

Friday 11th September 2020

Message from the head:

It is so good to have welcomed you all back last week. Finally, after many long months, school feels like school again. The playground, classrooms and corridors are ringing with the happy sound of children. The staff are delighted to have their new classes and our amazing children are showing such resilience in how they are approaching their learning after so long out of school. While there are still lots of adjustments and differences to the 'normal' running of school I'd like to thank you all for your support up to now. The fact that every child who could come back has and attendance has been so good I will take as a vote of confidence in the approach we have taken to making school as safe as we can. Please read the newsletter carefully each week as there is important information about school as well as fantastic pictures of the great work the children are doing. I think at the end of this first full week you will have some very tired children on your hands as they build up their stamina and get used to the rigours of full time learning—I know myself and my staff are exhausted and need a good rest this weekend before going again next week! Have a great weekend.

Governors

On Thursday you should have received a message via Parent Hub/Text about 2 vacancies we have for the roles of Parent Governors. Please read the information that was sent carefully and consider putting yourself forward for the role. If you would like any information on the role you could ask one of the existing parent governors or speak to Mr M^cGibbon.

If you contact the office they can speak to the parent governors and ask one of them to call you and answer any questions you may have. Current parent governors are:

Jon—dad to Emaline (Y6), Hunter (Y3) and Rocco (Y1); Annie—mum to Tabby (Y3); Ellie—mum to Sam (Y2) and Delphi (Rec); Hannah—mum to Ursula (Y2) and Astrid (Nur); Saba—mum to Suha (Rec)

Curriculum Letter, Snapshots and Videos

Today we sent out this term's curriculum letter, snapshot and a link to a video presentation the teacher has made to give you information on the coming year (we're unable at this time to do our usual curriculum/meet the teacher events). Once you've looked at these, if you have any questions please phone/email the office who will pass on your query to the teacher (admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk). The topic snapshot has the key learning points and vocabulary that the children will be expected to know by the end. It would be appreciated if you can keep this document handy (maybe put it up on the fridge!) to refer to throughout the term to help them remember. If you need a hard copy (you don't have the ability to print at home) please ask the office. We've also put these up on the school website: <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/topic-overviews>

Fleet artists, we need your help!

We're in the middle of revamping the library and as part of that we're sorting the books by genre. We'd like our wonderful Fleet artists to make us some signs for the book shelves. #

What you need to do: Make a sign with the name of the genre (choose one—the genres are: **adventure, mystery, short stories, fantasy, spooky, funny, animals, historical, poetry**). Your sign should be 5.5 cm width by roughly 35 cm length. It can be on plain white paper using pencils, felt tips, gel pens, paints or pastels. If you need some paper from school, just ask! It would be great if your writing could show something about that genre - so for example if you're doing a sign saying 'spooky' you might decorate it with some skeletons, cobwebs and ghosts, or if you're doing 'fantasy' it might have some dragons, witches or fairies on it. Make sure the name of the genre is large and clear for people to read! We'll choose our favourites and laminate them to go in the library. Try to do your work by the end of September. Hand in your entry to your class teacher and they will pass it on. We can't wait to see your fabulous art work!

Pick-up and Drop-offs

Thank you for all your help making the staggered pick up and drop off times work. We are managing to keep the different classes separate. However, if children arrive late or too early this is not possible and risks crossover with other groups which we need to avoid. Please stick to the times for your child's class. At collection, if you have collected a child earlier, please don't have them re-enter the school with you to collect another sibling. Either have them wait at the gate or utilise the hall by having an earlier finishing sibling go there and only come to collect at the time of the latest child.

