



Fleet News

Friday 18th November 2016



Message from the head

This week was anti-bullying week. Assemblies on Monday and Tuesday were themed around this as well as work happening in class. I'd like to say a big thank you to Ms. Budd for helping to organise this. Many of you filled out the online parent questionnaires that were on the iPads outside the classes when you were here for parent meetings last week. If you didn't, we sent home a letter yesterday with instructions on how to complete it. We'd love to get as many views as possible on how you see Fleet and your children's experience here. If you haven't had the letter please see Lisa in the office.

I'm really proud of the children and how engaged they have been in assemblies when we have been talking about 'Rights Respecting Issues' this year. This week I met with the new Ambassadors and was astonished with the level of thought and insight they had when deciding upon the project they wanted to do. Look out for more information as the term progresses.

Finally, we've edited our website to be able to share photos and stories of life in school on a more regular basis. Please have a look under the 'Year Groups' tab on the main page: www.fleet.camden.sch.uk

Have a great weekend and don't forget to get involved in our Calendar Competition—time for you and the children to get creative (see below)!

Children in Need

Thanks to all for your support in helping your children remember to bring in their teddy's and dress in spots! We hope to raise a good amount for this worthy cause!



Fleet 'Countryfile' Calendar Competition

We've had some great entries for this month's competition already (see Annie and Vesa's contributions below which were among those that came in this week). Don't forget we want entries in four categories: EYFS—Nursery & Reception; KS1—Years 1 & 2; KS2—Year 3,4,5 & 6; Over 11's—that includes all you grown ups!

The rules are simple, you can use any medium—paint, pencil, pen, collage, photo. The subject must be wildlife found in our local area—your garden, the playground, the heath etc. We really look forward to seeing what you come up with and maybe your image will get picked for the Fleet Calendar at the end of next year. Don't forget a little bit of writing to go with the picture—a fact about the animal/plant, a poem, or anything else you can come up with!



Fox and Butterfly by Annie in Year 2



Deer by Vesa in Year 2

For your diary...

Fri 2nd Dec - Infant Christmas Show
Sat 3rd Dec—Christmas Fair
Wed 7th Dec - Junior Christmas Show
Wed 14th Dec - School Christmas Assembly

Attendance Award

Our attendance award for this week goes to Year 6 with 97% attendance. Well done to them—fabulous!



Berty Bank Clothes Donations

If any of you are doing a clothes clear out please remember we have the charity clothes bank in the junior playground, 'Berty Bank'. Every time we fill the bank the school receives a £50 donation. Thank you for your support in this.

Online shopping at Christmas? Read this!

With Christmas approaching, many of you may be doing more shopping online than usual. Please have a look at the 'easy fundraising' website. Purchases you make could help to raise money for school at no extra cost to you! It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/fleetps>
2. Sign up for free (or download the App if you shop on mobile)
3. Then shop as normal!

Live Music at Fleet

Do you or anyone in your family play an instrument? It might be in a group? It might be informally at weddings or other celebrations. Would you come and share your music with the children at Fleet? Please contact Lynley the music teacher: l.benbetka@fleet.camden.sch.uk or leave a message with Lisa or Debbie in the office.

UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are re-launching our drive towards recognition as a Rights Respecting School. We have a group of very committed Ambassadors who met this week to decide on their first project. We would love to have some support from you the Fleet Community. If you would like to be involved, and can give time to come along to our meetings please let us know. The ambassadors will be launching their first project to the school in assembly on the 28th November and to run up to Christmas. Please speak to Mr McGibbon if you would like to be involved or want to know more information. We hope as well as the ambassadors our working party will represent the governing body, the parents/carers/families and the staff of Fleet.



TERM DATES 2016/17:-

AUTUMN TERM
Last day of term: 16th December

SPRING TERM
First day of term: 4th January
Half Term: 13th—Friday 17th February
Last day of term: 31st March

SUMMER TERM
First day of term: 19th April
May Day Holiday: 1st May (School Closed)
Half Term: 29th May—2nd June
Last day of term: 21st July

Staff inset days:
3rd January 2017, 18th April 2017

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

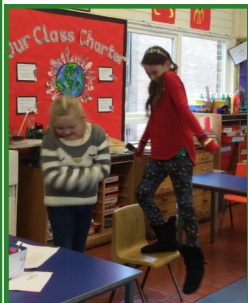
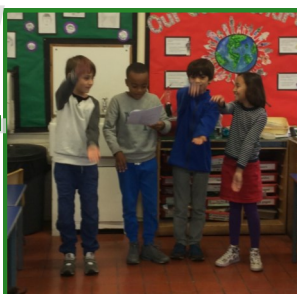


Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.

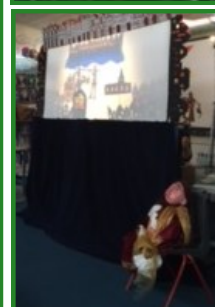
Rec—Nasiru, Y1—Francesca, Yr2—Armaan, Y3—Kea, Y4—Luke, Y5—Jibril, Y6—Noa

Performance Poetry in Year 4

Over the last couple of weeks Year 4 have been studying poetry. This week they had the opportunity to 'perform' their poems in groups. There were some very energetic performances. Well done to them all.



Puppet Show



Year 2 visited by a Puppet Theatre this week who put on a performance themed around the Great Fire of London. It was superb! Ask your children about what they can remember and what they know about the Great Fire.

Meet the Ambassadors...

We recently asked the children if they wanted to be involved as 'Rights Respecting Ambassadors' to help the school think about how we can do more to raise the profile of the Rights Respecting Agenda. We had a number of very well thought out and moving applications. The application from our Lead Ambassador is shown below as an example. The children who have been appointed to the role of Ambassador are shown below. They had their first meeting this week and decided on their first project as well as elected their 'Lead Ambassador' and 'Secretary'. We'll keep you updated through the newsletter and website over the next few weeks.



Application:

I think I would be a good ambassador because I know what it feels like to not be very brave and how hard it can be to ask for help, ask questions, ask teachers or tell someone you don't get it; find your voice. I've learnt recently that once you are brave enough to take that first step, to put your hand up, to say I'm scared or I don't understand or I need help. It is the right of every child to feel safe and happy, to be fed and clothed. It is the right of every child to have an education. It is the right of every child to not be scared, to have a voice and to be heard. I think I would be a good candidate to help other children find their voice and be heard. Quiet voices matter. Feelings matter. "If you think you are too small to make a difference, you have never spent the night with a mosquito" - The Dalai Lama.

Parents' Association Christmas Cards

The orders have been coming in thick and fast for the Christmas cards. There are some fabulous designs the children have created and they'll look great when printed up—see the three examples to the right.

If you haven't had a chance to order your child's yet don't worry—there is still time.

Please collect a form from Lisa in the office, fill in your requirements and bring your cash

in a clearly labelled envelope (with your child's name and class) to the office. (If paying by cheque please make pay able to 'Fleet Parents Association').

The deadline is the 25th November 2016. Any orders placed after this date will be classed as a late order and you'll be charged a postage fee and there is no guarantee it will arrive in time for Christmas. **If you are ordering for more than one child, APFS has introduced a family discount.** Thank you for all your support in this—any funds raised will go towards the PA's effort to purchase a class set of iPads.



From left to right: Tanjina's card design, Aya's card design & Zahra's card design