

Message from the head

In this the final 'Fleet News' of 2018, I'd like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff at Fleet who help make this school the special place it is. We're very lucky to have teachers who are incredibly committed to ensuring that all the children are happy, feel valued and make the most of the learning opportunities they have. Teachers at Fleet go over and above when it comes to planning amazing topics and trips, preparing fantastic shows whilst still managing to ensure that no part of the curriculum gets missed. I know how hard they all work and how open and willing they are to be available to you all and that is a very special thing. Our support staff too are brilliant. They are always there to support the learning in class and there to help the children whenever they are needed. Then there are the unsung heroes that too often are missed in a school but without whom we would grind to a halt (and I would definitely be lost!) - Lisa and Debbie in the Office and Mr Dourado.

It has been such a busy term it is difficult to pick a highlight, but I think one moment more than most sticks out in my mind. In October, I was with the Year 5 children on their residential trip to Sayer's Croft. I was with a group who had been set a challenge—they had to transport a golf ball, using lengths of plastic pipe across a space and drop it into a bucket without touching the ball. It needed each of them to work together and communicate to have any chance. The first attempt the ball barely made it into the second length of pipe. They didn't give up. By the 5th attempt they made it a bit further, but still nowhere near the goal. They didn't give up. By the 12th attempt they made it. That perseverance in the face of a challenge, and working together as a true team, was great to see and so was the sense of achievement the children had afterwards—check out our twitter account from October for a video of them doing it. We want to ensure that all the children at Fleet display perseverance in all areas of their life as the rewards are huge when they do. Have an amazing break and enjoy the time with your loved ones. See you on the 8th January 2019!

SOAS Widening Participation team

There is a FREE short course being run called **Cities in History** aimed at adults who would like to develop their oral, presentation and written skills along with critical analysis and research skills. The course will consist of five different sessions beginning on the 7th January until the 4th February 2019 that focuses on cities in Africa and Asia, seeing them as hubs for wealth, migration and evolution. The course will be taught by one of SOAS' leading academics, proceeding chronologically, exploring different types of cities as they have evolved over time, then tracing the impact of industry and empire from the late 19th century. It is aimed at adults with no previous experience of university and requires no previous knowledge. There is more information available online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/cities-at-SOAS>

They are happy to cover transport costs for people on low incomes. For more information contact: ra40@soas.ac.uk



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First day of Term—8th January 2019!

Flynn's Barn Raffle

A huge thankyou to those of you who bought raffle tickets at the winter fair or when they were selling in school to raise money for the charity that Katherine Bonner, ex-Fleet teacher, has set up in memory of her daughter Flynn and the venture she is embarking on to provide a homely and relaxed place for people living with cancer to come together. Check out the website for Flynn's Barn at www.flyneesbarn.org for more information. Through your generosity we raised £260.

1st prize—Alex (Y5) and Alice's (Y2) mum

2nd prize—Evangeline's (Y1) mum

3rd prize—Mr Dourado

4th prize—Inigo (nursery)



From all the staff at Fleet...

Online Safety Reminder

We have heard of a few things lately, at Fleet and at other schools, of examples of children being online using apps and sites designed for older children and maybe falling foul of some of the more secure ways to behave online. Instances I have come across of late span the whole Junior age range from year 3 to year 6. Some of these relate to fake Instagram accounts being created, privacy settings on social media being open, and Youtube channels being open and clearly identifying individuals and in some cases where they live. We revisit regularly with the children through assemblies and class sessions, safe and appropriate use of apps and the internet, but we can't check out of school. Can I urge you all, especially if you allow your children to access social media and the internet, that you regularly check what they are doing online—especially with the Christmas break coming up and many children may be choosing this way to keep in contact with friends. Its worth noting that there are no social media products, nor sites such as YouTube, that recommend children of primary school age be registered and posting on. There are some great links on our website to support parents in this area as it is constantly evolving and we know it can be tough to keep up. Just go to the search window in the top right of our website home page and type 'esafety'. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

