

Friday 11th March 2022

Message from the head:

This week has been incredibly challenging for all the staff due to unusually high levels of absence. This is in part due to Covid (a reminder that despite the shift in rules it has not gone away) and partly due to other illnesses circulating in the community. I'd like to say a huge thank you to my staff who have shown flexibility and resilience in the face of these challenges and ensured that all the classes have been able to carry on with their fabulous topics and learning. I'd also like to thank you for your patience and understanding at such times when we have had to reschedule events such as parent meetings and class assembly for the years that have been most affected.

I want to also thank those of you who came to the parent meetings that were able to go ahead—either online or in person. These meetings are really important not just for us to be able to communicate with each other and discuss your child and their learning but also for the message they send the children about how much we all value them and their learning and that we are a team working together to improve outcomes for them. If you have not yet had your meeting or missed it/didn't make an appointment please ensure you do meet/speak with the teacher as soon as you can.

We have some parent sessions next week in school to go through the phonics programme we are using in EYFS and Year 1. 'Little Wandle' is a new phonics programme to Fleet that was launched in September. Even if you have had children come through EYFS and Year 1 and think you are clear on Phonics if your child is currently in one of these classes please do come along to the session as it will include new information and explain how to support phonics and early reading skills at home. Reading is such a key skill and impacts on nearly all areas of learning. There is an individual session for each class—Nursery, Reception and Year 1. They are run by that class' teacher and will focus on the programme and how it runs in that class. Please do come along to the relevant session for your child. The times and days are shown below in the yellow text box.

Finally this week, I want to highlight again the fundraising effort and the altruism the children in the school have been showing lately. You will have seen the fundraising requests by some individual children that were in the last couple of newsletters (and again this week on page 2) and this week the School Rights Respecting School's Ambassadors have planned our comic Relief plans. Children can come in dressed in pyjamas and make a donation. They are planning a class vote as they have had the idea they would like to split the money raised between comic relief and for charities supporting refugees from the Ukraine crisis but before they decide they want to be democratic and ensure the student body is in agreement with splitting the money. We are very proud of the children and their continued thoughts for others and wanting to help. Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who came along to this week's meetings and apologies to those who, due to staff absence, we had to change/reschedule.

Please, if you did not attend or make an appointment, ensure when the office contacts you, you make yourself available. It is really important that you meet with your child's class teacher.

Parent Phonics Sessions Next Week 15th-17th March

We have organised phonics sessions for parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. These will be face to face led in the hall by the class teacher to show parents the phonics programme we use with the children and to give you ideas of how to support and practice at home. Dates & Times are:

Tuesday 15th @ 9am—Year 1 parents

Wednesday 16th @ 3pm—Nursery parents (this time is provisional at the moment and may change)

Thursday 17th @ 9am—Reception parents

Lunch Menu:14th—18th March

Meat Free Monday

Tomato, Lentil & Vegetable Pasta
Sweetcorn & Courgette
Fruit & Yoghurt

Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Herb roasted Chicken
Vegetarian: Veg Wellington
Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Red Cabbage & Broccoli
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Friday

Meat/Halal: Breaded Fish
Vegetarian: Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata
Potatoes
Tomato Sauce
Baked Beans & Peas
Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Turkey Burger
Vegetarian: BBQ Quorn Fillet
Potato Wedges or Rice
Coleslaw & Sweet Potato
Peach Upside Down Cake

Thursday

Meat/Halal: Savoury Mince & Dumplings
Vegetarian: Sweet & sour Butterbeans & Noodles
Green Beans & Roasted Carrots
Pineapple Loaf with Custard

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

Well done Reception with no lates! Year 2 and 3 did well too with only 2 each. Total number was down this week with only 20 lates across all years except Y5. Y5 have a lot of work to do having had more lates than the rest of the school put together this week. Families where your child is consistently late please look out for communication from school on this. Well done to Year 1 too who had a big improvement this week. Late is arriving into class after 9am. Children need to be in class and on the carpet by 9am. Not arriving at the front gate at 9am. A huge thank you to the majority of families who manage this consistently everyday and ensure their children are ready to maximise the learning time available and not interrupt the learning of others as well as missing their own by getting to class late.

Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 6 with 98.9% with both Years 2 and 3 very close behind and above 98%! Well done to everyone who managed to make a full week of school this week despite so many bugs going around. We are currently below our annual target of 96% at 95.4%.



GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL EASTER HUNT EGG DONATION

We have a pupil who is in remission from having cancer. His name is AJ, aged 4 and he is doing an easter egg donation for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please parents any donations of easter eggs would be greatly appreciated and would need to be received by the 17th of March. AJ will be going to Great Ormond Street on the 21st of March to hand out these eggs to all the children who will be stuck in hospital over Easter. Thank you in advance to all the people that have donated to this worthy cause.



Please Support Tallulah's Fundraising Effort...

Tallulah in Year 1 is walking 5.5km around Battersea park on Friday 11th March to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

We are very proud of her attempts to raise money and awareness for such a great cause and hope you are able to support her by donating at her just giving page (link below). Good luck Tallulah!

[https://www.justgiving.com/team/
TheBrittins](https://www.justgiving.com/team/TheBrittins)

Please Support Suha, Jasmine and Jannah's Effort...



Suha, Jannah and Jasmine (Year 1) are taking on the Walk All Over Cancer Challenge where they will be doing 10,000+ steps on 8th March and throughout March on selected days.

Thankyou for your support on Friday when they had their sponsorship forms out after school. They are off to a great start but it's not too late to support them with their worthy cause that's close to many of our hearts. See the link below to donate online.

[https://
fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/
page/walk-all-over-cancer-4-our-
loved-ones](https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/walk-all-over-cancer-4-our-loved-ones)

International Women's Day 2022

On Tuesday we celebrated 'International Women's Day'. The day started with Ms Matheson leading a very thought provoking assembly with the KS2 children on this years theme of 'Break the Bias'. There was lots of discussion and children had some well thought out observations and points to raise. Later that day we were visited by a couple of the coaches from Arsenal who came to deliver excellent workshops with the year 5 and 6 classes. One of the activities the children completed in these workshops was to explore stereotypes and how to break the bias in sport. The children reflected on an inspirational female and designed their own statue for them. Arsenal kindly donated a Football Shirt signed by the Arsenal Women's Team which Ms. Wall and Ms. Matheson, our Gender Equality Champions, will be thinking about what to do with—we sense a competition coming on!

If you want to follow up any of our gender equality work remember we include our 'Gender Equality Guide for Families' in our Wednesday Community Notices that are sent out each week (page 19 in this week's). We are also in the process of arranging a parent session to look at the work we have been doing in this area which we will advertise in the newsletter—watch this space!



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—Imaad

For his increased confidence this week. He's been putting his hand up during phonics and thinking about initial sounds and maths—sharing his answers and ideas—which is fantastic to see. Such a growth in his confidence. We are all super proud of how well he is doing.

Year 1—Afreen

For consistent good manners, effort in all lessons and a positive and kind attitude. You always get on and never complain, Afreen, and we are so very lucky to have you in Team Y1! Keep being your fabulous self!



Year 2—Frankie

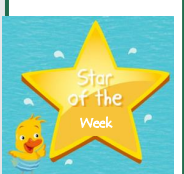
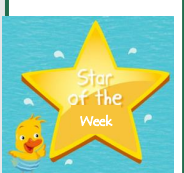
For the fantastic effort you put into your writing during our unit on 'Tidy'. I've been so impressed with how hard you're trying with your writing and how you challenge yourself to do your best work possible. Well done you!

Year 3—Lashanty

For your wonderful efforts! You are developing a really sensible and mature attitude towards your learning. You have also shown real focus and creativity in our dancing this week!

Year 4—Mafuz

For your focus and effort on our class trip to East London Mosque. You clearly enjoyed the experience and were very happy to share all your knowledge. Well done Mahfuz!



Year 5—Lexi

For your fantastic attitude during swimming lessons this week! It has been lovely to watch you push yourself to become an even better swimmer this week. I have also noticed that you have been making a real effort to manage distractions and stay focused on your learning. Well done Lexi!

Year 6—Isaac

You have been working very hard on your writing recently and are developing your vocabulary really well as a result. You have also shown a mature approach to our PSHE sessions, which is brilliant to see. Keep your focus and positive attitude up!

Fleet Facts!

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



Year 2: Humayra, Ayman, Abida

Year 3: Lenny, Lena

Year 5: Marli, Isabella, Lizzie, Ugo, Adil, Khloe, Esema, Hamzah, Asma, Ben, Poppy, Rayane

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 3: Daniel—17,135 coins!

Year 4: Hunter—13,575 coins!

Year 5: Tawfiq—39,532 coins—7th week in a row!

