

Friday 25th February 2022

Message from the head: It's been a busy week to come back to—I hope you all managed to enjoy your half term break (if you got one!). We were straight back into things with some balance bike and cycle training this week for the EYFS and Year 1 children as well as Buddhist workshops for KS1 and KS2. As well as that this week there was classes out on trips to the CLC. Please do check page 15 which has a list of important dates for this term.

Speaking of important dates, next week we have World Book Day on Thursday. We hope you will be able to support the children to come in to school dressed up inspired by their favourite book. In classes the children will be looking at different books on the day all with the common theme of rainbows so if they can't think of a book or character to dress as maybe they could come in dressed in a colour or collection of colours to represent rainbows!

Next Monday is the deadline to hand in the home learning projects from half term. We will be displaying them in the hall after school on Tuesday—we'd love you to come and see them and help celebrate the children's efforts.

On Monday and Tuesday next week, teachers will have their parent evening sign-up sheets with them at the end of the day collection—please make sure to sign up to a slot (they are happening on the 8-9th March). If you are not picking up on those days you can phone/email the office who will book a slot for you.

Finally, please look at the advert on the top of Page 2 from AJ in Reception. We'd love you to support him in his Easter egg collection for Great Ormond Street. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Parent Meetings

Wed 9th & Thurs 10th March

This term's parent meetings are coming up soon. As last term, we will be offering the option of Zoom/phone call or in person meetings (please wear a face mask if attending in person).

Teachers will have sign up sheets outside at pick-up next Monday and Tuesday. You can also phone/email the office from Monday to reserve a slot.

Please ensure that you have signed up by the end of next week.

Thank you.

Lunch Menu: 28th Feb—4th March

Meat Free Monday

Veg & Chickpea Tagine
or
Butterbean Veg Risotto
Sweetcorn & Cauliflower
Cous Cous
Fruit & Yoghurt

Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Roasted Chicken
Vegetarian: Cheese & Tomato Pin Wheel
Roast or Boiled Potatoes
Carrots & Peas
Fruit & Yoghurt

Friday

Meat/Halal: Fish in Batter
Vegetarian: Bean & Lentil Burger (no bun)
Chips
Tomato Sauce
Baked Beans & Peas
Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Beef Bolognese
Vegetarian: Vegan Bolognese
Spaghetti
Green Beans & Red Cabbage
Pear & Raisin Upside Down Cake & Custard

Thursday

Meat/Halal: Chicken Noodles
Vegetarian: Roast Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry & Rice
Broccoli & White Cabbage
Chocolate & Apple
Sponge & 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

WILL YOU HELP BREAK THE BIAS?



International Women's Day

#IWD2022 #BreakTheBias



Can you help us?

This year's theme for International Women's Day is 'Break the Bias'. We are looking for women who challenge gender stereotypes in their professional or personal roles, to come and inspire our children through sharing your experiences. If you, or anyone you know, is interested please contact Miss Matheson or Miss Wall.

Parent Phonics Sessions

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

Punctuality Award

The Punctuality award goes to Reception with only 1 late! The total number of lates came down this week with 42—but that's still too many missing valuable learning at the start of the day—Y5 especially need to improve—the only class with more than 10. Thank you to those of you who arrive on time everyday and ensure that children are **in class by 9am**.

Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 6 with 98.5% - beat all other classes clearly this week! Overall for the year we're still below our target of 96% at 95.5%—we can do it! Thank you for all you do to ensure the children are here as much as possible.



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.



World Book Day Dress Up - Thursday 3rd March

Next Thursday is 'World Book Day' and we would like the children to come to school in fancy dress. They can dress up inspired by their favourite book or character from it or come dressed inspired by 'rainbows' (the school story theme for the day on Rainbows!).



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.



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—Astrid

For always coming to school ready to learn and give new activities a try. You are confident to have a go and encourage your friends to try new things too. Well done!

