

Message from the head:

I am not sure how aware you all are as parents as to the precarious situation facing schools regarding funding and the challenges facing school to be able to continue to provide the services and high standards we strive to deliver. With that in mind I have a plea to you all. In order to make ends meet we are constantly reviewing how we spend our budget and thinking, where possible, can we make savings in one area to support spending in another. Every penny counts, and as a small school we lack some of the spending power of larger schools. For more than a year now we have been trying to get families to download the 'Parent Hub App' to your phones so we can communicate more effectively and efficiently with you—communication being something that comes up a lot in parent surveys and conversations as an area you want school to be able to do more in.

I have made the case, through this newsletter, that using this App saves us money as it removes the need to send text messages through your mobile network (every time we do we incur a cost) as well as wanting to remove the need to send paper copies home—it's bad for the environment and costs a lot of money in reproduction and printing costs.

However, despite regular requests and reminders from us, many of you have still not downloaded the App and therefore are forcing us to send messages via text messages—we have only 84 families out of 158 who have downloaded it. To illustrate the importance (and cost) to the school we have just had to pay for a new bundle of text messages which will probably last, at current rates, about 6 months—the cost is the same as we pay for almost a year's worth of swimming sessions for a class! If you add the costs of the letters we send home too—which could be sent solely via parent hub instead for **free**—you can see how the costs can add up. If we continue to have to send text messages and paper letters, then as our budget becomes tighter and tighter, these costs will have to be covered by spending less in other areas, such as swimming, music and trips. We also have a problem in that many of you who have downloaded the App don't have notifications switched on for it—so you don't actually see the messages when we send them—meaning you miss important information. We need you all to sign up to Parent Hub **AND** switch on notifications for it (just search 'parent hub' in google, the android store or Apple app store—ask Lisa in the office if you have any problems—please support us being able to spend money on the areas of school that make the most impact on your child's education—teaching and learning—rant over! Have a great weekend and see you next week.

Fleet Calendar Competition

Please encourage your children to create some beautiful artwork for this terms calendar completion—the theme is 'Topic' - so anything inspired by the different topics being studied across the school this term. Entries must be in by Thursday 2nd April

'Easy Fundraising' For Fleet

Don't forget lots of online purchases you make could be helping to raise much needed money for Fleet—at no cost to you. Visit this website to find out more:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fleetps>

Spring Term Class Teas and Assemblies

Nursery Class Tea	30 th January
Reception Class Tea	6 th February
Year 5 Class Tea	13 th February
Year 5 Class Assembly	14 th February
Year 6 Class Tea	27 th February
Year 6 Class Assembly	28 th February
Year 4 Class Tea	5 th March
Year 4 Class Assembly	6 th March
Year 3 Class Tea	12 th March
Year 3 Class Assembly	13 th March
Year 2 Class Tea	19 th March
Year 2 Class Tea	20 th March
Year 1 Class Tea	26 th March
Year 1 Class Assembly	27 th March
Whole School Music Assembly	31 st March

The Vitality Big Mile

We try to encourage the children to be as active as possible (as you can see from the back page of this Newsletter!). This year both Ms. Kingham and Ms. Costelloe are running the London Marathon and we are going to use their example to inspire the children to get more active too. On Sunday 1st March in Greenwich Park there is an event called 'The Vitality Big Mile'. It's on at the same time as the Greenwich Half Marathon that Ms. Kingham, Ms. Costelloe and Ms. Matheson are running in. This event is **FREE** and for children and families to walk, jog or run together and enjoy a fun-filled experience. For more info go to: thebighalf.co.uk



Interested in renting the pitch for a match?

Outside of school hours the pitch is being managed by 'School Lettings Solutions'. If you'd like to enquire about booking it use these details:

Telephone: 02037976491 or Email: fleetprimary@schoollettings.org

Website: <https://bookings.schoollettings.org/london-camden/sls-fleet-primary/football-pitch/12842?date=>

Punctuality Award

Our punctuality award goes to Year Y1 & Y2 with NO lates! Well done to them. 34 lates for the whole school this week—we need to improve.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 4 With 100%. Remember our target for the year is 96%. Anything below that is a worry—this