Year 6: Ifeoma—11,322 coins!

Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2023

The Calendar Art Competition for creating a school calendar at the end of the year is still on. 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.

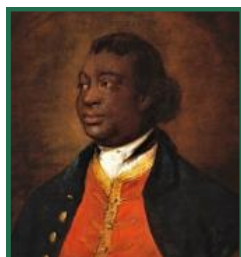
Ideas from people looked at already this year in assemblies or topics...



Flora Sandes



Greta Thunberg



Ignatius Sancho



Septimius Severus



Amanda Gorman



Colin Kaepernick



Boudicca



Mae Jemison



Amy Johnson



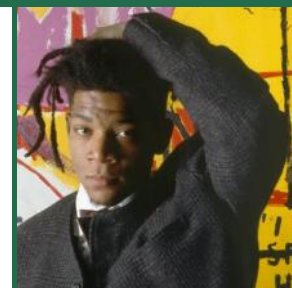
Marcus Rashford



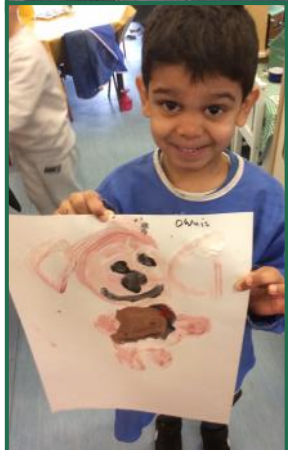
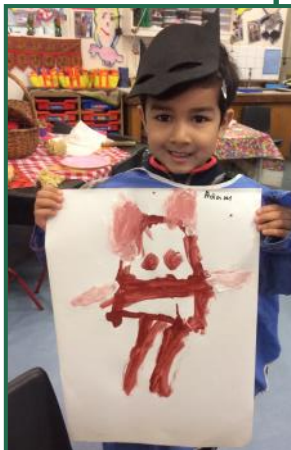
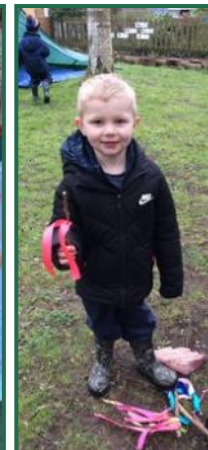
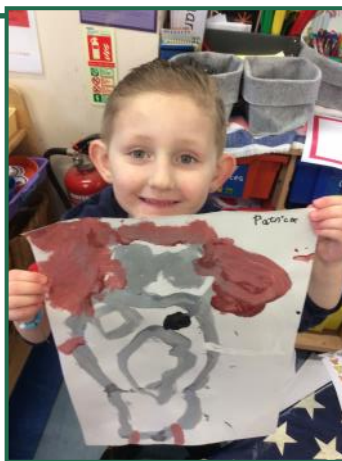
Frida Kahlo



Beryl Burton

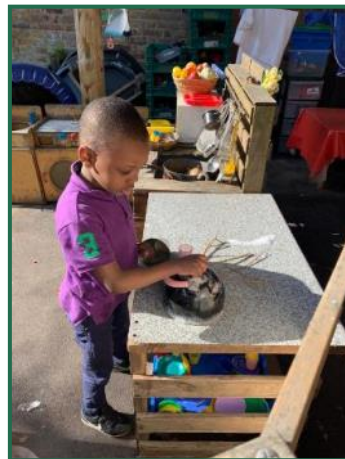


Jean-Michel Basquiat



Look at the incredible art works that nursery have been working on this week. They have been brilliant in their phonics work too and making the most of the outdoor area as well as the forest school. Well done Nursery on a brilliant week of learning. Nicola and Rebecca and the rest of the Nursery team are very proud of you!

This week in Nursery...
Topic: Rhyme Time



This week in Reception... Topic: Zip & Zoom

Despite the challenges of covid hitting Reception this week with children and staff out the learning journey has continued! The children have been doing some fantastic work both in class and using the outdoor areas. A massive well done to them all and to Shami and Anna for making sure the provision for the children is as strong as ever. We hope Rachel and May will be back before long as well as the children who are currently out.



What an action packed week for Year 1 (as usual!). On top of the usual brilliant writing, reading and maths they have been continuing with their bug hotels turning their designs into reality and placing them outside—we wonder how many visitors they've already had. Also they have been studying their seeds to see how they have grown—they are certainly having a 'Wild' time with this topic. Well done Year 1.

