

Friday 1st March 2019

Message from the head:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good Half Term. With the weather we've had it's hard to believe that only today is officially the first day of Spring—it's felt very summery with all this sun. The children have been making the most of the sun at the beginning of this week enjoying being outside for PE. We had two sets of student teachers in this week (over 60 in total)—one set observed our fantastic teachers in Year 3 and 5 and another set worked with some of our Year 1 and 2 children honing their PE teaching skills. It was great to hear them compliment us on our children and school. I know the staff and children here are fantastic, but it's always nice to hear people who visit come to the same conclusion! You may or may not know that the core parents who have been taking on the lead role in the Parent's Association for the last year or so will be leaving at the end of this academic year and so I am putting a plea out to any parents who feel able to step in and take on a role. They have been sharing the job—meaning it doesn't all fall to one person and I think it has worked brilliantly and it helps to spread the work and avoid any one person taking on too much. Please if you are able to help, let them know. Have a great weekend and see you next week.

World Book Day—Dressing Up—Friday 8th

'World Book Day' is next week. We will be doing our dressing up day on Friday this year due to other school events happening on the traditional Thursday. We are also holding a 'Booknic' on Thursday after school—this is a chance to share a book with your children in the hall at the Year 4 class tea—like a picnic but with books! We hope you will be able to come along and help us celebrate the joy of stories with the children.

Raising Money for the Malala Fund

Yr2 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 across the world get an education. Yr2 have been learning about Malala's story and her work, as have Yr5, 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 Yr2'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 6 with just 1 late! Well done to them.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Reception with 98%. Well done!



Help keep school tidy!

Many children come in to school in the morning, or on their way out in the afternoon, eating snacks. We have noticed a big increase in the amount of litter being dropped on the path by the front gate—this photo was just one morning's worth! Please help us to avoid this and make our school a clean and inviting place by reminding your children to put their litter in the bin. Thank you.



International Food Evening—4th April

Our annual 'International Food Evening' is at the end of this 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.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is overflowing again. Please come and look through it if your child has lost any clothing. We are forced to put any unclaimed items into the clothes recycling bin in the playground if there is too much to store. We will be doing this next week so please take a moment to check before we do and it is too late to see if it has been handed in. Thank you.

Class Teas and Assemblies for this term...

7th March—Y4 Tea	15th March—Y3 Assembly	28th March—Y1 Tea
8th March—Y4 Assembly	21st March—Y2 Tea	29th March—Y1 Assembly
14th March—Y3 Tea	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

5th March	Year 1 to Kensington Palace
6th March	Nursery to Discover Story Centre
7th March	Year 5 to the Crick Institute
11th-15th Mar	STEAM Week
11th March	Year 3 to Hampstead Heath Learning centre
12th March	Year 2 to Kensington Palace
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
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—Zaim, Y1—Ranya, Y2—Nasiru, Y3—Isabelle, Y4—Jaydon, Y5—Xin, Y6—Amaya

Chocolate making - mmmm!

Homemade Chocolate any-one? That is exactly what Year 6 made this week as part of their Mayan and Aztec topic—they've been learning all about how important chocolate was in those cultures and this week it was time to make their own. It was extremely tasty and wouldn't have looked out of place on a Master Chocolatier's stall at Borough Market!



Fantastic Freddie!

In Year 3, just before Half Term, they were writing diary entries about dragons. We were so pleased with how hard Freddie was working and wanted to celebrate his entry with you. Well done Freddie—keep up the hard work!

Dear Diary,

You couldn't believe what happened to-day! I saw a dragon today. It was so amazing. It was flying in the air doing a loop the loop really fast.

The next day I saw a bunch of them and the same dragon and this time they were all breathing fire and doing loop the loops.



By Freddie

Stars of the Week - Cooking with Candice session



This week the 'Stars of the Week' cooking session was a muscle workout crushing lots of garlic to have with the sweet potatoes, leeks, sage, spinach and butter. It was very tasty—mmm!

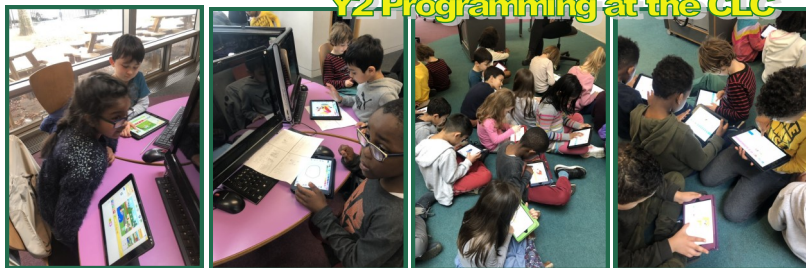
Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the CLC this week. There are some aspects of the computing curriculum that we don't have the resources to do in school and visits to the CLC are vital to ensure the children get the chance. This visit involved them programming the Lego Mindstorms Robots. They were using sensors and had a number of programming challenges to perform. We are sure you won't be surprised to hear that they rose to the challenges and were brilliant. Maybe some future tech superstars in our midst!



Y5 Programming Robots at the CLC

Year 2 went to the CLC this week and had a go at programming using the Scratch Junior App. They were great and learnt so much. This is a free app so if you have a tablet at home you will be able to download it free of charge and your child can show you what they learnt.

Y2 Programming at the CLC



Y6 Animation

Year 6 have been working on an animation project for the last few weeks. They created their own Mayan Myths, produced artwork for the backgrounds and made movable Mayan characters and Gods. This week they brought it all together using the animation frames we borrowed from the CLC and a stop motion animation app on the iPads to create the finished animation. We have posted some fantastic examples on the school Twitter feed—have a look.

Calendar Competition 2019



We launched the new calendar competition for 2019 this week in assemblies and you should all have received a letter home (copy on parent hub) with details. Our theme for the year is 'The Seasons' starting with Spring. We look forward to seeing even more fantastic art coming in from Nursery right up to Year 6.

On Thursday, 8 of our Year 6 children represented the school at a football competition arranged by Arsenal at Market Road. The children were fantastic and ran their hearts out. We were very proud of the 4 boys and 4 girls. Thanks to Arsenal for inviting us to take part.



Our footballers meet Gunnersaurus!