- **Year 6—Agincourt Road Entrance-into Junior Playground—8:40-8:45am drop off; 3:30pm pick-up—waiting area—car park**
- **Year 5—Agincourt Road Entrance-Junior Playground—9:10-9:15am drop off; 3:45pm pick-up—waiting area—car park**

- **Year 4—Agincourt Road Entrance-Nursery Gate—8:55-9:00am drop off; 3:30pm pick-up—waiting area—car park**
- **Year 3—Main Gate—9:10-9:15am-9:30am drop off; 3:45pm pick-up—waiting area—outside class building**
- **Year 2—Agincourt Road Entrance-through Nursery Gate—8:45am-8:50-9am drop off; 3:30pm pick-up—waiting area—along path by pond and slope opposite door to class (enter via car park)**
- **Year 1—Main Gate Entrance—8:40-8:45am drop off; 3:15pm pick-up—waiting area—outside/opposite classroom (enter via main gate)**
- **Reception—Main Gate Entrance—8:55-9am drop off; 3pm pick-up—waiting area—along fence of reception (enter via main gate)**
- **Nursery—Agincourt Road Entrance-through Nursery Gate—9:10-9:15am drop off; 3:20pm pick-up—waiting area—along fence of nursery outside play area in infant playground (enter via car park)**

Water Bottles

We are not able to allow children to drink directly from the water fountains at the moment due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please ensure your child comes into school with a water bottle (with their name on it). They will be able to refill it throughout the day. It's really important that they have access to water throughout the day as being dehydrated can affect concentration and learning. Thank you.



Meet the Parents event for Secondary transfer

'Meet the Parents' are going virtual for their annual event this year in response to the pandemic. The webinar format will take place on Monday September 28th from 6.30 to 7.30pm. There will be a live online panel of families from the local state secondary schools frankly answering questions about their schools from parents deciding where to send their children for Year 7. Secondaries represented will be Acland Burghley, Haverstock, La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill and William Ellis. You will be able to submit questions online during the event. Parents in all year groups at Fleet are welcome to take part but it is particularly relevant for parents of children in year 5 and 6 who are thinking about where they want to apply to for secondary school. We will send out details of the zoom link nearer the time. So that they know the level of interest in advance, please register to take part through this eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-parents-at-fleet-primary-school-tickets-118428186895>

What to do if my child or someone in my house is ill?

We are entering into Autumn, and with the children coming back to school and into contact with the other children in their class they are more likely to pick up illnesses than over the summer break.

In this time of Covid-19 it is important that everyone knows what to do should your child, or anyone in your house become ill.

In the case of a cold, snuffle, sore tummy etc. or other symptom that is **NOT** one of the 3 symptoms associated with Covid-19 (**new and persistent cough; temperature; loss of taste and/or smell**) they would only need to stay off school for the period their illness means they are too unwell to be here. Any siblings, if not ill too, are able to come to school as normal.

However, if your child, or any member of the family exhibits **ANY** of the 3 symptoms that can be indicators of Covid-19 (**new and persistent cough; temperature; loss of taste and/or smell**) then you must go online and arrange a test for them. They must stay off school (and any siblings should too) until the test results come back. If the test is negative, they can return as soon as they are well enough and any sibling being kept off can return too.

If the test is positive you must let us know straight away so we can discuss with public health and determine if we need to isolate the class the child is in and move to online learning for 14 days. In the case of a positive test in your families all children in the family home—whether they have symptoms or not would stay off school.

If you are unsure you can phone the office for advice or call 111. To arrange a Covid-19 test go to: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Logs please— Can you help?



You may know that Beth in Reception is currently training to be a forest school teacher. Last year our Nursery and Reception classes did lots of Forest School activities on their trips to the Heath and we are keen to continue this and to build in more 'in school' Forest school activities making the most of the space outside that we have. As part of her plans to develop this part of our curriculum we need lots of logs. As you know, budgets are tight, so we are reaching out to you, our wonderful parents, in the hope that some of you may have logs or wood cuttings lying around in your gardens following any garden work you may have been doing in lockdown, or that you might know someone who does. If you think you can help, please let Beth in Reception Class know. Thanks!

Abandoned Bikes

There are a number of bikes stored on the bike rack beside the greenhouse on the infant playground side of school. Many of them have been there for a long time and appear to have been abandoned. If any of them belong to you can you please remove them before next Friday (18th). Any left we will remove. If they are in a good condition will try to fix and give away. If they are beyond simple repair we will dispose of them.



To protect our whole school community and keep everyone safe...



please **STAY AT HOME** if your child
or anyone in your household has
symptoms of coronavirus

Stay alert to any of these symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste



If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms:

- Stay at home
- Self-isolate and get tested
- Tell your school that someone in your family may have coronavirus

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at nhs.uk/coronavirus
If a test has been taken and the result is negative, we will then
welcome your child back at school!

