



Friday 24th March 2017

## Message from the head

I had a lot of fun this week working with the Ambassadors to get their vision for 'World Water Day' to become reality. It was inspiring to see the passion with which they approached the project and to see how proud they were at the end of the day when they



realised they had succeeded in raising so much money for WaterAid. We are very proud of them, and the school as a whole, for embracing the day so well and really thinking about people in the world facing such hardships - not having something we take so much for granted, clean water. In a week when events in London could overwhelm us and make us fearful, I think it's important to celebrate the wonderfully diverse community we are part of and how lucky we all are. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

## Assemblies

At Fleet we try to make our assemblies/collective worship time engaging and inclusive to all our children. We take a thematic approach covering values, moral issues and key festivals and events, including religious events. To ensure we are meeting all legal requirements we are applying for a Determination from SACRE, which will enable us to maintain this broad, flexible approach to our assemblies/collective worship. This will not change how we run things at Fleet, it is a process we must go through so that we can continue our inclusive, exciting assemblies in the same way. Governors have given their support for the application. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please speak to Miss Matheson or Mr McGibbon.

# Wanted—Chairperson for the PA

After 2 and a half years heading up the PA Miranda is moving away. The PA needs a keen parent to get involved and take on the responsibility of leading the Class Reps, help organise school fairs - all of which helps to raise around £10,000 to support the children in the school.

Ben Rudge, the current Treasurer, will continue to look after the finances, and Sarah O'Keefe the current Secretary will continue until the end of this year to help with the Admin and meeting organisation. If there are any of you will-



ing to take it on, please speak to Miranda (mirandarennie@gmail.com).

### Music Assembly—Tues 28th March @ 10am

One of the great strengths at Fleet is our dedication to the arts, music and performance. Next week we are having a special music assembly. Children from across school will be singing songs they have been learning in music assemblies throughout the year, as well as a chance to hear the Year 3 Ukuleles, the Year 5 Brass and Musical Mash-up. If you'd like to come along, you are more than welcome.

## **Go Paperless?**

We seem to be sending more and more paper home in the form of letters. A parent recently asked us about going paperless. We discussed this at the Governing body meeting this week and it was felt that many of you may welcome this idea—preferring emails rather than lots of paper coming home. After the holidays we will be asking you if you would prefer to be contacted via email, or continue to get information through letters via the children. We can do both. We will still send a hard copy of the newsletter to every family, but only if you want it.

#### Class List

The PA have set up a communication system designed to allow them to let everyone know about events. For it to work they need a contact email address. Please can you give your email address to the class rep for your children's class so they can send you the email invite. Thank you.



Fleet Gardening Project Update



We'd like to say a huge thank you to all who came along and helped us build our raised beds last week end. All six are built and four are filled and ready for planting out our seedlings when they are ready. We're currently preparing a bid for some more resources to enhance our outdoor learning and have



surveyed the children. We'd love to know your thoughts on what we should bid for. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the online survey, or use the QR code shown above or type in: https://goo.gl/forms/I4PpQVW0TSh8IoIO2

## Easter Egg decorating competition

Bring in your decorated eggs next Friday for the annual Easter Egg competition.

Prizes will be announced in the assembly that day. Be creative!



# **TERM DATES 2016/17:-**

## SPRING TERM

Last day of term: 31st March

Staff inset days: 18th April & 5th June

**SUMMER TERM** 

1st day of term: Wednesday 19th April May Day: 1st May (School Closed) Half Term: 29th May-2nd June 1st day of half term - Tuesday 6th June Last day of term: Friday 21st July

#### Attendance Award

The award for this week goes to Year 6 with 99%. Well done to them—fabulous! Keep up the great attendance!







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

Rec—Aman, Y1—Gabriella, Yr2—Erion, Y3—Alex, Y4—Sadie, Y5—Amber, Y6—Svea



This week our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors carried out their latest project. It was to celebrate and raise awareness of World Water Day. They held a special assembly for the whole school in the morning before carrying out workshops and making water filters with the Junior classes throughout the day. All of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 then had a chance to 'sign' our pledge in support of Article 24 of the UNCRC that all children have the right to have safe, clean water. Years 1 and 2 have been creating pictures as part of a water themed poster competition—prize

winners will be announced next week. After school we were blown away by the support of Water Day in our tea sale—so many cakes, biscuits and blue treats to sell! Added to the money donated by those dressed in blue for the day we raised a grand total of £263! Thank you so much for supporting the Ambassadors and this great cause. We're sure WaterAid will put our money to good use.





Year 4 were





Thank you Tara and Hazha for teaching us all about Nowroz, the Kurdish New Year.
We had lots of fun dancing together!

lucky enough to take part in a taster session at Talacre this week. They had a go at various sports and worked with the coaches there. One of the trainee coaches was an ex-Fleet pupil! Thank you Talacre for having us!

Year 5 and Reception had a visit from a mobile planetarium this week as part of their Space topics.



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