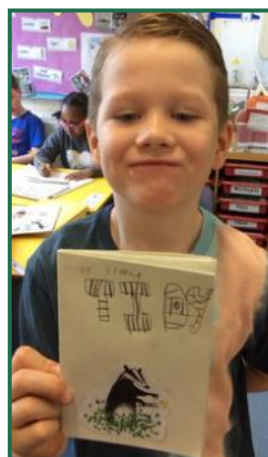
This week in Year 1...
Topic: Wild!



This week in Year 2...

Year 2 took part in a virtual author visit recently in collaboration with St Christopher's school. They met and heard from the author of the Tindims, Lydia Corry. As a follow up to this they created and made characters out of recycled materials. The workshop and their character were great! They've also been busy publishing their own books inspired by the book 'Tidy' which, as you can see, look fantastic. Well done Year 2.

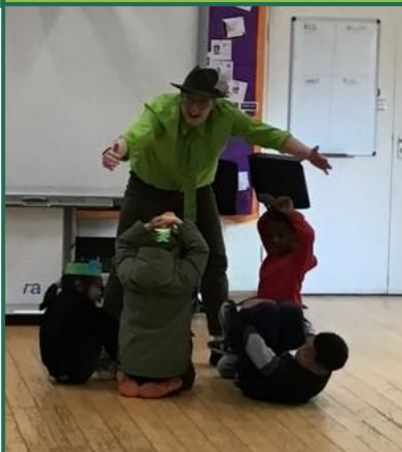
Topic: Seeds & Thneeds



Topic: The Fire Within

Year 3 had an inspiring drama workshop this week all about healthy eating. They had some great comments about the show they saw then were very enthusiastic at doing some drama of their own. Then, following reading 'Herb the vegetarian dragon'; they used the recipe book 'cooking with Herb' to make their own versions of 'Herb's Rainbow Pizzas'. Delicious!

This week in Year 3...

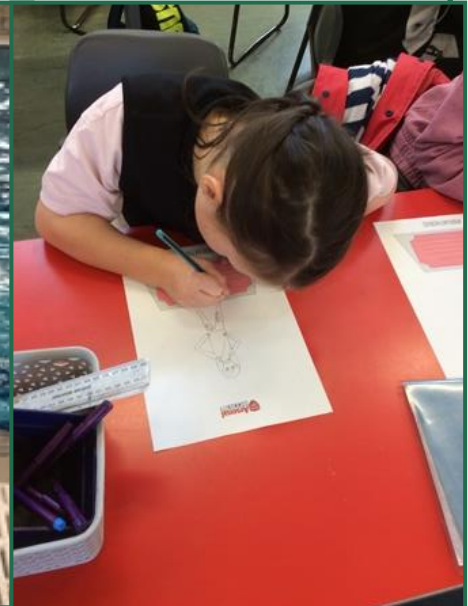
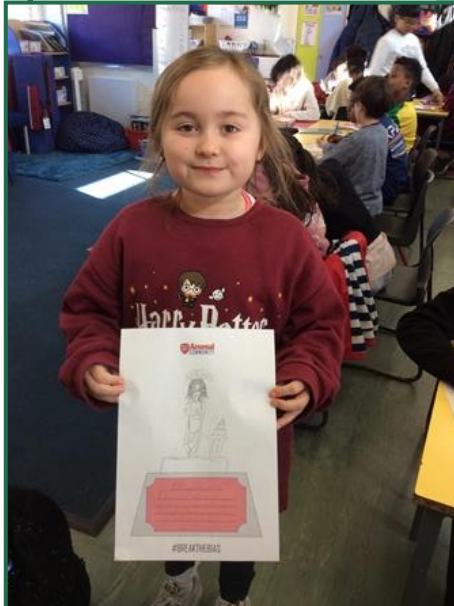




This week in Year 4...

Topic: We Are Heroes

This week started with a visit to the East London Mosque. The children really enjoyed it and learnt lots about Islam which they excitedly told Mr McGibbon about on their return. Also this week they have been designing and building clay monsters inspired by James de Rosso's work all ready to support some writing they will be doing in English. They have also been working with Arsenal this term and the focus this week was on throwing and catching. Well done Year 4 such a busy week.



