



Fleet News



Friday 23rd September 2016

Message from the head

The weeks seem to be flying in, I can't quite believe we are at the end of week 3 already. There has been a lot on over these first few weeks and I continue to be impressed by the strong relationship between the school and you, our families. It was great to see so many of the year 5 and 6 parents at the secondary transfer meeting earlier in the week. A big thank you to Becca for arranging it. I hope that it managed to answer most of the questions you might have had. If you still have questions please come and ask us. If we can't answer them we can hopefully point you in the direction of someone who can.

We also had the home learning drop in this week after school on Wednesday—the teachers did a great job of preparing simple tasks that could be done at home. It was great to see so many parents keen to learn how they could support the children's learning in fun and imaginative ways. If you didn't manage to make it there are some hand outs in the entrance area with ideas and ask the teachers, they will be happy to fill you in.



Home Learning Drop in

Also this week, I had the opportunity to meet with Miranda from the Parents Association. It was really useful to talk about what the PA does and to think of ways forward with projects and fund raising to support the school. We hope that more of you will get involved with the PA. We'd like to make our PA a registered charity so we can benefit more but to do that we need to formalize certain things including memberships and roles and so would be grateful for help in this. In a time of shrinking budgets, without the help we receive from their amazing fundraising efforts we would struggle to be able to offer the rich array of trips and other things that the PA funds go towards—did you know that in the last year the PA has donated £4000 towards the amazing trips the classes go on, funded and built the beautiful garden area in the junior playground, and got us firmly on the way to funding a class set of iPads? Thanks to all involved and to all of you for supporting the PA through attending events and making donations. See the box over the page with more information on how to get involved.

I hope many of you were able to make use of the bike doctor's visit today to get you and your child's bikes looked at and given a clean bill of health. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Richard, Camden's Senior Road Safety Officer, and his team for coming in. The year 5 and 6 children taking part in the cycle safety training next week are in good hands. I hope you all have a great weekend and we'll see you all back on Monday morning.

Meet the Parents Event—19th Sept

Our school hosted its third Meet the Parents event this week. Eight parents and students gave up their time for free to come to the school and talk frankly about their experience of secondary school. The aim was to take some of the anxiety out of secondary school choice for our own families. We heard honest, funny and almost always positive accounts of life at Acland Burghley, Hampstead, Haverstock, Parliament Hill, UCLA and William Ellis schools. One of our parents commented: "It is wonderful for so many people to take the time to help parents trying to decide what is best for their children. We are extremely grateful." The events are timed to give parents inside information in advance of open days. We hope to run the event again next year.



Parents' Association

As mentioned above, the PA do an amazing job raising money for the school. We'd like to be able to obtain charitable status for the PA so that the school can benefit even more from the money raised. To do this we need to have certain things in place. Some of these include an elected chair, treasurer and secretary and at least 2-4 other registered members. We also need to an annual general meeting. We are proposing to hold this meeting on the 14th October. We hope lots of you will be able to come along to learn more and will volunteer to get involved. Thank you.

them. It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is: 1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fleets> 2. Sign up for free (or download the App if you shop on mobile) 3. Then shop as normal! Your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to the school. It couldn't be easier. There are no catches or hidden charges and it will be fantastic to get as many as possible of you signed up and your retailers donating! Last year, with just a few people signed up, over £300 was raised!

McMillan Tea—29th Sept

Before we get started with the class teas we would like to hold a class tea in aid of McMillan Cancer Support. Margaret has volunteered to organize this and we hope you will support it by coming along after school on Thursday 29th. If you'd like to help out please let Margaret know.



Attendance Award

Our attendance award for this week goes to Year 6 with 98% attendance. Well done to them but we're sure we can do much better next week.



Digital Image Permission

We've received back most of the digital image permission forms—thank you. If you haven't returned it, or need another one, please speak to Lisa in the office.

Camden Parent Conference—Parents' Role in Raising Aspiration

This exciting new initiative by Camden will take place on the 4th October at the Camden Irish Centre from 9.30am-1pm. **ALL WELCOME**—free lunch will be provided. This looks like being a very interesting morning if you can make it.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Did you know that many of the purchases you make online you could be raising money for the school? Use Easyfundraising! There are over 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Aviva, thetrainline, Ocado, iTunes, Ebay and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Fleet to say thank you for shopping with

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



George was out on a trip—no photo! Sorry George.

