

Message from the head

I can't quite believe we are at the end of term already and Monday is our last day before Christmas. It has been such an action packed term with trips, performances and fantastic learning happening all across the school. This week and last I have been meeting with teachers for the 'Autumn Pupil Progress Reviews.' We discussed how the children are progressing with their learning and thought about how we can do more to support certain individuals and groups to do even better. It is great to see just how well teachers know your children and how forensically they look at their teaching, constantly thinking about new approaches to support children's learning. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions in this years parents' survey. You should have received a letter today with the outcomes. Thank you for all your support this year and I look forward to continuing to work together in 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nursery Admissions in Spring Term

There were lots of changes this year for parents of Nursery aged children with the government introducing an enhanced offer for certain children of an extra 15 hours on top of the universal offer of 15 hours. Children become eligible for the universal offer (and possibly the enhanced funding) the term after they turn three years old. From January, we will be accepting children into nursery who turned three this term (3rd birthdays between September 1st and December 31st). Currently we are offering all children 30 hours (full time), regardless of their funding situation on the agreement that parents go through the application process to see if they are eligible. This free full-time place is only guaranteed until April as in the new financial year we will be reviewing the situation for those children who do not qualify for the enhanced funding. If you have a child who turned three this term, and would like a place in our Nursery from January, please speak to the Office as soon as possible. For us to receive the funding for these places we need to move quickly. Priority is given to families already with siblings in the school and we only have a few places available.

Parent Gym is back!

Next term Parent Gym will be running again. It's such a great way to pick up tips to help you at home with your children and meet and discuss things with other parents. All of the parents who have attended previously have been really positive about how it helped them. There is

a taster session on the **17th January** and the course then starts on **31st January** and every **Wednesday morning** until the **14th March**. For more info, speak to Margaret (Nursery).

parentgym
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

Free 6 week programme
packed with the secrets of how to be a great parent.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
By using the techniques on this programme your children will:

- Get on better with their siblings and other kids.
- Learn faster and do better at school.
- Smile, laugh and be happier more of the time.
- Listen more and argue less.

For more info speak to Margaret (Nursery)

Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this term goes to Year 4 with 97%. Well done, Fabulous! Remember, if your child is unwell or has an appointment, please call the Office in the morning to let us know.



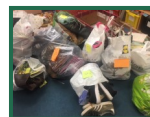
Last Day & First Day Back

We break up for the Christmas Holidays on **Monday 18th December at 2pm**. We start back on **Thursday 4th January at 9am**.



Important Message—Ambassadors...

So far the ambassadors have collected over 100 pairs of old shoes for their UNICEF/Clarks project. They will be delivering them after Christmas so there is still time to drop off any old shoes you may have no further need for. Thanks for your support.

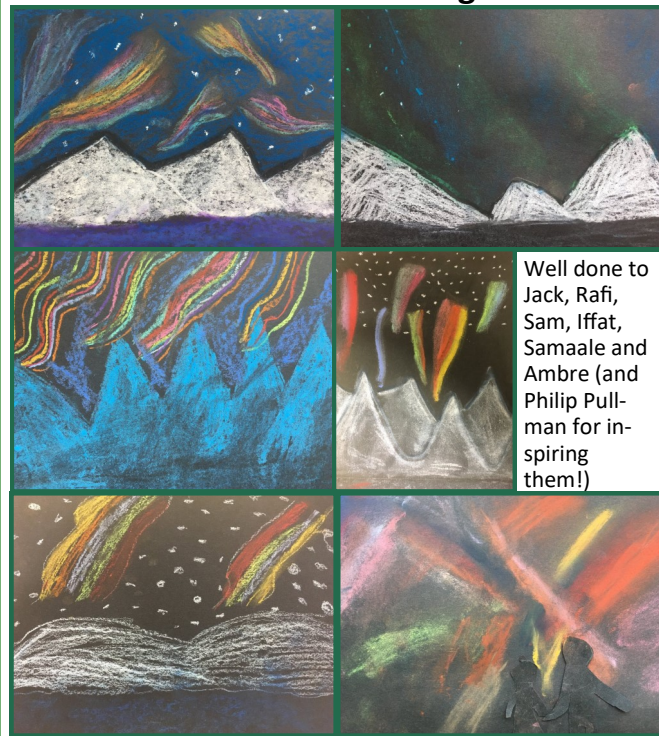


Thanks Gladys!

We had a lovely Christmas lunch this week and some great cracker jokes! Many of our Governors and reading volunteers were able to join us too. Thanks to Gladys and her team for the great feed.



Year 6 Artwork—'Northern Lights'



Well done to Jack, Rafi, Sam, Iffat, Samaale and Ambre (and Philip Pullman for inspiring them!)