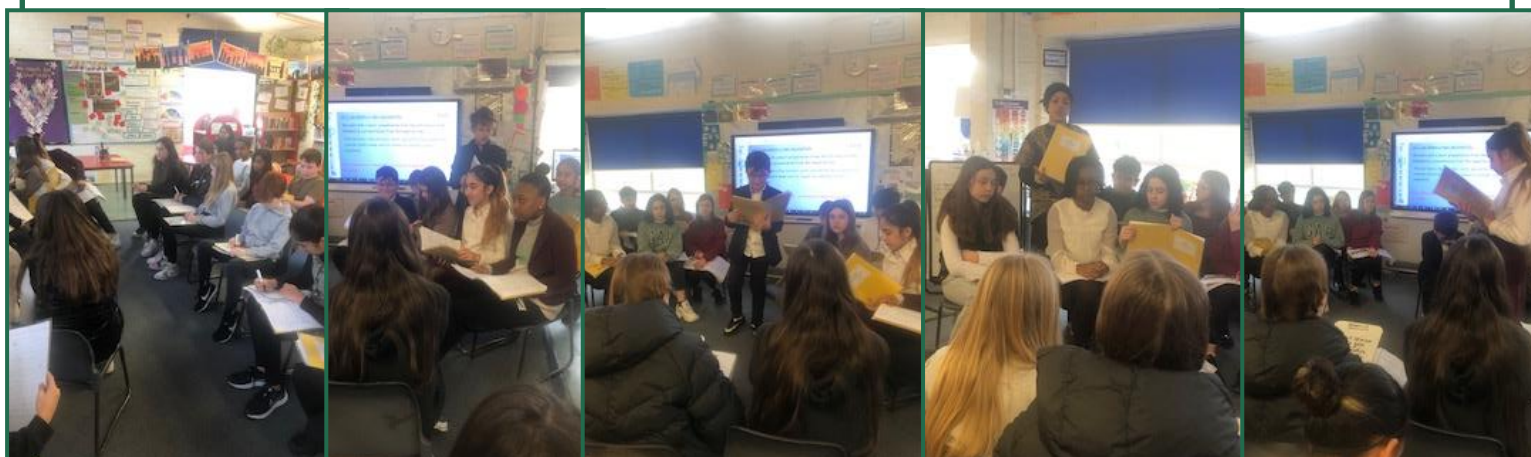
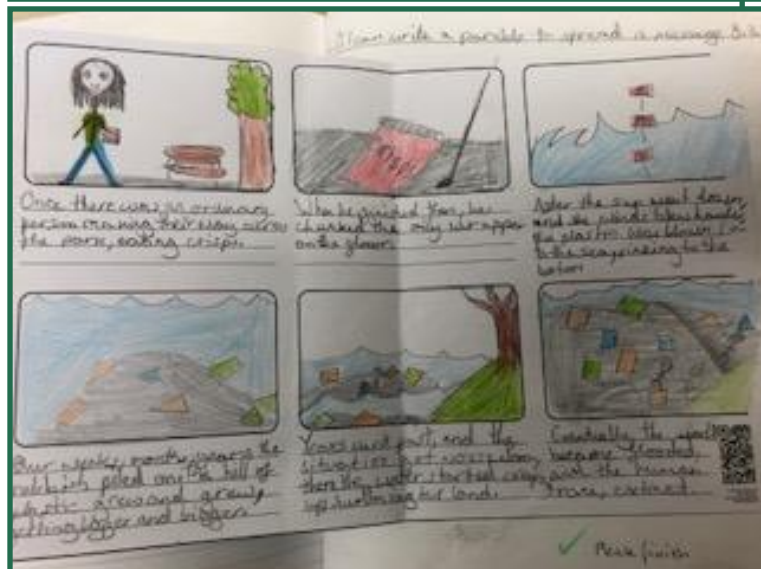
Year 5 have begun their 2 week intensive swimming course going to Kentish Town bath every day—its tiring but they are doing really well and at the end of the block we are sure they will have made superb progress. Back in school they have been drawing and writing about an inspirational woman during the International Women's Day workshop and in their 'Brain Buddies' workshop they've been deciding which thoughts are helpful and unhelpful and learning how to reframe unhelpful thoughts. Well done Year 5. Keep up the hard work!