STAY ALERT ► CONTROL THE VIRUS ► SAVE LIVES

Back to School Travel Information...

Welcome back to a new school term! While the majority of our pupils live in the local area and are able to walk/scoot/cycle to school we know for some of you that is not possible. Social distancing measures and pressures/anxieties around using public transport may mean changes in the way some of you travel to school. To help you make the journey to and from school easier and safer for everyone this year, here are some important travel updates and resources to share from Camden.

Planning your journey to school:

TfL have provided resources to help plan your children's journey. You can find the best walking and cycling routes to school, as well as the nearest bus, train and underground stations through the [Journey Planner webpage](#). You can find the new STARS Safer Journey guide on our website by clicking [here](#):

Changes to bus services:

To help understand the changes in the school bus services, please visit tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation. TfL have a short video to help everyone understand how this will work. You can find the video [here](#).

Walking, cycling and scooting to school:

- Unfortunately, we are unable to do our usual cycle skills training this term. However, **free cycle skills training courses** are available for all Camden children and adults, register for a session [here](#). TfL have also launched a new online Cycle Skills course that can be found [here](#).
- Camden will be organising a Doctor Bike event at Belsize terrace on Wednesday 16th September where you will be able to **get your bike serviced and repaired for free**, (this is the same as the one we would normally do here) as well as see up close one of the cargo bikes Camden has on offer. For more information please contact richard.riddle@camden.gov.uk
- Parents may wish to try our **cargo bike loan scheme**, giving them a chance to trial for free one of our electric assist cargo bikes for a period of 1 to 3 months. Please refer to the flyer (left) for more information.

- Camden is also partnering with Lime bikes and will be offering **20% discounts on all Lime rides** from 6 to 9:30 on weekdays through September, for the morning commutes and school runs. For more information please visit the app: <https://www.li.me/en-us/home>.

- **Get ready for Bike to School week** later this month! (September 28th to October 2nd)
- Sustrans Activity resources are available to download here: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/uk-wide/bike-to-school-week>

Active travel news in Camden:

Healthy School Streets: from September this year as part of our Transport Strategy Camden will be rolling out more of the Healthy School Streets. Visit this [web-site](#) for more information and the latest project updates.

London Living Streets and Urban Good are launching Central London Footways with Transport for London on 17th September. This is a new walking map that highlights a network of quiet and interesting streets in central London.

Please visit: <https://footways.london/>



Camden Cargo Bike Network

The Camden Cargo Bike Network offers cargo bike trials to parents who wish to try out a cargo bike for the school run. During a free, no-obligation cargo bike loan you can decide whether buying your own cargo bike will be the right choice for you. We offer free tailored cycle skills training, too, so you can cycle your children to school safely and confidently.

Why parents are embracing pedal power for the school run:

1. Improved air quality around schools and for your children - cargo bikes provide zero emission transport
2. Reduced costs - no fuel charges
3. More efficient: reliable journey times, no parking issues outside of schools
4. A great alternative to cars during Healthy School Street closures



If you would like more information about the Camden Cargo Bike Network, please contact Paul Davis or Michelle Jamieson
(020 7974 5537, Travelplans@camden.gov.uk)



GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY



In school this week...



We welcomed the first group of Reception children in this week. It was so good to see some old friends from nursery coming back as well as meet some of the new children to the Fleet community. Over the next couple of weeks we will have more coming in building up to a full class. They were definitely enjoying the fabulous Reception provision both inside and out!

Reception



I.O. I can write an informal letter
Wednesday 9th September 2020
83 South End Close
London
NW3 2RE
Wednesday 9th September 2020
Hello Manha!
I'm just writing to you to tell you how important you are to me. You have no idea how special you are to me and family (but mainly me, because I am your my best friend and cousin!) But like I was saying I love you so much and you're awesome!