Year 1—Eliza

For her consistent positivity and effort in class and for her resilience when challenges arise. You always keep going and want to do even better every day, Eliza - we are so very proud of you! Well done!



Year 2—Leo

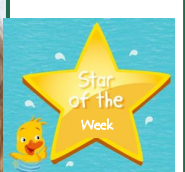
For your great focus and engagement during our CLC trip this week. You worked hard on your animation and music and were enthusiastic throughout the day. Well done superstar!

Year 3—Zain

For your excellent effort recently! You are increasingly taking responsibility for your learning and are working with great focus in the classroom. Well done!

Year 4—Riga

You've been such a superstar in English this week. You've worked so hard on your persuasive speech, coming up with some great ideas and helping others too. Well done Riga, keep it up!



Year 5—Rayane

For the hard work you have put into your learning this week. I have noticed you making a lot more effort in lessons and completing your work to a good standard. What a great start to this half term, keep it up!

Year 6—Penny

For your great shift in attitude towards your Maths. It's wonderful to see you willing to try and it is helping you make progress. Keep putting in this excellent effort Penny and believe in yourself!

Fleet Facts!



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

Year 2: Ayra, Alfie, Lola, Thaddeus, Naz, Sarah

Year 3: Lenny, Lashanty, Amreen, Lottie, Ursula, Noah, Daniel, Okpe, Jake S, Jarod

Year 4: Yara, Rayan, Sufiyan, Hana, Mia, Alfie W, Tabby, Evangeline, Rayn, Tara, Yonis, Natasha

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

Year 6: Izzy, Lily, Nimah, Freddy, Peter, Rosa, Zainab

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—1,436coins—3rd week in a row!

Year 3: Okpe—57,527 coins—5th week in a row!

Year 4: Evangeline—7,610 coins!

Year 5: Tawfiq—36,761 coins—5th week in a row!

Year 6: Sami—144 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.

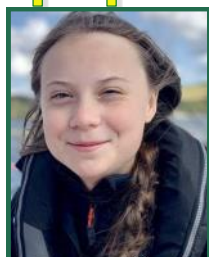
Think about RACIAL EQUALITY - someone again who was a trailblazer and didn't let their race, colour of their skin or religion stop them from doing something.

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.

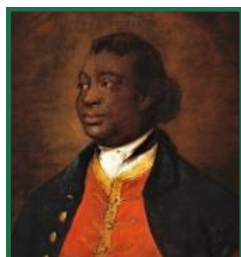
Ideas from people looked at already this year in assemblies or topics...



