

If you want to see the amazing decorated eggs that came in today check our Twitter feed!

Fleet News

Friday 31st March 2017



Message from the head

I can't quite believe it's the end of the Spring Term already. While the weather certainly has improved, the time just seems to have flown by—seems like yesterday we were coming back from Christmas! I'm very proud of the work the children have been doing this last term and am continually impressed by their application and attitude. Only yesterday one of the children said to me, "Mr M'Gibbon, I think I want to do more for the school and take on some extra responsibility!" I was very impressed by their maturity and them wanting to give something back to the school. This feeling is not uncommon in the children and watching them working with each other this term has been fabulous. This week alone I've seen the Year 4 children doing buddy reading with the Nurse-ry, Year 6 sharing a PE session with Year 4 and Year 6 playing math games they'd made with the Year 3s. It is so good to see the good relationships spanning across the year groups. I hope you all have a great time with your children over Easter, I look forward to spending some quality time with my own. If you are staying in London, get out and enjoy what this wonderful city has to offer. Don't forget our Wildlife Calendar Competition keeps running so get drawing, painting, snapping with your children for April's entries. Have a great Easter and see you on the Wednesday 19th April.

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.

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

Summer Fair Planning Meeting—5th May

There will be a meeting to plan the Summer Fair on Friday 5th May at 9.10am in the QUBE. All class reps should come to this and any others who want to help out. Please come along if you can.

Fun Run—Friday 28th April

After the success of last years 'Fleet Fun Run', we have decided to make this an annual event. This years run will take place on the morning of **Friday 28th April**. You should have received a letter today about this. We will again be asking the children to collect sponsorship for the run and this year we are hoping to raise enough money to support Lynley in turning one of the rooms in the QUBE into a recording studio. We do so much amazing music at Fleet and we want to be able to record it and give the children the opportunity to learn the skills to be able to use the latest technology to record and edit their performances. We will need lots of help on the day to marshal the route—we look forward to seeing you there!

TERM DATES 2016/17:-

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

Staff inset days:
 18th April &
 5th June

Attendance Award

The award for this week goes to Year 3 with 98%. Well done to them—fabulous! Keep up the great attendance!



INSET Day

Don't forget there is an INSET day at the beginning of next term,. The children are due back on Wednesday the 19th April. We look forward to seeing you all then.



Sprint, run, throw and jump into athletics!

At Parliament Hill Track
 Sunday 2nd April 12-2pm,
 Registration from 11.30am.

QuadKids is the England Athletics endorsed athletics format for children of all abilities, it is quick, fun and a great way to measure progress over time.

How fast can you sprint?

How far can you throw?

What's your longest long jump?

Got the stamina to race for two minutes?

This event is run by qualified coaches and is perfect for children aged up to 12.

Entry £3, inc. certificate and refreshments.

No pre-registration necessary, just turn up on the day from half an hour before the event starts. For further details email Graham Norris highgateharriers@hotmail.co.uk

We hope to see you there!

Packed Lunch Policy

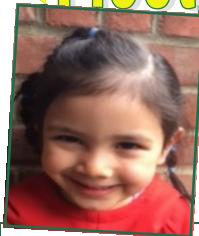
Please remember we are a nut free school. There are a number of children in the school with serious nut allergies. Do not bring food items with nuts into the school. Thank you.



Packed Lunch Policy

A letter went home this week about our packed lunch policy. The policy, written to be inline with guidance from Camden's healthy eating team and to support us in meeting the requirements to have our 'Healthy School' status renewed, is up on the website. We know for many of your children this will be quite a change. We have asked someone from the Camden Healthy Eating Team to come in and do a workshop with parents after Easter when the new policy takes effect. We would encourage you to come along if you can. **The workshop takes place on the first Friday back, the 21st April at 9.10am.**

★ Fleet's Stars of the Term ★



Nursery: Alice

For supporting your friends and other children with their learning and being a good friend. Well done, keep up the good work!

Year 1: Maya

For always trying your best in lessons and being a caring friend. You are a superstar!

Year 3: Hana

For always working hard and trying your best in lessons. Your behaviour and attitude sets a great example to others and you are a pleasure to have in the class!

Year 5: Isabel

For improving your attitude towards your learning and now always having a go, even if it's tricky! I love how hard you are trying! Keep it up!



Reception: Leda

You only joined us this term and we're really pleased that you've settled so quickly. It is lovely to see you joining in and making friends, and it is a pleasure to have you in our class.

Year 2: Zana

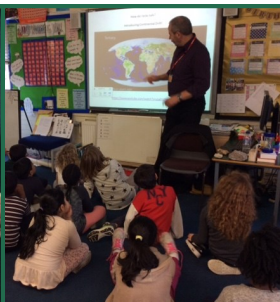
For resilience. You have become more confident and we enjoy your contributions to class discussions. Well done for always trying your best.

Year 4: Zac

Zac you have been a pleasure to teach this term, working hard and always striving for your best. Keep up the good work, well done!

Year 6: Reilly

For a huge improvement in your attitude towards learning. You are working really hard and pushing yourself to do your best. You're doing really well - keep it up!



This week Year 3 had a visit from a geologist from the Natural History Museum. Not only did he come and tell them loads of amazing things about rocks and fossils, he even had some samples to show them.

The coolest things he had though were the fossils—the children got to hold and inspect ammonites, trilobites and real volcanic rock!

