

Friday 11th February 2022

Message from the head:

This week we had our Full Governing Body meeting for this half term. During these meetings I give an update on everything that has been happening in the school and as I reflected on the period from returning after the winter break to now I was struck by just how much the teachers, staff and children have managed to squeeze into what is a really short half term and in very trying circumstances facing staff shortages and children absence as we continue to battle through positive cases of Covid and the associated isolation periods.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, and you families, for everything you are doing and continue to do in the face of these challenges.

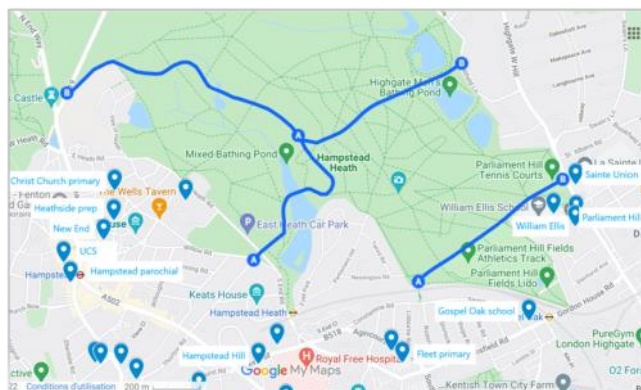
Another item we looked at in the governors meeting this week was the results of the parent survey that was completed just before Christmas. It was really heartening to see the many positive comments that you made and to reflect on some of the areas that were raised for us to think about improving or adapting. The results were overwhelmingly positive and showed improvements in nearly all areas surveyed with 98% of you feeling your children do well and happy to recommend the school to other parents and 100% feeling we support the wider development of the children. After half term I will be sending out more detailed information on the results but wanted to say thank you for your continued trust in us.

This half term Camden are putting on a number of sports activities locally for the children. Please check the 'Community notices newsletter' sent out on Wednesday for booking information.

Finally, a big well done to our Year 5 class who today kicked off the Spring Term Class Assemblies with their brilliant space landing inspired assembly. They were great and coped admirably having had to deal with class absences at the last minute—children stepping up to cover lines—and also coped with having to learn songs with no Lynley for most of the week while she isolated. They really show how resilient and determined our children are—well done year 5. I'm looking forward to more class assemblies next term. Enjoy the break and see you on the 21st February!

Hampstead Heath Cycle Train Proposal for School Runs

Following feedback from parents and Green School Runs regarding the need for more active travel opportunities in Hampstead to offset the narrow and often saturated roads around school drop off and pick-up times, Camden council are in initial discussions with City of London Corporation to explore the idea of organising a trial 'cycle train' for children and parents/carers across the Heath. A (or several) departure



points could be set up for parents/carers and their children to meet, in order to cycle through Hampstead Heath as a group during the school runs. This would create an incentive for parents/carers and children to give cycling to school a go, and provides an opportunity for socialising. The first step in this trial is to gauge the needs and interest in the idea from schools, parents/carers, and children. The council have set up a questionnaire to be completed to gather your views. If cycling across the Heath would help your commute please consider answering them.

The questions they ask and the link are shown below.

The questionnaire can be accessed using this Google Forms link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

Questions for parents and carers:

- How do you currently get to school? (ex: walking, cycling, by car, bus...etc)
- Would you consider cycling to school 1 day a week in the spring/summer terms?
- Would you be interested in cycling to school through the Heath as a group social activity?
- Looking at the below map of current lanes open to cycling across the Heath: could any of these routes be included in your school commute?