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

Rec—Adil, Y1—Isabelle, Yr2—Annie, Y3—Hana, Y4—George, Y5—Jayna, Y6—Katherine

There is some wonderful writing going on in school inspired by the topics the children are learning about. Here are two examples; a piece of narrative from year 4 and a poem from year 6.

At the top of a grand, immense staircase, Valhalla stands. The blazing fire burns your skin. Slowly drooping down, the musty smell of smoke surrounds the burning city. The loud roar of Vikings in battle as they clash their metallic swords. Crackling bangs surprise you as they explode out of the fire. Vile fog descends on you like a tidal wave. The wind flies over the tops of houses like a bird. You can smell the delicious meat cooking on a spit.

By Jack (Year 5—Invaders—Vikings Topic)

Tlaloc!
Oh powerful cunning creator! Our life depends on you.
You keep the river flowing and the sacred rain to make our crops thrive.
Oh powerful Tlaloc! You jump, light dances from the sky,
And make our hearts fly. You are the god of life.
Oh King of the raging rivers! Your heart as black as obsidian,
Your eyes as red as roses, Your wicked snake as blue as fluorite,
And your beautiful headdress as bright as moonlight,
Oaya Ouayaye.

By Aya (Year 6—Mayans and Aztecs Topic)

Super Writers!

Any one for Art?



Have you seen the amazing topic displays in the corridor going to the office yet? The children and staff have done a great job of brightening the space. Come and have a look. Marvel at the artwork and be entertained by the stories and poetry on display.



There are some fabulous artists in Fleet. Here is just a selection from the last couple of weeks. Erina and Temi in year 1 created these brilliant monkeys, while in year 2 and year 4 they have been working on collage techniques as you can see from Lucia's (Yr2) Charlie and Lola in London collage and Edie's (Yr4) Mount Vesuvius collage.



Dates for your diary...

Mon 17-Fri 21 Oct - Year 5 to Sayers Croft (Residential)
Fri 2nd Dec - Infant Christmas Show
Sat 3rd Dec - Fleet Christmas Fair
Wed 7th Dec - Junior Christmas Show
Wed 14th Dec - Whole school Christmas Assembly

Class Assemblies

FRI 7 OCT—YR6
FRI 14 OCT—YR5
FRI 21 OCT—YR4
FRI 4 NOV —YR3
FRI 11 NOV —YR2
FRI 18 NOV —YR1

Class Teas

THURS 6 OCT—YR6
THUR 13 OCT—YR5
THUR 20 OCT—YR4
THUR 3 NOV—YR3
THUR 10 NOV—YR2
THUR 17 NOV—YR1
THUR 24 NOV—RECEPTION
THUR 1 DEC—NURSERY

TERM DATES 2016/17:-

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term: 5th September
Half Term: 24th—28th October
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

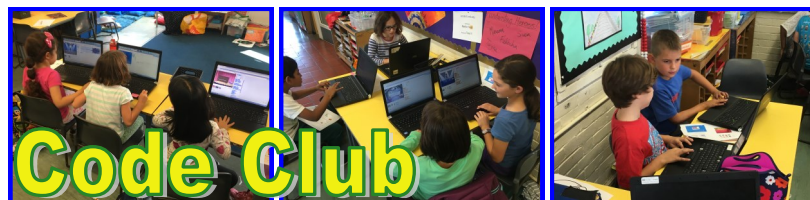
First day of term: 19th April
May Day Holiday: 1st May (School Closed)
Half Term: 29th May—2nd June
Last day of term: 21st July

Staff inset days:

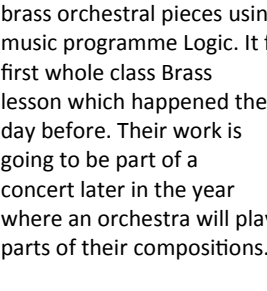
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Code club started this week with the children programming their first scratch project of the year! They were experimenting with sound creating a number of different sprites that played different sounds when clicked. Thanks to Richard for leading this club for us.



Year 5 were lucky enough to spend the day at the CLC working with Rod Arran, the specialist music and technology teacher this week. They were composing their own brass orchestral pieces using the professional digital music programme Logic. It followed nicely from their first whole class Brass lesson which happened the day before. Their work is going to be part of a concert later in the year where an orchestra will play parts of their compositions.



Year 5 Composers!