Dates for your calendar for this term

29th January	Y2 to the CLC & Y4 to Talacre
31st January	Y5 to Swaminarayan Temple
5th February	Y4 Visiting Centre of the Cell Centre
6th February	Y6 to Camden Citizenship Scheme in Chalk Farm
11th February	Safer Internet Day
17th-21st Feb	Half Term—School Closed
26th Feb	Y5 to October Gallery & 'Pitch Perfect' to Rosary School
5th March	World Book Day—Dress Up as favourite book character
9th-13th Mar	STEAM Week
9th March	Y1 to Hampstead Heath
10th March	Pitch Perfect @ The Royal Albert Hall
12th March	Y1-Y6 Parent Evenings
18th March	Nursery to the National Gallery
19th March	Reception to Discover & Y5 to the CRICK Institute
24th March	Y1 to the Cockpit Theatre
25th March	Nursery to Kentish Town City Farm
26th March	Photographer in for Individual Photos
27th March	Y4 to the Heath
2nd April	Y5 to the CLC
3rd April	Last day of Term—close at 2pm

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



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

All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 did the 'bleep test' in their PE sessions this week. The children are focussing on 'health and fitness' with coach Keeley and this activity links in to that. It was great to see the children really pushing themselves and there were some phenomenal performances across the school. The children will be doing it again later in the term aiming to beat their score from this week to see the progress they've made in their fitness work.



Fleet Sport Special!



Running club started on Friday with a great group of enthusiastic runners led by the amazing Ms. Kingham and Anna. Well done to them all—maybe they can one day run the London Marathon like Ms. Kingham and Ms. Costelloe are doing later this year!

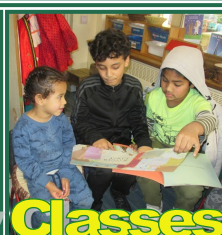
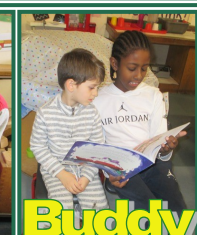
This week a group of children from

Year 5 & 6 went to Talacre to take part in a morning of sports activities. They worked on their standing jump, javelin throwing, running and catching based events. They did brilliantly! Superstars every one of them!



'Stars of the Week' Cooking Session with Lisa B

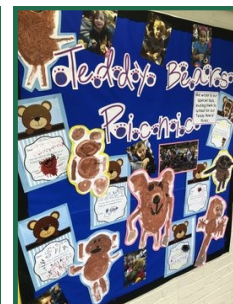
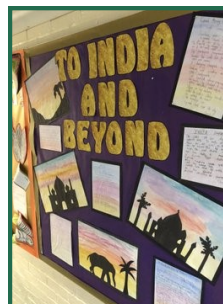
This week the 'Stars of the Week' were baking up a storm! It's lovely to see how the older children support the younger ones in these mixed age-group sessions.



Buddy Classes

As a small school, we love that the children right across the school know each other well. The older children are great at playing and caring for their younger peers. To encourage these relationships our classes 'buddy-up' - older classes and younger classes coming together through the year for some shared sessions (reading; play games; art; planting etc.). Recently the Year 5 class visited their Nursery Buddies to share some books together.

New Topic Displays



Each class has put up their new topic display in the corridor outside Mr McGibbon's office. Come and have a look if you haven't seen them yet.

Year 4 are studying different characters from history as part of the 'Heroic Humans' topic. This week they each chose different people they'd been learning about to write short biographies about. Here are a couple of example from children we are very proud of. We hope you learn something as we have from the fantastic facts they included about these amazing people!

'Heroic Humans' by Y4

Mae Jemison:

Mae was born in Alabama. She came alive in 1956. Jemison has lots of siblings—2 brothers and 2 sisters. She moved to Chicago at the age of 3. She graduated high school when she was 16. She studied in Stanford University. She studied dance and theatre. She also studied astronomy. She was president of the black student union. She worked at Peace Corps as a doctor. She worked at NASA from 1987 to 1993. She was also an engineer for a little bit. She was one the first black woman to go to space.



Thomas Edison:

Thomas Edison is famous because he made the light bulb. He was born in 1847 and lived in Ohio. When he was little he wasn't good at school. He was taught at home by his mum because he was very bad at school. He was 16 when he made his first invention. He also published newspapers. He worked as a tramp telegrapher and was an inventor and businessman. Later his nickname was 'Wizard of Menlo Park'. We remember him because he made the light bulb, invented a motion picture camera and the phonograph. He died in 1937.