Lunch Menu: 21st —25th February

Monday

Meat Free Monday
Tomato, Lentil & Veg pasta
Sweetcorn & Roasted Courgette
Fruit & Yoghurt

Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Beef Burger
Vegetarian: Quorn Burger
Potato Wedges
Coleslaw & Sweet Potato
Peach Upside Down Cake & Custard

Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Roasted Chicken
Vegetarian: Veg & Lentil Wellington
Roast or Boiled Potatoes
Red Cabbage & Broccoli
Fruit & Yoghurt

Thursday

Meat/Halal: Savoury Minced Beef & Dumplings
Vegetarian: Sweet & Sour Butterbean & Noodles
Green Beans & Carrots
Pineapple Loaf & Custard

Friday

Meat/Halal: Breaded Fish Fingers
Vegetarian: Cheese & Pepper Frittata
Chips or Potatoes
Baked Beans & Peas
Yoghurt & Fruit

Available Daily

Freshly Cooked Jacket Potato
Freshly Baked Bread

Please remember to let the office know if you want your child to change to or from school lunches so you are charged correctly

Punctuality Award

The Punctuality award goes to Reception with only 2 lates! The total lates is up this week to 53—this is still too many missing valuable learning at the start of the day—Y5 & Y1 especially need to improve. Thank you to those of you who arrive on time every day and ensure that children are in class by 9am.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Reception with 97.8%. Well done! Overall for the year, we're still at 95.5%—close to the 96% target—we can do it! Thank you for all you do to ensure the children are here as much as possible.



Half Term Home Learning Projects Years 2 - 6

As usual over half term we set the children their 'Home Learning Project' challenge. This is a chance for their creativity to shine. They can choose to present their project in any form they want, from sculpture, model, poster, photos, films, computer presentations, paintings, drawings—anything at all.

The subject of their project can be any aspect of learning from their current topic but they are free within this to focus on any aspect of the topic they want to.

They have the half term week and the week after to complete their project. If they need any resources please let us know—paper, pencils etc. and we will do what we can to help.



We will be holding an exhibition of all the projects in the hall on Tuesday 1st March and would invite you to come along at pick up to see the fantastic projects on display.



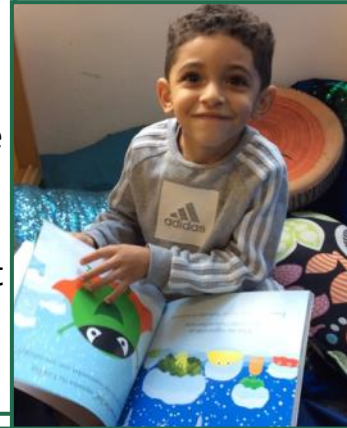
Submission Deadline: Monday 28th February

Exhibition: Tuesday 1st March @ 3.30pm in the Hall

Stars of the week!



Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Week' - Well done to all these children, and to all the rest who might not have been picked this week but could have been.



Reception—James

For all the effort you have put into writing this term. You really think hard about what you want to say and carefully sound out to write the words. I really enjoyed your space poem, you added in so much detail. Well done!

Year 1—Shay

For his amazing effort in Maths and Writing this week. You have concentrated really well and tackled challenges with a positive attitude. We are so very proud of you, Shay! Keep being fabulous you!



Year 2—Nico

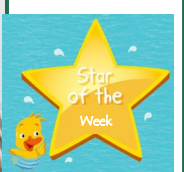
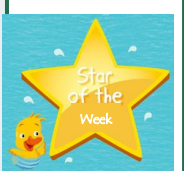
For your fantastic engagement this week. I've really noticed you putting your hand up to share your ideas, especially during our work in English on 'The Lorax' and in mental Maths. We love hearing your thoughts! Well done!

Year 3—Faiza

For your efforts in Maths this week! You are doing so well! As well as this, your positive nature and helpful attitude are such a lovely addition to the class - well done!

Year 4—Evangeline

For getting off to a smashing start on her newspaper article. She listened really well to the input and has used some fantastically interesting vocabulary. Well done.



Year 5—Isabella

For your brilliant effort and attitude during assembly rehearsals this week. I've loved watching you get into character and confidently perform your lines. You've brought great energy to the show and I look forward to seeing your final performance on Friday! Well done!

Year 6—Erina

For the brilliant energy and enthusiasm you have been bringing to your learning this week, whether it be throwing yourself into our football tournament with such enjoyment or working hard in class. Keep up the positive attitude, it's a great example to others!

Fleet Facts!



Well done to all these children who have passed their Fleet Facts test this week!

