



Fleet News



Friday 8th September 2017

Message from the head

If you are new to Fleet, I bid you a warm welcome! If you are not new—welcome back to all of you for another fantastic Fleet year! It was brilliant on Wednesday seeing all of the children come back and excitedly catch up with their friends. I really enjoyed hearing all about the fun and exciting things many of them got up to over the holidays. They are already well settled and I'm looking forward to seeing the amazing projects and work they will be doing this term. Teachers have been working hard getting their topics—trips and activities all ready. I hope many of you will be able to come along to the curriculum meetings next week to find out more about what your children will be learning this term, about the trips and events planned and anything you can do to support your child's learning. It's going to be a great year and everyone at Fleet is excited to get started. Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Trips—we need your help!

At Fleet, we believe strongly in the importance of making the curriculum come alive by taking the children out into London to gallery's, museums, concerts and other events or arranging interesting visitors to come in to the school. We know from conversations we've had with many of you that you value this as much as we do and recognize that we do this more than most schools. Each class from Nursery to Year 6 has at least four of these type of events per term and in many cases, more! The school invests a significant amount of our budget to make this to happen. In order to offer these trips, we have always relied on your support as parents and grandparents to volunteer and come along. Last year, some classes struggled to get enough volunteers to come on trips. In most cases, we had the luxury of being able to borrow staff from other classes so that the trips could go ahead. This year we do not have as many staff as in previous years—an unfortunate but inevitable effect of ensuring that we can financially survive moving forward and something many schools are facing is a reduction in the number of staff. If we don't have enough volunteers for a trip this year, we may be forced to cancel it. We ask that, if you are able, please volunteer to come along on our trips—you'll have a lot of fun and it would be really be helping the school and children to have the richest possible education. Thank you.



Secondary Transfer for Year 7 for Sept. 2018

Parents applying for secondary school places for their child can find out more at open events this month. Applications for Autumn 2018 places are now open and the closing date to apply for Year 7 places is **31st October 2017**. Parents of primary pupils in Years 5 and 6 can find out more about what Camden's secondary schools can offer their children at the annual [Moving On event](#) from 3.30 to 6.30pm on **Thursday 14th September** at the Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, King's Cross. Headteachers, staff and student ambassadors from Camden's secondary schools, as well as the Council's school Admissions Team, will be there. Go to the Camden Admissions Webpage for a link to register for this event. We will be holding a 'Meet the Parents' event here at Fleet too, see below for more information. You can also visit individual schools on their own open days and evenings in September and October - these dates are available in the Camden admissions booklet or on the admissions website. For more info you can email admissions@camden.gov.uk or call **020 7974 1625**

Meet the Parents Event—Secondary Transfer

Our annual Meet the Parents event will take place at school on Tuesday 19th September from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Families from Acland Burghley, Haverstock, Parliament Hill and William Ellis schools will be here to answer any questions you may have about their experience of the local secondary schools. Parents from all year groups are welcome. This is a really useful event which is unique to Camden, so we do hope you can make it.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting from Monday 18th September. You should have received the letter home today with the list of clubs we are running this term. Club requests should be returned by Wednesday next week and will let you all know on Friday 15th which clubs your children have a place in. Thank you.

Curriculum Meetings Next Week

We hope you will be able to come along. All are 6.30pm—7pm.

Tuesday 12th—Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 13th—Year 2, 3 & 4

Thursday 14th—Year 1

School Lunches

1st Half Term (until Oct) - £72.85

2nd Half Term (until Dec) - £84.60

Lunches should be paid for in advance either by Cash, Cheque or by Online Payment. Many thanks.

Easy Fundraising

Please have a look at the 'easy fundraising' website. Online purchases you make could help to raise money for the school at no extra cost to you! It's simple, and doesn't cost you anything. Just:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fleetps>
2. Sign up for free (or download the App if you shop on mobile)
3. Then shop online as normal!

Reading Volunteers—are you up for it?

Last year we ran a reading volunteer project and would like to say a huge thank you to those parents who came in to read with children. It made a huge difference.



Due to the success of this project, we would like to do it again this year. If you have time available and would like to help out please come and see either Ms. Webb or Ms. Hanfling for more information. There is training provided and you will be helping make a difference in the lives of our children. Thank you.

Music Tuition

At Fleet the children receive a rich music education, including whole class tuition in Years 3 (ukulele), Year 4 (recorder) and Year 5 (trumpets and trombones). On top of this, there is the chance for parents to sign up and pay for individual instrument tuition in violin, piano, guitar and drums. These lessons are provided by the Camden Music Service and the teachers come to the school. The lessons are taught during school day. Costs are:

10 x shared lessons = £78 per term

10 x 20 minute individual = £104 per term

10 x 30 minute individual = £156 per term

There are subsidised places (50% off) for children on Free school meals. If you would like to know more speak to Lynley or:

Call the Camden music service on **0207 974 7239**

Web Address: www.camdenmusic.org

Email: camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk

TERM DATES 2017/18

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Half term:	First Day of Term:	First Day of Term:
Mon 23rd—Fri 27th Oct	Thurs 4th Jan	Tues 17th April
Last Day of Term:	Half Term:	Bank Holiday:
Mon 18th Dec	Mon 12th—Fri 16th Feb	Mon 7th May
	Last Day of Term:	Half Term:
	Thurs 29th March	Mon 28th May—Fri 1st Jun
		Inset Day: Mon 4th Jun
		Last Day of Term:
		Wed 25th July

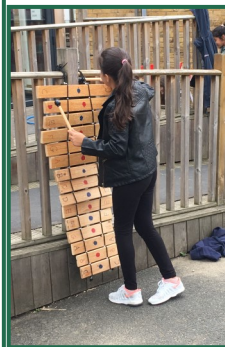


While we were all away our vegetables were growing—this week we've been harvesting the vegetables and gathering seeds for planting out for next year. Can't wait to get cooking with the bumper crop!

Harvest time!

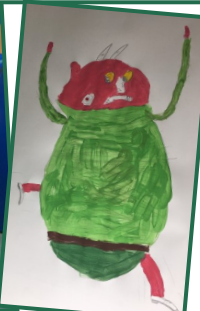
The monthly Fleet Calendar Competition is still going strong. We've already had artwork handed in from the summer. August and September is a combined month due to the holiday's, so there is still time to enter! If you haven't entered before a reminder that we have prizes each month for EYFS, KS1, KS2 and over 11s—so grown ups and big brothers and sisters can enter too (over 11s only get a certificate!).

Fleet Calendar Competition



You may remember from our newsletter that last year our Year 6 children did a workshop project with Will Embliss called 'Scrapheap Musical Challenge'. Over the course of a week they built a series of musical instruments using old bins, chairs, beds and all sorts of other discarded equipment. We have put them out in the playground and the children have been really enjoying creating their own musical compositions. It's been great to see some working together to compose rhythms and tunes together. Hope it's not too noisy for the neighbours, but it's all in the name of self expression!

Natural Born Musicians!



The children have got straight in to their new topics this week. As you can see from the photos they are really enjoying their new topics—there has been literacy, drama, art and many other activities going on.

Topics for this term...

Nursery—You Choose!
Reception—When I grow up...
Year 1—Polar Explorers
Year 2—Fantastic Beasts

Year 3—From Athens to Zeus
Year 4—Remarkable Romans
Year 5—Raiders and Invaders
Year 6—How Civilised!



Topic Learning already well underway!