

Friday 15th March 2019

Message from the head:

The Spring Term is always a very busy one being the shortest and this one is no different. This week was our STEAM week and I have been very impressed with some of the creative ways teachers have been finding to introduce complex scientific ideas. It's been clear from speaking to the children and going into their classes how much they have enjoyed their experiments and investigations. Today's sharing assembly of what each year group has been working on was very inspiring. Hopefully, we are helping to inspire the next generation of scientists, programmers, engineers, artists and mathematicians!



I'd like to take this opportunity to say well done to the children who represented Fleet at the Camden Gymnastics Competition this week at Talacre. We had a group of boys and girls in the Year 3/4 competition and a group of boys and girls in the Year 5/6 competition. This is the 3rd straight year we have taken part and each year the children have improved. Our Year 5/6 team came 4th overall from all the Camden Schools represented. A big thanks to Mimosa and Lisa Bradley for the support to get them there. If your child is interested in starting to practice for next year's competition, don't forget we have a Gymnastics club every week before school. See Lisa in the office if you would like a place. Finally, thank you to all of you for coming along to parent meetings this week. Our teachers work very hard, and have very long days, starting usually before 8am and often leaving well after 5pm (7pm on parent evening night!) as well as often working into the evening planning and marking. Knowing that you are involved and working together means a lot to them. Opportunities to get together and listen to each other and discuss your children is a great way to ensure we both get the best out of them— so thank you. Have a great weekend and see you next week.

International Food Evening—4th April

Save this date in your diary for 'International Food Evening'. Come along on the Thursday night to share some food and conversation with the Fleet community. Entry fee is a dish of food to share!

Raise Money for Cancer Research UK



In May, Mr McGibbon is taking part in the Dulux London Revolution. He is doing this 2 day-300km cycle round London to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you'd like to help, please sponsor him by going to the following web address and pledging a donation:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Don_cycles_London



Punctuality Award

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



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 1 with 98%. Well done! Let's see if we can improve on that next week.



Parent Meetings & Support at Home

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and meet with the teachers this week to discuss your children. These meetings should be as much about us hearing from you as you hearing from us and I hope you found them useful. If you were not able to make an appointment, please try and speak to the class teacher and see if they are available at another time for a quick catch-up. Some of you have asked for things to practice at home. Ms. Hanfling, our English subject lead, has put together the following list of useful websites that can support spelling and handwriting. We are putting together a list of useful maths websites too from across the school age range and will share that soon too.

Spelling

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/> - Activities for children year 1-6 to support their spelling. Links very closely with the curriculum.
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p> - BBC videos about different spelling patterns
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar> - variety of spelling and grammar games (also available for ages 5-7)
<http://www.highfrequencywords.org/first-100-high-frequency-word-list-precursive.html> - list of first hundred high frequency words (a good place to start for spelling)

Handwriting

<https://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/> - support, information and activities to develop handwriting
<https://debbiehepplewhitehandwriting.com/free-resources/> - guidance for children starting joined handwriting
<https://nha-handwriting.org.uk/handwriting/help-for-parents/> - support, advice and some downloadable resources

Grammar

<http://grammar.lgfl.org.uk/> - website available through the school subscription to the London Grid for Learning. You will need your child's USO login which can be obtained from their teacher if the child has lost or doesn't know it. Really clear explanations of grammar terms for parents.

Class Teas and Assemblies for this term...

21st March—Y2 Tea 28th March—Y1 Tea
 22nd March—Y2 Assembly 29th March—Y1 Assembly

Term Dates 2018/19

Spring Term	First Day of Term:	Half Term:
Last Day of Term:	Wed 24th April	Mon 27th-Fri 31st May
Fri 5th April	Bank Holiday:	Last Day of Term:
Summer Term	Mon 6th May	Tue 23rd July

Dates for your calendar

18th March	Year 4 to the CLC
19th March	Reception to the October Gallery
19th March	Year 2 Gospel Oak Methodist Church
25th March	Year 2 to Women's Library @ LSE
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 week's winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.
 Rec—Fatma, Y1—Ellison, Y2—Esema, Y3—Sami, Y4—Ayesha, Y5—Imran, Y6—Edie



On Friday last week we had our dressing up day for 'World Book Day'. School was filled with some amazing looking characters. Thank you so much for supporting your children on the day with their costumes and for coming along to the 'Booknic' on Thursday after school, as well as the book sale for Malala's Fund on Friday.

World Book Day!

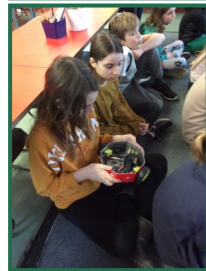


STEAM Week!

This week has been our STEAM week—that is Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Maths.

All across the school classes have been thinking scientifically and carrying out investigations and experiments. From Bridge design and building in Year 1 to Natural Disaster planning in Year 5 activities have been varied and drawn on many different

areas of learning. On Thursday KS2 had a visit from an Engineer who did an assembly and spoke about the job they do. This afternoon all the classes came together to share the different projects they have been working on. It has been a successful week and we'd like to say a big thank you to Ms. Matheson, our Science Lead Teacher, for all the hard working she put into planning it.



Tofu and purple sprouting broccoli from our garden were on the menu for this week's stars of the week cooking session. Smelt and tasted amazing!



Stars of the Week - Cooking with Candice session

Year 3 @ Hamstead Heath Education Centre



Camden Schools Gymnastics Competition