Year 2: Thaddeus, Sativa, Frankie, Ayman, Michelle, Michaela, Abida, ayra, Lola, Rocco, Humayra

Year 3: Yacub, Amreen, Lottie, Samuel, Mia, Jake Sidoli, Jarod

Year 4: Alea, Mia, Evangeline, Tabby, Hana, Hunter, Rayan, Yonis, Natasha, Rayn, Tara, Yara

Year 5: Hiba, Leda, Rayane, Adil, Amin, Ben, Marli, Ugo, Hamzah, Esema

Year 6: Sami, Zainab, Rosa, Peter, Freddy, Nimah, Jayda, Lily, Sara, Izzy, Riley, Francesca

Times Tables Rock Stars of the Week!

Well done to these children who earned the most coins in their class on Times Tables Rock Stars this week!

Year 2: Abida—112 coins—2nd week in a row!

Year 3: Okpe—26,249 coins—4th week in a row!

Year 4: Hunter—5,512 coins!

Year 5: Tawfiq—19,020 coins—4th week in a row!

Year 6: Riley—5,520 coins!

Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2023

This week we launched the Calendar Art Competition for creating a school calendar at the end of the year. Due to lockdowns over the last 2 years this popular annual event has not been possible so it's great to bring it back.

Children can use any art medium in their entries as long as it is A4 in size and they can enter as many times in a term as they want.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of winning entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2023 at the end of this year.

Entries should be handed in to the school office and should have the child's name and class on the back (in pencil) along with an indication of the person or event that inspired it.

This year's theme...Lifting Limits!

This year the theme links in with the 'Lifting Limits' gender equality work we are doing in all classes and also with the racial equality work that runs throughout our curriculum. We are asking that the subject of the art be inspired by a historical figure—contemporary or older.

Think about GENDER EQUALITY - a man or woman who did something amazing and at the time, unusual or not the norm, for someone of their sex.

Think about RACIAL EQUALITY - someone again who was a trailblazer and didn't let their race, colour of their skin or religion stop them from doing something.

It could be someone we have talked about in assembly, or someone you have learnt about in class or even someone you have learnt about from your own reading or investigations.

Ideas from people looked at already this year in assemblies or topics...



Flora Sandes



Greta Thunberg



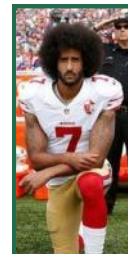
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Amanda Gorman