FREE

Adult Learning Centre, Netley Campus
courses starting 15 January

- Reading and Writing E1 Mondays 9.30am-11.30am CRECHE
- Speaking and Listening E1 Mondays 1pm-3pm
- Moving On Mondays 1pm-3pm
- Improve your health and wellbeing using mobile technology Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am CRECHE
- Everyday computer skills workshop Tuesdays 1pm-3pm
- Create animations on the computer Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am
- Speaking and Listening E2 Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am
- Reading books and stories Tuesdays 1pm-3pm
- Family Learning Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am CRECHE
- Computing for beginners Thursdays 1pm-3pm CRECHE
- Reading and Writing E2 Wednesdays 1pm-3pm CRECHE

Enrolment Day
Tuesday 9 January (9am-4pm)
Adult Learning Centre, Netley Campus, 24 Stanhope Street, NW1 3EX
Richard Cobden Learning Centre, Camden Street, NW1 0LJ

ADULT LEARNING CENTRE, NETLEY CAMPUS
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Winter Fair...



Amount Raised:

£3488.75

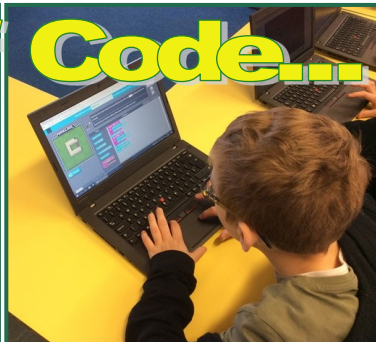
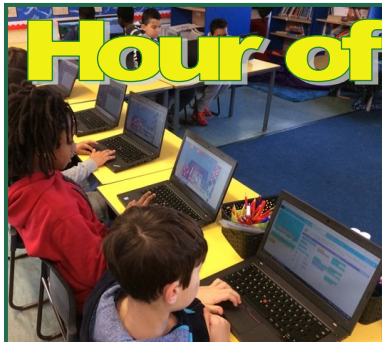
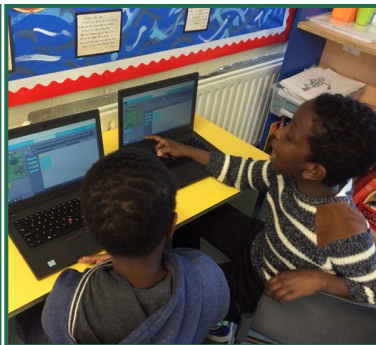
We'd like to say a huge thank you to the Parents' Association for the amazing work getting organised and putting on the Winter Fair. Expertly led and motivated by Sarah (Joe & Charlie's mum), Alison (Ellen & Evan's mum), Mette (Magnus & Matilde's mum), Anna (Rosa), Ben & Rosie (Grace & Annie) and all parents who worked tirelessly to make it a such a great day. Thank you to all who came along and spent money and helped out—especially our Santa's! Thank you also to Laura (Poppy's mum) who managed to persuade lots of local businesses to donate prizes. An extra big thank you too to our sponsor this year **'Day Morris Estate Agents'** - thanks so much for your strong support. We want to say a huge thank you to all the other local business (below) for their kind donations. We're part of a great community!



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| • The Armoury | • Gourmet Burger Kitchen | • Starbucks, Belsize Park | Hampstead High Street |
| • Perform | • Mimmo La Bufala | • Appi Health Group | • Zumba class |
| • Ripples Bathrooms | • Odeon | • Little Angel Theatre | • Lola's bakery |
| • fernskinclinic | • Franco Manca, Belsize Park | • House of Mistry | • Sniffles dog grooming Spa |
| • Il Primo | • Pivoine Nail Spa | • Lotus and Frog | • Cheese & Wine painting club |
| • Zara Restaurant | • Garden Gate | • Shreejl | • Top Choice Dry Cleaners |
| • The little Thai | • Giacobazzi's Deli | • Newsagents on Malden Road | • Huggle |
| • The George Pub | • Starbucks, England's lane | • Malden Wines | • Buggyfit |
| • Jenny Jordan | • Palm | • Marcos Hair Salon | • Staker Hair |
| • Paradise | • Dominiques | • Thai Heath Cafe | • Diddi dance |
| • BodyMatters | • Dar's | • Flower stall, pond street | • Dojo van rel |
| • Belsize health | • The Stag | • Matchbox cafe | • Club petit Pierrot |
| • Keats Hair Salon | • Karma Bread | • Susan Wainwright | • Brian's shoes |
| • Lisa Hauck hair and Beauty | • Daunt Books, South End Road | • M&S | • Fruit stall south end road |
| • Queen of Hearts Boutique Salon | • Starbucks, South End Road | • Sweet pea flower shop | • Corner shop, Fleet road |
| • The Hampstead Butcher & Providore | • Heath News, Elm Terrace | • Nisa | • Cass art |
| • Chez bob | • Hampstead Food & Wine, Elm Terrace | • Zumazinga | • Regents Park University |
| • Everyman | • Barrett's Butchers | • Silverberry | |
| • Vue | | • Budgens | |
| | | • Little hands design | |
| | | • Waterstones, | |



Thankyou...



