

Friday 17th May 2019

Message from the head

This week was the KS2 SATs week. I am very proud of the staff and children for the way they approached these tests. No matter what your opinion on testing of primary school, the fact is they are a part of the educational landscape and something we have to do. The children have worked very hard throughout this and previous years whilst also ensuring that we are not 'teaching to the test' but providing them with a full and varied curriculum. This week they have been fantastic—approaching the tests with a positive frame of mind and giving it their best shot. What was also admirable was the way they encouraged and supported each other. We get the results in July but we don't need those to tell us how brilliant our children are.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us on the Heath today for the Fun Run and picnic. It was a shame the brilliant sunny weather from earlier in the week wasn't replicated, but that might have been a good thing given all the running around the children have been doing. We are in the process of planning a refurbishment of the Junior Playground. Playgrounds cost a lot of money, something that unfortunately schools don't have much of at the moment. So any money raised by this event and other Parents' Association events will help us towards our goal of having some fantastic climbing, adventure and play equipment installed. We are investigating different ways to raise money through charitable and sports trusts, so hopefully it won't be too long before we have some positive news to share about the plans. If you know of any philanthropists looking for a good cause to donate to please let them know about us and our desire to upgrade the playground!

Last week we had an advert in from 'Number Sense' about volunteer opportunities to work in schools (including Fleet from September) to support maths and this week we have a similar advert below from 'Bookmark', a charity that goes into school (already working in Fleet) to support children with their reading. If you are in a position to support either of these charities please get in touch with them. They do such a great job supporting schools and children to reach their potential.

Please note that we have had to change the date of Sports Day. This is unavoidable due to staffing. We hope you are all able to come along to the Heath and cheer on the children. Sports day will now be held on Wednesday 10th July on the Heath.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of you who sponsored me for my 300km cycle last weekend. It was tough but I made thanks to the motivation provided by your sponsorships. I've managed to raise over £1000 so far. Thanks again.

Have a great weekend and see you all rested and ready for another fantastic Fleet week.

Parent Workshop—Building Resilience and Healthy Self-Esteem—21st May 9-10am

As part of the Camden Mental Health 'Trailblazer' Project over the next couple of years we will be working with a mental health professional to support us, the children and the school community. We have arranged for them to come in and put on a parent workshop on the above area on Tuesday 21st May from 9-10am. This is an important area for all our children we hope you will be able to come along.

Volunteer opportunity

Can you help a child practice their reading? By volunteering with Bookmark

Reading Charity, you can provide 1:1 reading support to children in Years 1-3. Each reading programme is made up of just two 30 minute sessions a week, over 6 weeks. As a volunteer, you have the flexibility to choose programmes at dates and times that work for you, and you can choose to volunteer specifically for Fleet Primary School. You will also be provided with training, resources and ongoing support through Bookmark.

To find out more information, please visit: www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteer If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the opportunity further, please contact Millie Connor from the Bookmark team on millie.connor@bookmarkreading.org



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Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Reception with just 2 lates! Well done to them.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Reception with 100%. Well done!



Class Teas and Assemblies for this term...

23rd May—Y6 Class Tea	27th June—Y2 Class Tea
6th June—Y5 Class Assembly	28th June—Y2 Class Assembly
7th June—Y5 Class Assembly	4th July—Y1 Class Tea
13th June—Y4 Class Tea	5th July—Y1 Class Assembly
14th June—Y4 Class Assembly	11th July—Reception Class Tea
20th June—Y3 Class Tea	12th July—Reception Class Assembly
21st June—Y3 class Assembly	18th July—Nursery Class Tea

Dates for your calendar for this term

21st May	Year 3 to the CLC
21st May	Parent Workshop—Building Resilience and Self Esteem
22nd May	Nursery to National Gallery
24th May	Reception and Year 5 to the CLC
27th-31st May	Half Term
3rd June	INSET Day—School Closed
6th June	Year 1 to Kentish Town City Farm
10th-14th June	Year 6 to Gower
13th June	Year 1 to Hampstead Heath for Nature Walk
14th June	Year 5 to UCS for Science Workshop
18th June	Individual and Class Photographs
21st June	Year 4 to Kew Gardens
28th June	Year 4 to the Heath
29th June	Summer Fair
3rd July	Reception to Kew Gardens
5th July	Summer Disco 6-8pm
8th July	Year 6 to October Gallery
9th July	Year 4 to CLC
10th July	Sports Day
17th July	Parents Evening 3-6.30pm
19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ 6-8pm
23rd July	Last day of term—school closes 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—Maxence, Y1—Alea, Y2—Suraiya, Y3—Penny, Y4—Annie, Y5—Iftikhar, Y6—All of Year 6



Mud Cakes in Sunny Nursery!

Nursery have been making the most of the sunny weather in their 'mud kitchen'. This beautiful mud cake (with flowers on top) was created by Summer!



Next week is 'Walk to School Week' - please encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle!



Year 4 had a great visit to the National Gallery recently. A huge thank you to the parents who helped out on the trip.

National Gallery



Y2 @ The Golden Hinde



Gardening in Year 6

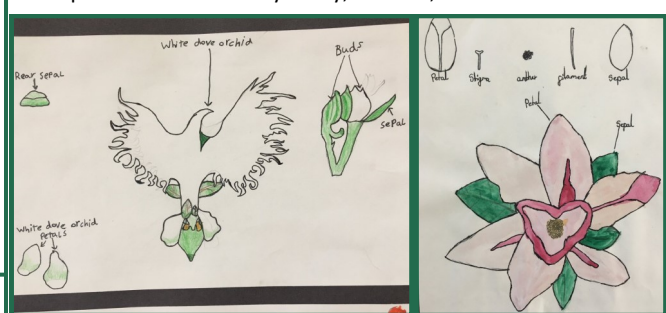


Classes have planted up seeds over the last few weeks that will soon need to be re-planted outside. Year 6 took some time out from their SATs this week to start preparing the beds for them by weeding and topping up the soil. It's all looking good!



Year 5's Amazing Artists!

These beautiful, scientifically accurate, botanical illustrations were produced in Year 5 by Lacey, Hannah, Nadia and Mishkaat.



In their 'Cooking with Candice' session this week the 'Stars of the Week' made edible Taco bowls and some tasty and very healthy fillings. They were amazed at what happened to the tortilla with a bit of heat and a cookie tray!



Cooking with Candice and the Stars of the Week!



Year 5 had the chance to work with the Metropolitan police recently on the dangers of speeding near school. Groups went onto Agincourt Road and saw how a speed gun works. When the police pulled over any drivers going above the speed limit, the children were then tasked with going through a questionnaire aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of driving too fast with the drivers. The police are back next week to continue the work with the class.

Promoting safe driving near school with Year 5