Colin Kaepernick



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Mae Jemison



Amy Johnson



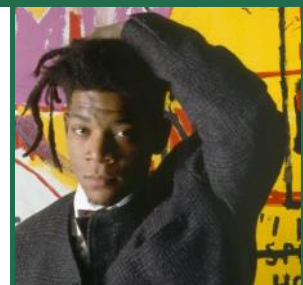
Marcus Rashford



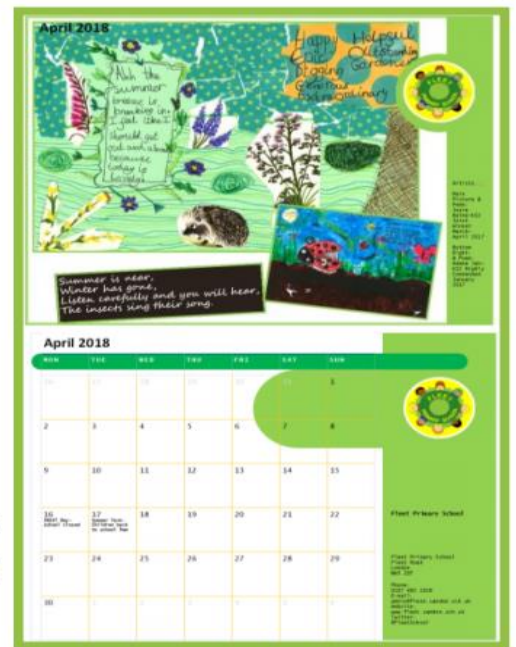
Frida Kahlo



Beryl Burton



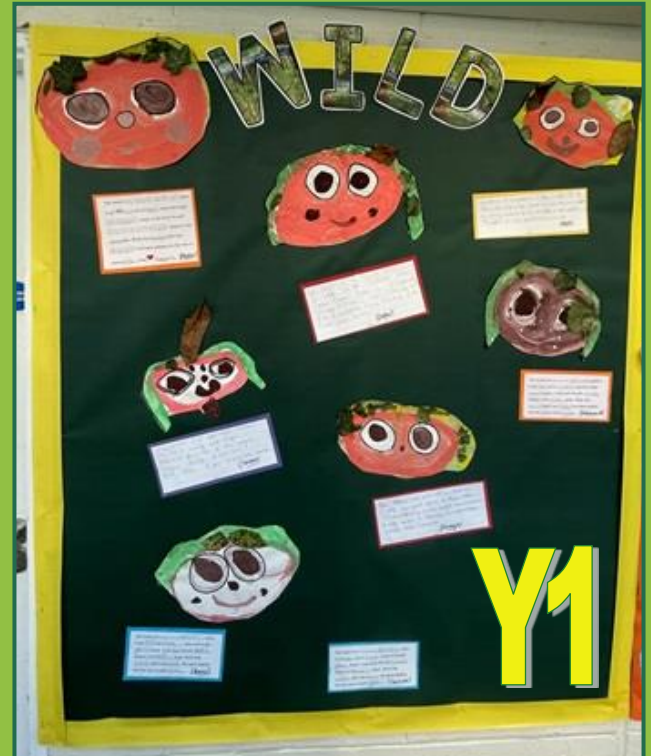
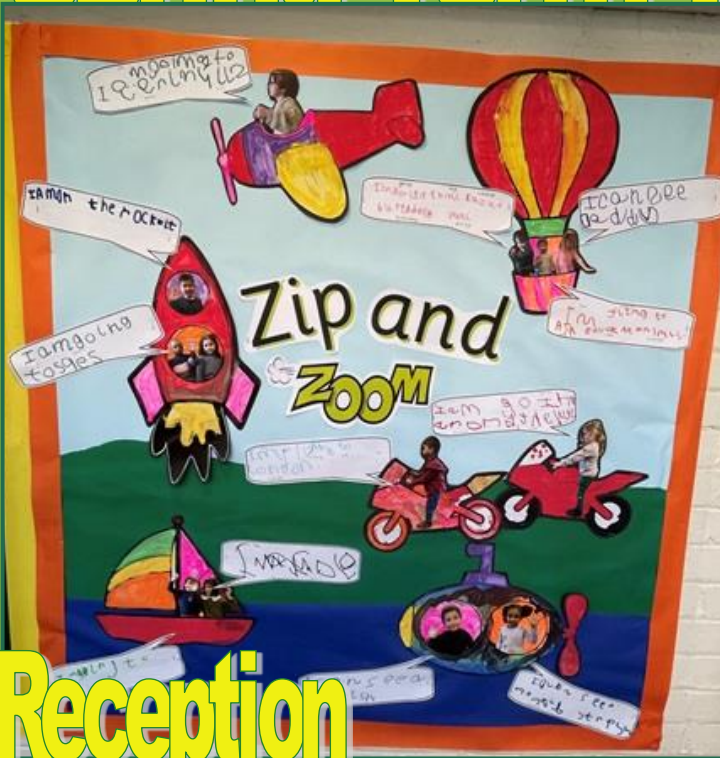
Jean-Michel Basquiat



Spring Term Topic Displays

The new 'topic displays' are up in the corridor of the admin block. While you are not able to come into the buildings and see the brilliant work the staff and children have created as part of their topic launches we wanted to share the displays with you.