Hour of Code...

Last week was International 'Hour of Code' week. Our children have been using the laptops and ipads to take part in some of the online activities available at hourofcode.com/uk/learn. These activities are great for letting children explore and develop their coding skills. Have a go at home—there are activities for all ages.

Some of the Year 4 children have started up a lunchtime '**Book Buddies**' club and are writing their own stories. We have been really impressed with their enthusiasm and what they have been coming up with. They told us that each week they will choose what they think are the best pieces of writing. Some of them are below. Well done to all the children and we look forward to reading more over the coming weeks.

Fantastic Year 4 Writers...

Charles Dickens' Scary Dream

One day, Charles Dickens, oh, so you know Charles Dickens was 'A Christmas Carol's' author and he hated ghosts, had a scary dream. His scary dream was that ghosts were trying to get him. So he was writing his carol then he heard something with fear. Charles Dickens hated to be interrupted because he was very polite man. There were three mighty, green coloured ghosts and they were after him. He ran to the graveyard, ran to the fields, but the ghosts kept following him. Then he hid behind an electromove machine. While the ghosts were looking in the bright dusty lab for him, Dickens quickly made an oil gun shoot. Then he felt sorry for them so she shot them back out of the gun and let them be in his Christmas Carol. He woke up with terror and wrote a sentence of what had happened and went back to carry on with his Christmas Carol.



By Alex

Rain Poem and Artwork



Rain falling from
the sky,
Rain I wonder why,
Rain so many
questions I have to
ask you,
Rain why are you
so blue,

Rain you change
my plans of the
day,
Rain you make my

family say YAY!

Rain even though you help the plants,
Rain at least give me a chance,

Rain you drop on the lawn,
Rain you suffer in the drain,
Rain you're never old,
Rain you're very cold,

Rain the plants are happy with
what they got,
Rain this day will not be forgot,
Rain you're not very satisfying for
me,
Rain now family has glee.



By Eden Dae

The Night Before...

Once every few years when the special moon rises something very peculiar happens as you are about to find out.

On the 15th November in a house on 99 Oak Street, a girl not too old, about 7 or 8, called Rosa knew she had something in common with every single person in the world. This was having a goal. You see Rosa thought that everybody who lived had a goal in life, Rosa's goal was to be a mayor because she wanted to make her city a better place. Maybe then she would finally make some friends.

CRASH BOOM! You see what is happening here? It is this day in particular that is messing with us. Remember how I said that the 15th of November was a peculiar day? And if you are confused the special moon rises every few years on the 1th of November.

Rosa was startled by the freaky sounds coming from the dark and gloomy attic. What's this? She spotted some white powdery footprints leading up to the attic, and she found herself walking up the creaky stairs into the darkness. She let out a terrified shriek as she came across a super freaky doll. In the dusty attic Rosa saw another life-sized doll that wasn't there before. It started moving and suddenly took off it's ghoulish mask. What a relief! Because it was a boy on her street called Tom.

He said, "Can I be your friend? I have no friends". And that is how Rosa and Tom became best friends.

Did Rosa achieve her goal and become mayor? Well that is another story...



By Evanthis

Junior Christmas Show!



What an incredible performance the Juniors put on for this year's Christmas Show. The Year 6s were brilliant in their acting, while they were ably supported by Years 3, 4 and 5 as the chorus line. There are some particularly talented singers in Year 6 and the solos brought a tear to the eye they were that good. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the people who helped this show happen— the teachers, TAs, parents and above all, the children. They were amazing!

Star of the Term Awards—this term's winners...

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Matilde For growing in confidence and always making positive choices with your learning and friendships. Well done!	Asma For always trying your best and for always being such a lovely friend. You are a real superstar, well done!	Isabelle You always try your best in everything you do - this term you have been an excellent role model to your classmates. We are very proud of you.	Lucia For always putting your best effort into all our learning this term. You work hard and behave excellently. Well done!	Josie For consistently putting maximum effort into learning throughout the term, helping other children and for being a reliable member of the Y4 team - well done!	Zac For always having a positive attitude towards learning and for putting 100% effort in to everything you do. You are also always polite, helpful and	Ambre For your consistently impressive efforts in all that you do. You bring such a positive attitude to your learning and school life and are a credit to our class.

Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Term' - consistently doing the right things and being role models for the other children in the school. Teachers found it really hard to pick just one for each class as there are so many children at Fleet who fit this description!