

Message from the head:

I can't quite believe it's half term already! Where does the time go? It's been such a busy term—it has flown by. Hopefully all families received a copy of the letter I sent home yesterday with the results of the parent survey we did just before Christmas. It was great to have such positive responses from you as well as such useful and constructive ideas of things we do well and could improve. Thank you to those of you who took the time to fill it in. I'd also like to say thank you to the parents who have sent messages or spoken to me about how useful they found the coffee morning presentation I did earlier in the term and the open mornings last week. Communication is such a crucial element in ensuring that the relationship between school and home works to ensure the best outcomes for our children. While we might not always get it right, we aim to, and are always trying to improve. We hope to be able to continue to develop this area through more events to help you as families be able to see and understand the school day more clearly. Keep an eye on the newsletter as we will always advertise upcoming events as far ahead as possible to enable as many of you to take part and attend things. This week we had a Governor meeting. I presented the updated 'Home Learning' policy and 'Teaching and Learning' policy. These are both available on our website and I would recommend you take a moment to read them. If you would prefer a paper copy and don't have the means to print it out, please ask in the Office. We will also be launching our updated 'Packed Lunch Policy', which Governors also approved this week, after half term. I hope you all have a great half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 25th February.

World Book Day—Dressing Up—Friday 8th

As many of you may know 'World Book Day' is approaching. Many of the children (and staff!) love to dress up as their favourite book characters on this day. We will be doing our dressing up day on the Friday this year due to other school events happening on the traditional Thursday. We will have more information after half term about some of the other activities—such as a 'Booknic' on Thursday 7th March after school (more details to follow!). But in case any of you want to start planning costumes now, we will be dressing up on Friday 8th March. We look forward to seeing some of the amazing characters come to life then!

Raising Money for the Malala Fund

Year 2 will be holding a book 'bring and buy' sale after school on Friday 8th March to raise money for the Malala Fund. This charity was set up by the incredible Malala Yousafzai to help girls around the world get an education. Year 2 have been learning about Malala's story and her work, as have Year 5, and were keen to support her. Please bring any books you'd like to donate to the sale by the end of the day on Thursday 7th March, either to the Office or to the box outside Year 2's classroom. And start saving your pennies to spend at the sale! It's a great cause.

<https://www.malala.org/>



Great ways to support learning at home

If you haven't already check out these resources that are free for you to use. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th the children need a login which they should have. If they can't remember ask their teacher for a reminder.

For the children to practice...

<https://www.mathschase.com/>

<https://community.mathletics.com/signin/#/student>

For the Grown ups... info to support maths and grammar

<http://mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk/>

<http://grammar.lgfl.org.uk/>

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 Reception with 97%. Well done to them!



International Food Evening—4th April

Our annual 'International Food Evening' is at the end of next half term. We will be holding this event on the evening of Thursday 4th April. Hopefully you will be able to put this in your diaries now so you can come along to share some food and conversation with the Fleet community.

Can you help our Nursery?

If you have any unwanted scooters, baby doll buggies or prams, any doll toys such as toy high chairs etc., we would love to take them off your hands and offer them a grateful new home. Thank you.



Class Teas and Assemblies for this term...

28th February—Y5 Tea	14th March—Y3 Tea	28th March—Y1 Tea
1st Mar—Year 5 Assembly	15th March—Y3 Assembly	29th March—Y1 Assembly
7th March—Y4 Tea	21st March—Y2 Tea	
8th March—Y4 Assembly	22nd March—Y2 Assembly	

Term Dates 2018/19

Spring Term	First Day of Term:	Half Term:
Half Term:	Wed 24th April	Mon 27th—Fri 31st May
Mon 18th—Fri 22nd Feb	Bank Holiday:	Last Day of Term:
Summer Term	Mon 6th May	Tue 23rd July

Dates for your calendar

18th-22nd Feb	Half Term Week—School Closed
26th February	Year 2 to the CLC
27th February	Year 5 to the CLC
6th March	Nursery to Discover Story Centre
7th March	Year 4 to Science Museum
7th March	Year 5 to the Crick Institute
11th-15th Mar	STEAM Week
11th March	Y3 to Hampstead Heath Learning centre
13th March	Parent Meetings 3pm-6.30pm
14th March	Year 5 to Science Museum (am)
14th March	Year 1 to the Toy Museum
15th March	Nursery to the CLC
18th March	Year 4 to the CLC
19th March	Reception to the October Gallery
26th March	Year 4 to the Science Museum
27th March	Nursery to Kentish Town City Farm
3rd April	Reception to the CLC
4th April	International Food Evening
5th April	Last day of term—finish at 2pm

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—Mason, Y1—Rayn C, Y2—Marli, Y3—Rosa, Y4—Ubayd, Y5—Ella, Y6—Luke

Reception to Discover!

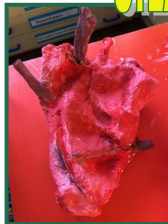
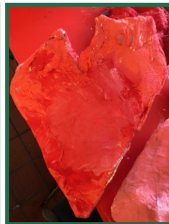
Reception had lots of fun at the Discover in Stratford this week. They loved playing in the garden and making up a story all about a mouse and a sea-horse. Thank you to all who came along to help out.



Year 6 have been busy working on creating sculptures based on human anatomy, linked with emotional response. The children used a variety of materials including: wire, modrock, gold leaf and paints. They hope to share their STEAM learning with parents and carers at the beginning of next term.

STEAM in Year 6

Can you tell which organs these examples to the left are?



Year 4 have finished their second set of puppets—we shared some last week. They are looking great, come to class and see them!



Year 4 Puppets!

Thank you to those who were able to come to the open morning last Friday.



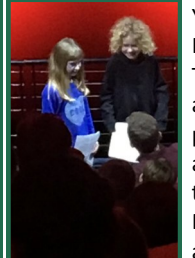
This week Year 3 took part in a very exciting project. It is called 'The Tate Year 3 Project' and has been devised by Turner Prize and Oscar-winning artist, Steve



McQueen. His goal is to get a class photo from all the Year 3 classes in London which will then go together to create the largest group portrait ever made and be on display at the Tate later this year. Tom, a photographer from the Tate, came in to take our photo. He spoke to the children all about the project and asked the children about what sort of differences you may see looking at different classes across London and from different kinds of school. We can't wait until the project is finished so we can arrange to take the children to the Tate and see the finished exhibition.

The Tate Year 3 Project

Y5 at the BFI!



Y5 visited the BFI IMAX this week. They learnt all about screenplays and literary adaptations through 'Harry Potter', 'Arrietty' and 'The BFG'.

They had brilliant insights, asked great questions and gave fantastic answers. Well done Y5!

The little finger muscles in Reception class have been working overtime this week building some fabulous models out of Lego. They added google eyes and had lots of fun making their monsters!

Reception Master Builders!