15 Nassington Road
London
NW3 2TX
UK
Wednesday 9th September 2020
Hello Grandpa and Grandma,
I'm writing to tell you how important you are to me, and how I really miss you. I don't know if you know how I really love you.
Firstly, thank you SO much for being here, even though we are not in the same country. I don't know what I would do without you in this world. Secondly, you are really important to me because you are a really important person. If you wouldn't be here, I wouldn't have many love. My favourite memories are when it was Christmas and we were eating, and then we went to the shops to see if we could see Santa. Then, we opened all the presents.
You make me feel really safe, happy, excited and lots of other lovely things as well. I'm really lucky that I can share this world with you.
Love from
Lucia XXX

I.O. I can write an informal letter
Wednesday 9th September 2020
Write address here: 128 Wendenbury
London NW5 4QG
Write date below: Wednesday 9th September 2020
Hi Grandma!
Paragraph 1
I'm writing to tell you how important you are to me. You have no idea how special you are to me and family (but mainly me, because I am your my best friend and cousin!) But like I was saying I love you so much and you're awesome!
Paragraph 2
I like it when you help me with my homework. I like it when you help me with my homework. I like it when you help me with my homework.
Paragraph 3
You are important to me because you are my best friend and cousin. I love you so much and you're awesome!
Sign off here: See you later! Love!



We have been very impressed with our new year 6 class. They have started the year very positively and have been working very hard already. They are building up their stamina after missing so much of their year 5 but already we can see the positive impact of being back in school together. They have already been doing some excellent extended writing as well as starting work on their new topic. Some of them have even had time to help out Ms Hanfling with the new display that is going up outside the office (thanks Nommi, Lucia and Annie!)

Year 6

This terms topics...

- Nursery: Colour Wonderful
- Reception: Heroes
- Year 1: Amazing Adventures
- Year 2: Intrepid Travellers
- Year 3: Mermaids and Monsters
- Year 4: Adventure Through Time
- Year 5: Planets and Palettes
- Year 6: Paradise in the Jungle



Year 1 has been a hive of activity since coming back. They have been making the most of the new area we are utilising as an outdoor learning space. It is so good to see them working hard and getting used to being in Key Stage 1. They are going to have a fabulous year!

Year 1



Ms Kingham and Year 5 have really hit the ground running this term. The children are already immersed in their new topic all about space and art. So good to have them all back.

Year 5



Year 2 have had a great time this week. They have been exploring number and creating their own number lines—they are working together so well. A terrific start to what will be a brilliant year.

Year 2



The world is big and I'm small,
I want to know the world.
We love the Earth, it is our home.

Pink apple blossoms and beautiful blue seas.
The seals are dancing in the ocean,
I see the green sea,
The waves are blue and so are you.
Turtles so cute, killer whales are splashing.
Penguins are flying and diving and so are we.

Flowers of joy, otters of happiness.
I love when the birds sing and tweet.
The animals are so cute.
Underground are lots of creatures.
I watch the daisies grow.

We think this place is wonderful and magical.

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to their 'Mermaids and Monsters' topic. Their first full week in Key Stage 2 has been a real success and they are showing what sensible and mature children they are. We are very proud of the start they have made to their new year.

They have also been doing some great collaborative writing and created a brilliant class poem which is shown above. Well done Year 3!

Year 3

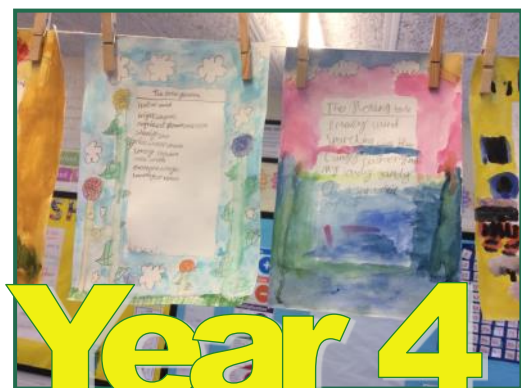


After all the teacher-parent meetings our nursery children have started their transition process. The first group have started coming in and are making a great start. They are getting to know each other and the fantastic Nursery team. Lots of them are joining their older siblings as part of the Fleet community and it is great to welcome some totally new families to Fleet too. Here's to a great year in nursery and hopefully the first of many as part of Fleet.