Geologist Visit

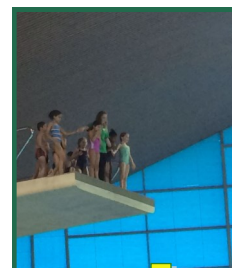
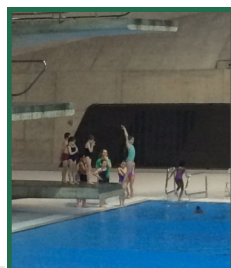
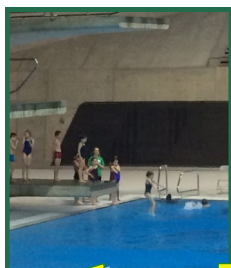


We're very lucky to have such large and spacious grounds. This is especially so when the sun comes out! This week we've been making the most of both. Below you can see Year 5 outside using the iPads filming as part of a project they have been doing with Ms. Wall, Year 4 and Year 6 joined together for an outdoor P.E. session, Reception experimenting with different water toys and Year 6 at the log circle listening to the end of the story they've been reading.



Enjoying the sun!





Diving to impress!



Last Friday we had a visit from some diving coaches from the London Aquatics Centre. They held workshops with Years 3, 4 and 5. They were on the look out for children with the physical attributes and skills that are most suited to being able to develop into highly skilled divers. While many of the children did well with the exercises the coaches had them doing on the mats, Pearl and Sadie in Year 4 and Rrona in Year 3 particularly shone and were invited to the Olympic Park diving pool this week for some more diving training—this time in the water. Our fingers are crossed for them that they are invited onto the next stage of training programme—would be great to have the next Tonia Couch (yes Britain does have other successful divers other than Tom Daley!) at Fleet.

Super Writing in Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been writing diaries as if they were children living in prehistoric times. They used their knowledge of early man and how they lived to think about what their days would have looked like. We were especially proud of how hard Ermal and Ula worked on theirs. Here are some extracts for you to enjoy...

In the afternoon were hunting a Woolly Mammoth. I was excited and scared. We took a spear and crossbow. I hid in the bushes and I hit it in the head and I was proud of myself. A few hours later back at the shelter I was feeling happy and proud. I cooked my food. I went to the cave and we were drawing some cave painting. After that I went to the shade. At bedtime I was yawning, tired. Then I was laying down. I hope I have a fun day tomorrow.



By Ermal

In the afternoon, my father said, "Do you want to hunt for fish?" I jumped for joy and said yes. Then he told me to get my spear so we could catch one. So I got my spear and we were ready to go.

When we got there I tried but I failed but it was fun! Then I caught one! I stood still and then I saw a fish and I caught it with my spear. I felt super happy.

When we got back to camp I felt exhausted so my mum said after supper I could go straight to bed. Before bed I cooked the fish and ate it and it was delicious. I also saved some for my friend Mia. We snuck away to the old cave where people used to go. We stepped inside and saw cool cave paintings. Then I went home and I fell fast asleep. As I went to sleep, I thought about all of the events I had.



By Ula

This week Year 1 visited Fleet's favourite gallery, **The October Gallery**. They had a fantastic time. The staff are amazing and always put on great workshops for us. If you've never been take some time this holidays to go along. You won't regret it.



Year 1 @ October Gallery



Please encourage your children to practice their maths skills using the school's subscription to Mathletics. They have logins. Available online at www.mathletics.co.uk or use the free app for tablets.

Year 6 recently designed their own Maths games. They took the finished products down to Year 3 for the children to try out their creations. They proved very popular!

Maths Games



During last weeks World Water Day, Iffat, one of the Ambassadors, read a story to the school in assembly that she had written. It was inspired by what she had been learning about some of the problems people face around the world to do with the availability of clean water. It was a very moving story and we wanted to share it with you. We hope the money we raised last week will go to help people like Rima in Iffat's story. Well done Iffat.



My name is Rima and I am 10 years old, I live in Syria (which is a warzone) with my three sisters—Khadija, Sarah and Yarah, along with my two brothers Farhim and Akeem, and my mum. My dad works in France, he tries his best to support us with the measly amount of money he earns. We are a poor family because of the upsetting war. We do not have any family close by because they fled to France with my dad.

I am so thirsty, the water I have to drink is dirty and contains non-edible things, and me and my family have to drink the water otherwise we will fall ill from thirst. Before the troubles we had good clean running water but the bombs destroyed our water system. I now have to walk miles and miles just to get a few bottles full of water, that's the only way to stay alive, things don't get any better around here.

My mum has dysentery, from the water we have to drink, this makes my life even more depressing and hard, I'm only 10, should I have these thoughts?

What I enjoy most is spending time with my family and making new friends but that's quite hard here. I am hoping to get some education next year, as I would like to be a doctor when I grow up. At the moment I have to spend so much time walking to collect water I have no time for anything else.

Today, I received a letter containing information telling us we need to move to a camp in Jordan, I'm so sad, Syria's my home, why do I have to leave? As well as being sad I am hoping our situation might get better there and we might meet people that have been in the same situation as me and my family. Hopefully they will have clean water for us...

...Two weeks have gone by and we are in the camp. I've made three new friends—Akilah, Aliya and Aisha. However, my mum sadly passed away. The dirty water we were forced to drink took its toll. I wish everyone had access to clean water. Now my passion for becoming a doctor has gotten even higher.

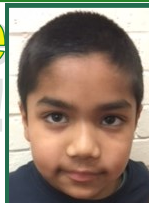


By Iffat



This super poem was written by Armaan in year 2. Mr M^cGibbon was very privileged to get a personal performance of it too. We wanted to share it with you and say well done Armaan for your hard work and brilliant result. Keep it up!

Well done Armaan!



I'm flying with my bat. I'm flying with my bat. My bat is very fat. Bat. Good hearted. Good hider. Tree liver. Wing Flapper. Bat!

On Tuesday we had singing assembly. Thanks to all of you who came along and supported the children in their efforts. It was a fantastic occasion and the children sang and played beautifully. If you were unable to be there, look on our twitter feed for videos of some of the performances.

Singing Assembly