Reception



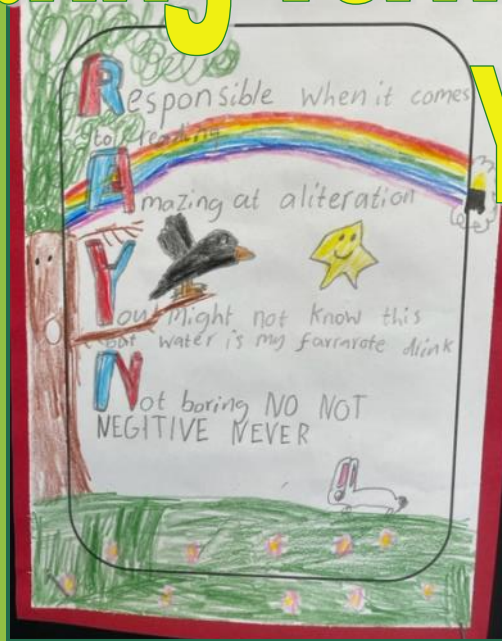
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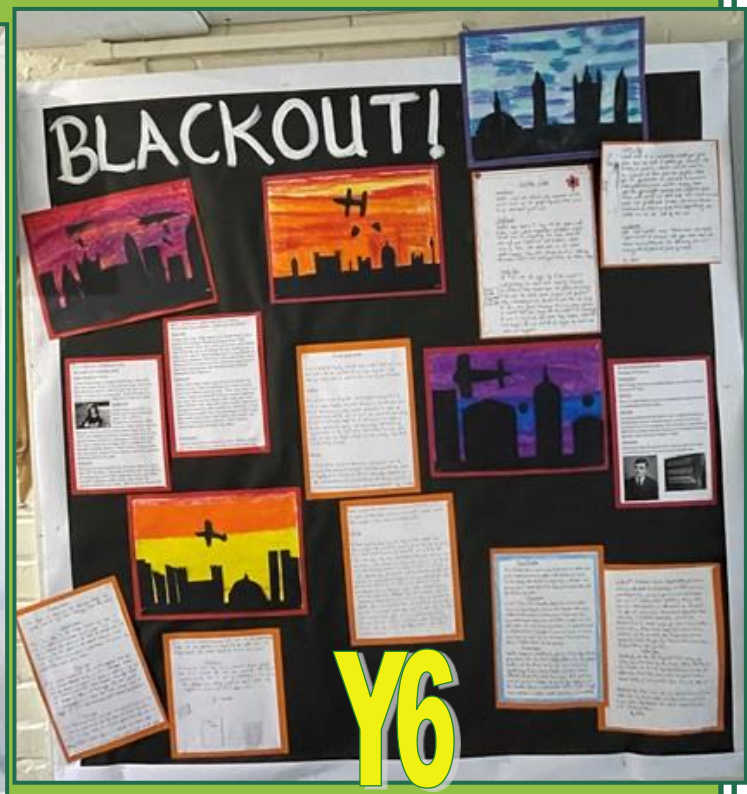
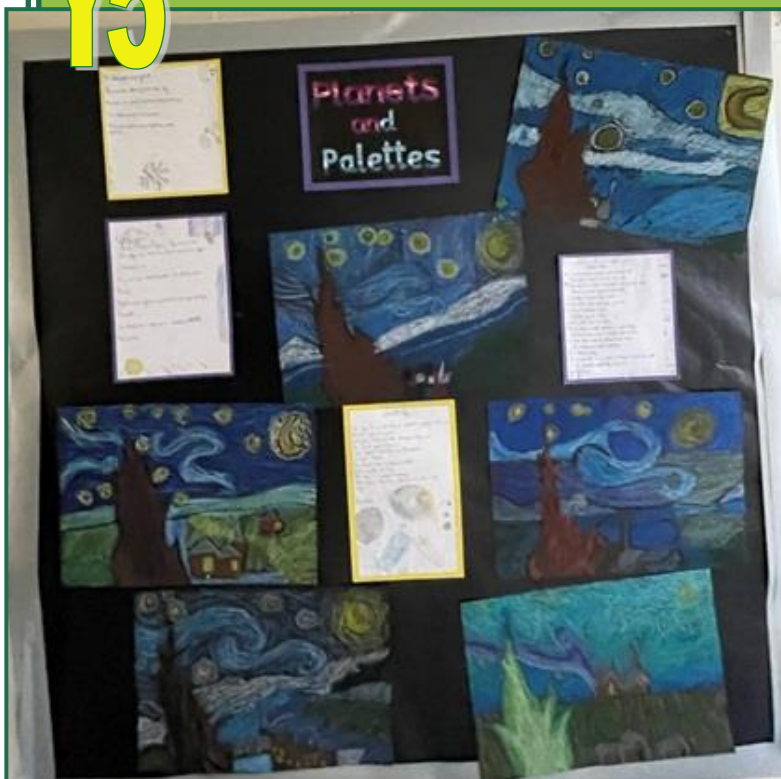
Spring Term Topic Displays



