



# Fleet News

Friday 15th November 2019



## Message from the head:

Another very busy week has come to an end—I sometimes wonder where the time goes—but then when I see everything the children have done I'm always impressed! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all you wonderful parents and carers who have been helping out on trips this term and are involved in the PA busily organising our upcoming Winter Fair (Saturday 30th November!). At a time of tightening budgets and having to do more with less, your help and support is really important—in fact vital—to us continuing to provide the excellent education your children receive. Have a great weekend and see you next week.

## Parent Evening Sign-up

Lists will be up for you to sign up for parents evening slots with your children's class teachers from Monday. Teachers will be available on Thursday 28th and one other night that week—check the list outside the class. If you are unable to be in school to sign up for a slot please phone the office who will assign you a slot. It is really important you attend a meeting as it is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and their targets for the coming months.

## Fleet Winter Fair—Saturday 30th November

The countdown has officially started, with just over 2 weeks left until the Christmas Fair! Crates are now in all classrooms for your luxury Hamper donations. We'd also love donations for Tombola prizes, as well as good condition toys, children's books and clothes to sell on the day. You'll find a general donation box in the school office. Thanks to all those who have donated so far! Raffle tickets have been sent home today with your child - please sell to family and friends for a chance of some great prizes! From next week there will be a Rota on all classroom doors for you to sign up to help run the stalls. All help is greatly appreciated on the Friday before and on the day of the fair. We're really looking forward to a fun and successful Christmas Fair with you all! Huge thanks from the PA.

## Steve McQueen's Y3 Project @ Tate Britain

Last academic year we took part in this ground-breaking project which opened this week at the Tate Britain. Our Year 4 class (who took part as Year 3 last year!) visited this week to see their picture and all the 3000+ other class photos that make up the exhibition. If any of you plan to visit the exhibition, which runs until May 2020, and want to look out for Fleet among the many pictures there, we are in section 3 of the 24 section exhibition.

## Term Time Holidays & Attendance

At the end of the summer term last year and so far this term we have seen an increase in the number of requests for time off during term time for holidays. While we are sympathetic to the challenges of high prices for flights and travel during school holidays and the separation some families experience by being spread across the country or world, we cannot authorise the absence for these trips and you do risk a fine from the education welfare service should you take term time holidays. One of the most important factors in the attainment outcomes of our children is attendance. Please read the letter that went out with today's newsletter that highlights the impact of low attendance on attainment.

## Interested in renting the pitch for a match?

Outside of school hours the pitch is being managed by 'School Lettings Solutions'. If you'd like to enquire about booking it use these details:

Telephone: 02037976491 or Email: [fleetprimary@schoollettings.org](mailto:fleetprimary@schoollettings.org)

Website: <https://bookings.schoollettings.org/london-camden/sls-fleet-primary/football-pitch/12842?date=>

## Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Y5 with 4 lates. Lets see if we can improve on that next week.



## Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 1 with 99%. Well done to them.



## Message from Professor Valsa Koshy from Brunel University

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Celebrating 20 years of enriching children's lives:

#### 7 steps parents can take to help their children succeed

My name is Valsa Koshy and I am a Professor of Education at Brunel University London. Earlier this year, I was awarded an MBE for my work with children over several decades. Building on 20 years of research and my more recent work with over 1400 parents of primary schoolchildren from all backgrounds, Brunel University London has released a news item and a video for parents. It describes 7 steps parents can take to help children succeed in learning and, at the same time, improve their health and wellbeing.

The 7 steps are:

- Intelligence is not fixed and we can change a child's learning potential
- There's no universally accepted definition of giftedness, talent, high ability
- Find and develop your child's passion
- Develop your child's wellbeing
- Children's abilities do not depend on their parents' social backgrounds
- Spend quality time with your children
- Fight low expectations in children with special needs

After participating in the project, children of parents who learnt about aspects of intelligence, talent development and wellbeing:

- showed higher motivation and more enthusiasm about learning
- had higher achievement
- were happier and had reduced anxiety levels

We have also produced a handbook for parents and grandparents, which explores the 7 steps in more detail, as well as other relevant topics.