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



This week in Year 6... Topic: Blackout

Year 6 have had another very busy week with an international women's day workshop with Arsenal exploring stereotypes and how to break the bias in sport. Then in RE they have created comic strips to show their learning about how Christians believe Jesus shared positive messages through stories called Parables. The children wrote their story with a positive message. The three on this page are from Gloria, Freddy and Ni'mah. Today they finished the week with a debate based on the topic learning about WW2. Their question 'Should Britain have enter the second world war' was expertly debated with many convincing arguments on both sides. In the end the 'affirmative' side prevailed winning the debate with 11 votes to 1. Well done year 6—another great week!



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.

- **7th-18th March:** Y5 Swimming
- **15th-17th March:** Parent Phonics Sessions
 - **15th @ 9am**—Year 1 parents
 - **16th @ 3pm**—Nursery parents
 - **17th @ 9am**—Reception parents
- **16th March:** Nursery & Reception to Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Concert
- **16th March:** Year 3 to Science Museum
- **16th March:** Year 3 Parent Meetings (rescheduled)
- **17th March:** Year 3 to Royal Albert Hall Music and Math Workshop
- **17th March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **17th March:** Reception & Year 3 Parent Meetings (rescheduled)
- **18th March:** Year 2 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **18th March:** CLC Trip
- **21st March:** Year 4 to Hampstead Heath 10am-12pm
- **22nd March:** Year 6 Puppet Workshop (in school)
- **22nd March:** Year 3 to Hampstead Heath
- **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
- **28th March:** Reception & Year 6 National Height & Weight Checks (in school)
- **30th March:** CLC in school to work with Reception
- **31st March:** Year 3 Class Assembly (rescheduled)
- **31st March:** International Food Evening
- **1st April:** Last Day of Term—children finish at 2pm
- **20th April:** Summer Term Starts—children back

COVID-19: 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
- Check the news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus enewsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

COVID-19 is still here



Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and others



Pre-book your appointment online or visit a walk-in clinic.

Visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or Call 119

Or scan the code to book your vaccine appointment.

Please keep being kind, look out for each other and continue to follow public health advice, like washing your hands regularly. To find out more about the government's plan for living with COVID-19, visit gov.uk/coronavirus



We are grateful for the huge sacrifices Camden residents have made to get us through the last two years, as the government announces a new phase of learning to live with COVID-19. We know, however, that the impact of the pandemic continues to be felt strongly, both physically and mentally, and will affect everyone differently, so I know we will continue to support each other in the months to come.

If you are struggling and need some support, for instance with money worries, your mental health, or with concerns around employment, we are here for you. No one in Camden should have to go through this difficult time alone. We also work with many amazing community organisations who are there to help you, including those in the Camden Advice Network, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need a hand. We've included some of the support available below or you can also call us on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) to talk to someone directly.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Update on Test and Trace Support Payments

The Test and Trace Support Payment scheme has now closed. If you were told to self-isolate before 24 February you can still make a claim within 42 days of the first day of self-isolation and no later than 6 April. To find out more and check eligibility, visit gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment

Camden Council is here for you. Contact us if you need support

We know it's a difficult time as we continue to live with COVID-19, its impact on our communities and rising living costs.

For mental health support

Find a range of mental health support services at camden.gov.uk/mental-health. You can also speak to your GP, visit icope.nhs.uk or phone iCope on 020 3317 6670. Young people aged 11 to 18 can access safe and anonymous mental health support at kooth.com



If you're struggling with energy bills

If you're struggling with energy bills, call the Green Camden Helpline on 0800 801738 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Find out more at camden.gov.uk/staywarm



For advice on debt or money worries

Find out how to access a range of benefits, grants and discounts, at camden.gov.uk/finances or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

If you're struggling with money, you may be eligible for a £150 payment to help pay for essentials, like heating bills and groceries. To apply, contact one of the organisations in the Camden Advice Network by 24 March – see details at camden.gov.uk/householdsupportfund. You can also call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or come along to the Council's drop-in session tomorrow (Friday 4 March), 2 to 3pm at Abbey Community Centre at 222c Belsize Road, NW6 4DJ to find out more and apply.



For help accessing food

For help accessing food, visit camden.gov.uk/access-food or call the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9). You could also join a local food co-op with your neighbours to access affordable food – visit cooperation.town for information.



For employment support

To help find a job or better paid work, visit goodwork.camden.gov.uk. Young people can access careers and employment support by emailing connexions@camden.gov.uk or calling 020 7974 7252.



For more information, visit camden.gov.uk/advice or call the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9). You can also contact Camden Advice Network – a group of local organisations that provide advice and support on a variety of issues. Find out more at camden.gov.uk/camdenadvicenetwork