TERM DATES 2018/19

Spring Term	Fri 5th April	Half Term:
First Day of Term:	Summer Term	Mon 27th-Fri 31st May
Tues 8th Jan	First Day of Term:	Last Day of Term:
Half Term:	Wed 24th April	Tue 23rd July
Mon 18th—Fri 22nd Feb	Bank Holiday:	
Last Day of Term:	Mon 6th May	

Message from the Governors

Governors had their last meeting of the year with mince pies - thanks Debbie. We saw a short film about how a reading volunteer works with Fleet children and then discussed the recent parents and governors focus groups.

We discussed a report from Don and impact measures for the School Development Plan. We received a report from the Challenge Partners review. We discussed the minutes of the recent meetings of the Curriculum and Standards and Finance and Staffing committees. We approved the Admissions Statement, the Home School Agreement and the Behaviour Principles and an updated copy of this will be sent out to all families in the New Year.

Punctuality Award

This term, our Punctuality award goes to Year 1 with the fewest number of lates this term! Well done!



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this term goes to Year 4 with 97.86% for the Term. Well done! Lets see if we can improve on that





Parties and Christmas Lunch!

A Christmas Carol in Y4

In their last lesson studying 'A Christmas Carol' Year 4 published their own books retelling the story. They look great!



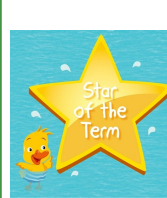
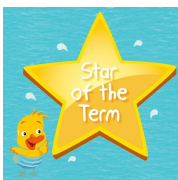
Year 3 earnt their 100 Fleet Treat Points just in time for the end of term. They voted for their treat and chose a 'Movie and Pyjama Party' which they had this week. As you can see they were very relaxed. Well done to them all for being so amazing—they earnt so many points this term!



Year 5 got their hands dirty this week baking Viking bread and making clay Vikings!

Star of the Term Awards—this term's winners...

Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Term' - consistently doing the right things and being role models for the other children in the school. Teachers found it really hard to pick just one for each class as there are so many children at Fleet who fit this description!



Reception—Buddy

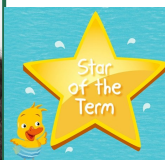
You always try so hard with your learning and are such a good friend. It's so nice to see you thinking about other people and helping your classmates. If someone is upset, you try and cheer them up by asking them to play or by sharing something with them. Thanks for this! This term you have made lots of amazing pictures and you are starting to write little sentences too. You have had a wonderful first term in Reception! Good job Buddy!

Year 1—Evan

Evan - you have made so much progress this term and we are so impressed. You put so much effort into all your learning, especially your writing and we have seen great results. Keep it up Evan - you are such a good role model for all your friends!

Year 2—Sara

For increasing effort into concentration and focus during lessons, making particular progress in writing and Maths because of this. You keep trying even when things are difficult, Sara, and your resilience has been impressive! Most notably, Sara has shined in Science, wowing us all with her knowledge of and enthusiasm for the subject! Keep focussing and enjoying your learning and you will continue to progress, Sara. Well done for a terrific term!



Year 3—Lily

You are consistently kind and helpful to all your classmates. You invariably make a huge effort with your learning and it shows! As well as this, you are always beautifully behaved. You are a real asset to the classroom!

Year 4—Alesha

you have had such a fantastic term. It has been a pleasure to see your enthusiasm, commitment to learning and all the effort you've been putting into your work. You are also such a mature and helpful member of our class. Well done, keep up the amazing attitude!

Year 5—Shuheda

You have been a superstar this term! You have worked extremely hard, both in school and at home, and the effort is paying off. You are also always kind and considerate to others. Amazing!

Year 6—Casey-Lou

For having such a brilliant attitude all term. You have been so positive and resilient, which has enabled you to achieve many things, including a fantastic portrayal of Mr Tummus in our production! You are doing an amazing job!