Y4



Y5



Y6

Safer Internet Day Workshops - 8th February 2022 - 'fun and games'



For more useful information on keeping children safe online and especially on this years theme of 'Fun and Games' - playing games online, please see the letter that was sent home this week and also the page on the school website with useful links. Both can be reached using the links below:

<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/learning/subject-information/online-safety>

<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Miscellaneous/safer%20internet%20day%202022.pdf>



This week in Nursery...

This week it's been all about the rhyme, 'The Queen of Hearts'. There have been hearts everywhere (looking at different sizes and ordering)! However, we think the favourite activity of the week though was definitely the making (and eating!) of some scrumptious jam tarts. What a fantastic week to end the half term. Well done Nursery.

Topic: Rhyme Time





Reception have been out and about this week with a fabulous trip to the October Gallery as well as a Winter Walk on the Heath today. A big thankyou to all the parents who have so kindly volunteered to come along and make sure these trips could happen. Well done on a great half term Reception.

This week in Reception...

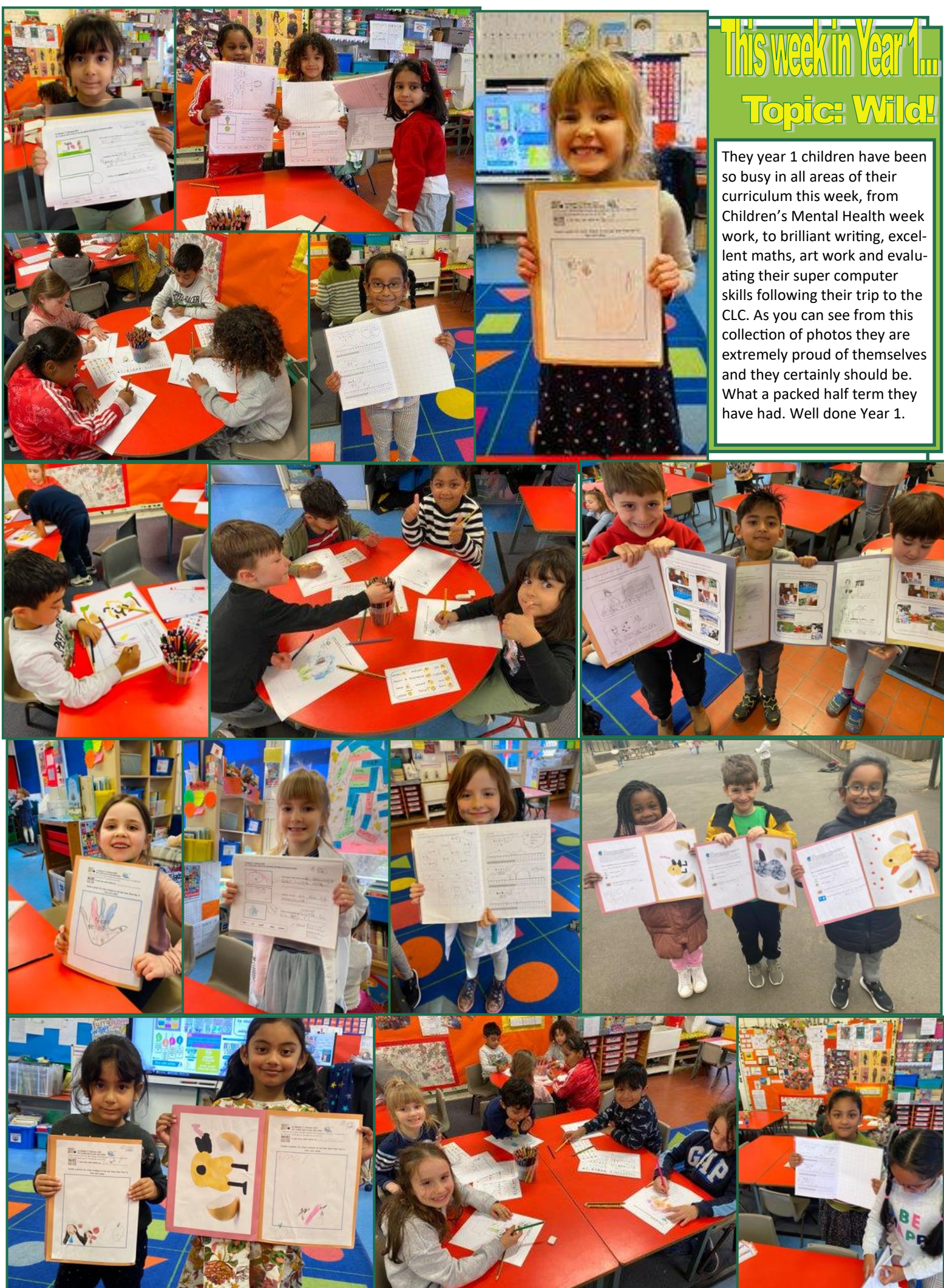
Topic: Zip & Zoom



This week in Year 1...

Topic: Wild!

They year 1 children have been so busy in all areas of their curriculum this week, from Children's Mental Health week work, to brilliant writing, excellent maths, art work and evaluating their super computer skills following their trip to the CLC. As you can see from this collection of photos they are extremely proud of themselves and they certainly should be. What a packed half term they have had. Well done Year 1.