I hope you find the video useful. The video also features our book, which formed the basis of our project for parents.

Best wishes,

Professor Valsa Koshy MBE, Department of Education, Brunel University London

See website for video and more info:

<https://www.brunel.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/articles/There's-no-such-thing-as-'gifted'-Leading-professor's-message-to-parents-in-25000-UK->

## Author visit and book signing—Thursday 21st

We're very excited about a visitor we have coming in next week, Thursday 21st, to deliver an assembly with the children from Year 1 to Year 6. He is author and illustrator, Olaf Falafel. After school he will be selling and signing copies of his books for anyone who wishes to purchase any.



## Dates for your calendar for this term

20th Nov	Nursery Parents Appointments
22nd Nov	Year 6 @ Burgh House—take over the museum day
27th Nov	Parents Evenings Y1-Y6 (until 6pm)
28th Nov	Parents Evenings Y1-Y6 (until 7pm)
29th Nov	Nursery Stay and Play
29th Nov	Reception to Theatre
30th Nov	Christmas Fair
3rd Dec	Year 4 to the Church
6th Dec	Infants Christmas Show
10th Dec	Reception to the Heath
11th Dec	Nursery to the Theatre
12th Dec	Junior Christmas Show—10am & 7pm
13th Dec	Christmas Lunch
17th Dec	Infant Christmas Parties
18th Dec	Junior Christmas Parties


## Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.



90 Khos  
I love you  
Jumper  
from Suraiya




# Year 4



How many people have their picture up in a world renowned gallery as part of a famous artists exhibition? Not many—but our Y4 class do! They visited this week to see their class photo up as part of the Steve McQueen Year 3 Project at the Tate Britain—they were very excited!



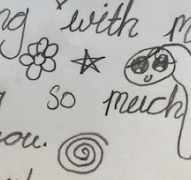
This week is National Anti-bullying week.

Among the many activities classes have been doing to mark this, Year 5 have made posters pledging small changes they can do to prevent bullying and make our school an even kinder place! As well as celebrating anti-bullying week and this year's theme 'Change Starts with us!' we also celebrated 'World Kindness Day' on Wednesday. Year 3 were making compliment cards to give out! Well done to them all for writing and decorating such lovely messages!

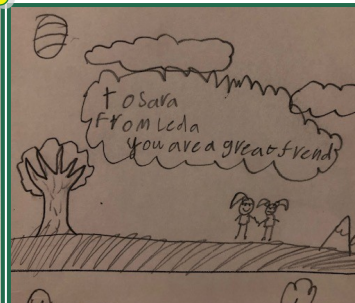


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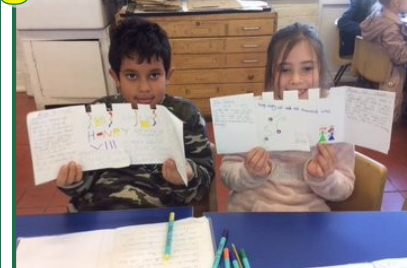
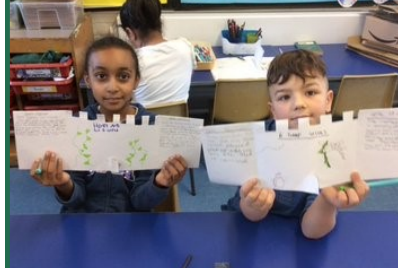
Thank you Sara  
for playing with me  
I'm having so much  
fun with you.  
I love you!



You were the kindest  
person ever and you  
mean so much to  
me and you never  
ever let me down.  
From Esma  
to the best Eva in  
the world.



## Adventure Through Time in Year 4



Year 4 have been researching and writing reports on Henry VIII as part of their 'Adventure Through Time' topic. This week they took their reports and published them into fantastic books. As you can see they are very proud of their work.



Year 5 had a busy time at the CLC this week making their own websites to showcase all the fantastic knowledge they've learnt about the Vikings so far this term. Mary from the CLC is convinced there are a number of future web designers in this class!

## Website Design in Year 5