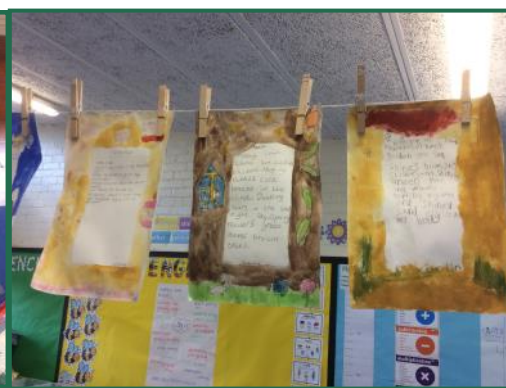
Nursery



Year 4 have had a very creative start to term. They have been making mosaics as well as thinking carefully about attractive ways to present the poetry they have been writing. They have done one poem with interesting floral borders and are now working on backgrounds inspired by images of night skies and sunsets. Thinking about their poems' content to determine the palette of colours they choose. What a great bunch and what a great start to Year 4.



Year 4



Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling newsfeed at camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil)
- To speak to someone at the Council – including if you need support to self-isolate – call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus e-newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

KEEP SAFE WHEN OUT AND ABOUT



There's been a small increase in coronavirus cases in Camden over recent weeks, especially in younger adults.

Please help to prevent cases from rising further by following public health advice:

- Keep a safe distance from anyone you don't live with – including friends and family
- Wash your hands regularly
- Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose in indoor public spaces. If you're travelling on public transport, please keep it on for the whole journey
- **Got symptoms?** Stay at home to prevent you from passing the virus on and get tested by calling **119** or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus

New limits on gatherings

From 14 September, indoor and outdoor social gatherings of more than 6 people will be illegal and fines will be issued to people not following this guidance. This will apply to gatherings at home, bars, restaurants and parks – but not to schools, workplaces, weddings, funerals and organised team sports.

For more information go to gov.uk/coronavirus

URGENT APPEAL

Landlords: support your community

Hundreds of people are at risk of becoming homeless and need your help during the pandemic.

If you're a private landlord with a property to rent, Camden Council would like to hear from you.



The Council needs:

- Studios, one and two bedrooms at Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates.

The Council will offer:

- A generous cash incentive
- Extensive support and advice to landlords and tenants
- Reliable, long-term tenants for at least 12 months.

The Council would like to thank those landlords who have come forward so far. Find out how you can help on

020 7974 4158 or visit camden.gov.uk/camden-lettings



With coronavirus cases rising in parts of the country, including a slight increase in Camden, it's really important that we continue to protect ourselves and loved ones by washing our hands, socially distancing and wearing a face covering. We cannot afford to become complacent.

Coronavirus usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. You can help prevent it spreading by covering your mouth and nose with a face covering – if it doesn't cover both it's not going to work. That's why it's important to wear a face covering correctly when you are indoors and not able to safely socially distance.

Your face covering can be a simple scarf tied on securely or anything that covers both your nose and mouth, and you need to keep it on the whole time you're in an indoor public space and unable to social distance.

As a community we have a responsibility to help keep ourselves and each other safe and I know the majority of people are doing all they can to look out for each other. So thank you Camden for all that you're doing.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council



Young people get creative

Young people in Gospel Oak have been sprucing up their neighbourhood as part of a graffiti art project run by local charity, the Sir Hubert Von Herkomer Arts Foundation, and Sam Sure, a graffiti artist and singer-songwriter. Funded by Camden Council, this is part of efforts to create opportunities for young people to get involved with their local community during this difficult time.

Debbi Clark, the foundation's CEO, said: "We are creating and designing works of art on the Lismore Circus shop shutters with young people who live in and around the area, aged eight to 18, bringing together young people from all backgrounds and cultures to make them proud of their surroundings and encourage positivity in the creation of their artworks."

Lewis, 10, from Gospel Oak Primary School, said: "It has been the best fun ever. I was feeling very proud when residents and my friends came to have a look and said it looks amazing and beautiful. It brings children together and I can make new friends. Everyone needs new friends after the lockdown."

Council discusses coronavirus impact

Next Tuesday (15 September) the COVID-19 Oversight Cross-party Panel will reconvene to discuss Camden Council's response to the pandemic. The two areas that will be covered in the meeting are the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and minority ethnic residents, and NHS Test and Trace. Watch live at 7pm or access the recording afterwards at camden.gov.uk/councilmeetings

camden.gov.uk/coronavirus 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