This week in Year 2...

Topic: Seeds & Thneeds

Another action packed week in Year 2. The books they made about Fleet School (then and now) were brilliant. They also had fun looking through some old scrapbooks of he school with photos from 100 years ago in it! They have worked so hard this half term—well done all of them.





Another busy week in year 3. At the end of last week they had a brilliant Chinese New Year Dance workshop and the fun continued this week with drama, art, children's mental health week work and some fabulous script writing retelling the story of Zog.

Well done Year 3—what a fabulous half term you have all had.



This week in Year 3...

Topic: The Fire Within



Zog and his classmates were waiting in the forest as Madam Dragon enters.

MADAM DRAGON: Today class, we will be learning how to fight!

ZOG: I hope I don't get bullied.

MADAM DRAGON: Right. Here comes a real knight!

ZOG: Here it comes!

Zog breathes fire and gets ready to fight

GADABOUT: My name is Gadabout the Great. I've come to rescue Princess Pearl! I hope I'm not late.

ZOG: (*angrily*) NEVER!!!

PRINCESS PEARL: Stop you chumps! I don't want to be saved! I have a better life not as a Princess. I would rather be a doctor. There is enough cuts and bruises in the world.

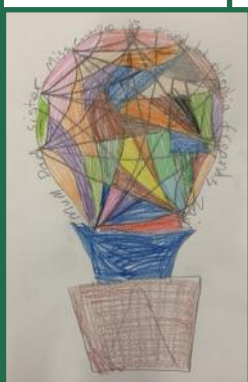
GADABOUT: I want to be a doctor too. Would you mind training me up?

PRINCESS PEARL: Of course! But we ca't fit on one horse.

ZOG: I can be a flying ambulance!

MADAM DRAGON: What a great career Zog! Well done.

By Noah



Zog and the class are waiting. Madam Dragon enters.

MADAM DRAGON: Guess what? We're learning how to fight!

ZOG: Yay! I have been waiting my whole life for this.

MADAM DRAGON: Look class! A real life knight!

ZOG: Here it comes!

