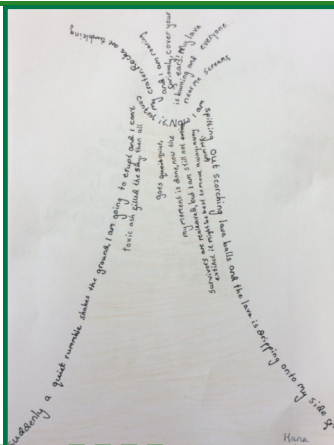
Staff inset days: 18th April 2017, 5th June

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— Ryan, Y1—Mason, Yr2—Nommi, Y3—Evanthia, Y4—Casey-Lou, Y5—Adil, Y6—Reilly



Well done Hana!



This amazing shape poem was written by Hana in Year 3. Their topic—Earth, Wind and Fire is all about natural disasters. It's fairly obvious which natural phenomenon this poem is about from its shape—very effective.

Look to the right to see what the writing says (its hard to read on this small picture but it works perfectly at full size). Great job Hana.

*Suddenly a quiet rumble shakes the ground,
I am going to erupt and I can't control it.
Now I am spitting out scorching lava balls and the
lava is dripping onto my side from my crater.
Rocks are tumbling and I am roaring furiously, cover
your ears!
My lava is burning and everyone near me screams,
Toxic ash filled the sky, then all goes quiet,
My moment is done,
Now the survivors are relieved,
But I am still not extinct,
It might be better to move away,
Away from me.*

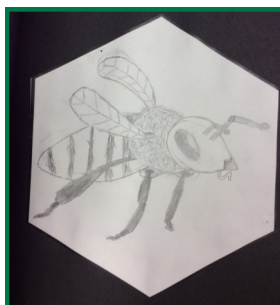
By Hana

Brilliant Buzzy Bees!

In year 6 they have been observing closely and drawing scientific sketches of bees. They also have been studying Emily Dickinson poems. They put the two topics together and have written their own poems in a similar style, celebrating the brilliant life and work of bees!



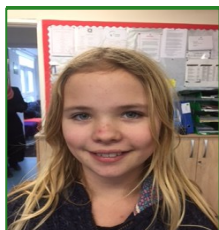
Watercolour by Svea



Sketch by Tess



Sketch by Tianna



Honey in my Tummy

*The bee, black like obsidian
Hovered towards the vibrant
Flower that wiggled with the breeze.*

*The black and yellow warrior
stealthily
Flutters down and
all of my pollen.*

*His wings beat in
unison with
His heart that
zooms away
With some of my
precious nectar.*



By Nathan

To bee or not to bee

*My crystal wings flap like lightening,
As I vacuum other blooms.*

*The jewelled nectar,
Persuades me to come over.*

*I devour the gold, smooth nectar,
As I persistently
attack the vibrant
pillows.*

*The radiant flower
dances,
As I fly away
victoriously.*



By Samer

The Beautiful Bee

*The glamorous honey bees collecting gold, this is the story
of a honey bee. Beware, the beautiful bee is buzzing freely.
Away, away he goes, searching for his delicious nectar.
Jet black eyes, haunting the sky, Victorious lights, shining
my way. Crystal wings tickling his glistening and delicate
jar. Oh my, oh my, zooming so high,
This was the story of a honey bee.*



By Fabbiba

Crayon and Pencil Pigeon by Lisa Tan (in the office)



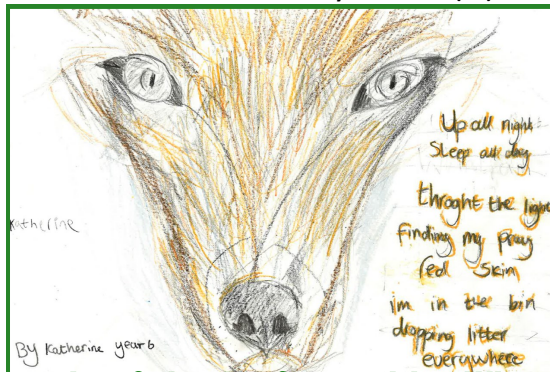
Right: Colouring Pen Robin and Tree by Gabriella (Y1)



Well done to the December winners of our Fleet 'Countryfile' calendar competition shown here. We've had a great response to January's competition already. There's still time to enter though. Come on parents and big brothers and sisters—not many entrants in your category yet!



Above: Collage of leaves and twigs by Saskia (Y5)
Below: Pencil sketch Fox by Katherine (Y6)



December Calendar Competition Winners