Gadabout the Great enters

GADABOUT: I'm Gadabout the Great.

Where's Princess Pearl. I need to rescue Princess Pearl

ZOG: Oh no you don't!

Zog breathes fire and beats his wings

PRINCESS PEARL: Guuys stop! I don't want to be rescued

ZOG: Huh?

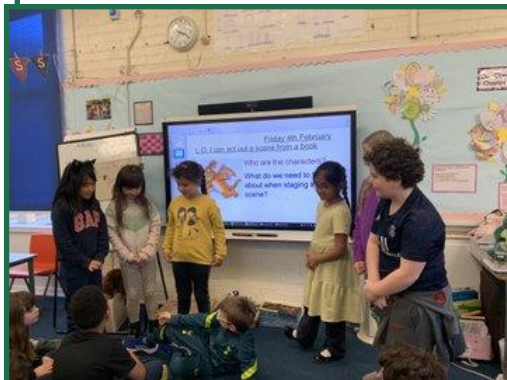
PRINCESS PEARL: I want to be a doctor.

GADABOUT: Oh my, I do too! But how do we fly?

ZOG: I can be your flying ambulance—Yay!

MADAM DRAGON: Great. I think that is a perfect career!

By Mia





This week in Year 4... Topic: We Are Heroes

Year 4 have been brilliant this week, coping while Ms. Benbetka has had to isolate out of school. They have worked really hard. They had a brilliant session with the coaches at Talacare on Tuesday—some were talent spotted for their amazing basketball skills! Well done Year 4—we're proud of how mature you have shown yourselves to be.





Year 5 have had a busy week—squeezing in rehearsals for their Class Assembly today while managing to get all the other work done including a brilliant Safer Internet Day workshop and the work around Children’s Mental Health Week. All this and learning the songs for the show with Ms. Benbetka—our music maestro—not here until the day before their performance. They were brilliant coping with absences and illness and showing that ‘the show must go on!’. Well done Year 5.

This week in Year 5...
Topic: Planets & Palettes

This week in Year 6... Topic: Blackout

Y6 have been as busy as ever—they had a great Safer Internet Day workshop where they split into small groups and showed real maturity in their thoughts, ideas and contributions. They talked about different Apps they use and their age ratings. Then the children looked at the legal rights and responsibilities of each App and decided if they actually felt comfortable with them. They also took part in a mini football competition at Talacre, run by the coaches there (thanks Tom for organising and inviting us!). They had another fantastic virtual visitor this week as part of their 'Blackout' topic looking at the second world war—it was a real success with Francesca saying, "Why is this THE most fun workshop ever?" and Ni'mah saying, "I don't want it to end!" What a great end to the half term.



Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via parent hub closer to the date of a trip for requests for help and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

- **14th—18th February:** Half Term Week
- **23rd February :** Year 2 to the CLC
- **24-25th February:** Y1 Bike training—bring in bike to use if they have one
- **24th February:** Year 6 Class Tea
- **25th February:** Year 6 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **1st March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath (10am-12pm)
- **3rd March:** World Book Day
- **3rd March:** Year 4 Class Tea
- **4th March:** Year 4 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **7th-18th March:** Y5 Swimming every-day
- **7th March:** Year 4 to the East London Mosque
- **9th-10th March:** Teacher/Parent Meetings
- **10th March:** Year 3 Class Tea
- **11th March:** Year 3 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **14th March:** Year 6 to the CLC
- **16th March:** Year 3 to Science Museum
- **17th March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **18th March:** Year 2 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **21st March:** Year 4 to Hampstead Heath 10am-12pm
- **22nd March:** Pitch Perfect Club at Camden Music Festival—1pm-7pm
- **23rd March:** Year 3 to the CLC
- **23rd March:** nursery to the Heath for the morning
- **24th March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath
- **24th March:** Year 1 Class Tea
- **25th March:** Year 1 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **31st March:** International Food Evening (t.b.c.)
- **1st April:** Last Day of Term—children finish at 2pm
- **20th April:** Summer Term Starts—children back