Flora Sandes



Greta Thunberg



Ignatius Sancho



Septimius Severus



Amanda Gorman



Colin Kaepernick



Boudicca



Mae Jemison



Amy Johnson



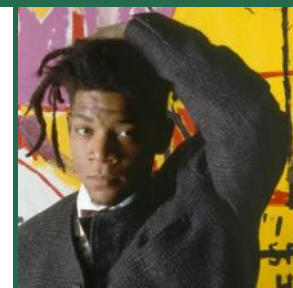
Marcus Rashford



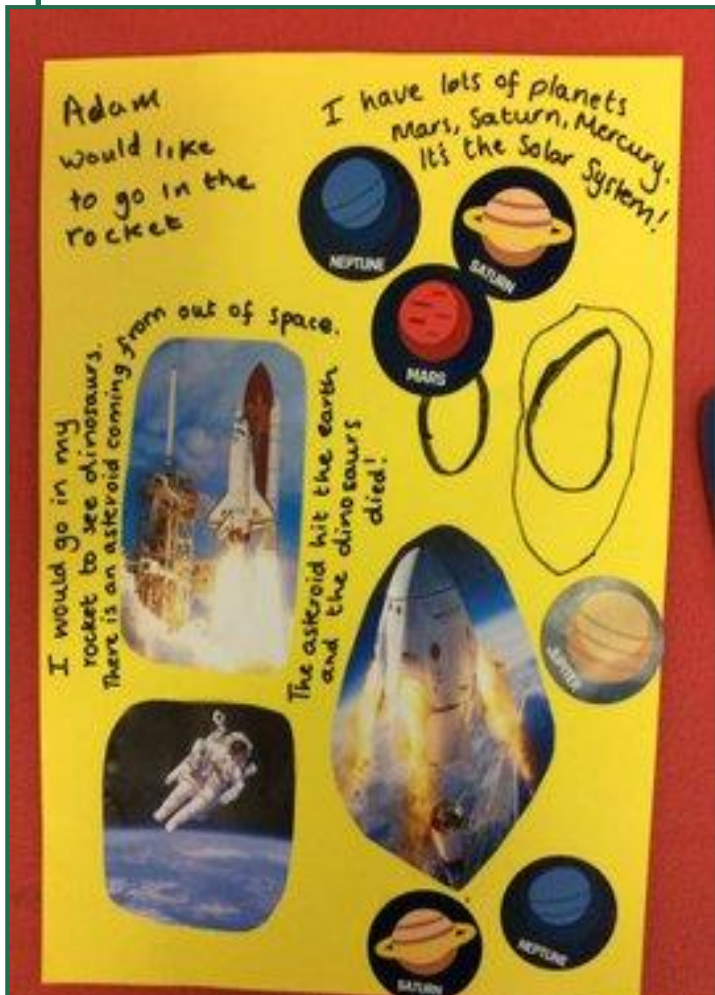
Frida Kahlo



Beryl Burton



Jean-Michel Basquiat



This week in Nursery...

Nursery began this week with Twinkle, twinkle little star and have been decorating the rhyme to go in their rhyme books, printing stars and creating our own version of Van Gogh's Starry Night. They've also been exploring the nursery looking for magnetic items with magnets and learning all about the moon. They had a great time with the balance bike training at the beginning of the week too! Well done nursery.

Topic: Rhyme Time

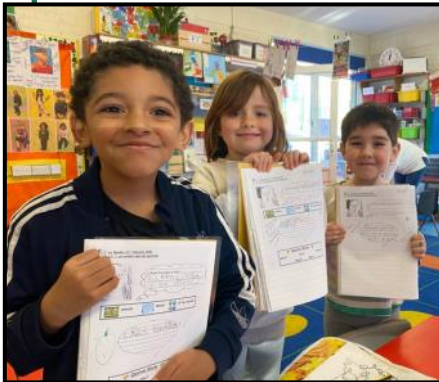
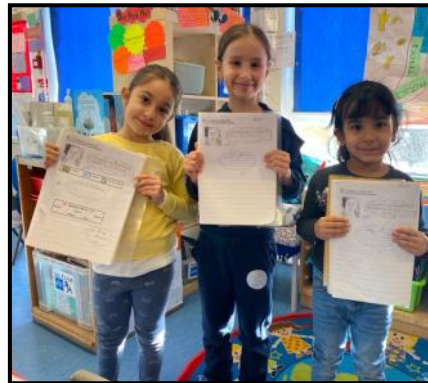


There has definitely been lots of 'zipping and zooming' going on in Reception this week! Bikes, skateboards and buses have been the mode of transport of choice! The children have come back after half term enthusiastically and made a great start to this half term already. Great job Reception!

This week in Reception...

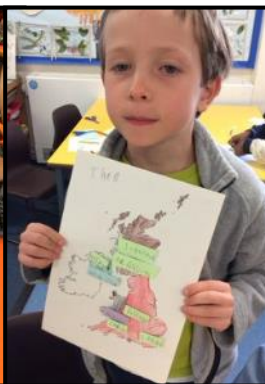
Topic: Zip & Zoom





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

As you can see from the photos above it's been another busy week in year 1. Lots of maths, English, art and this week able to reintroduce in person singing with Lynley! All this and today they had their cycle training sessions with Tom and Erina from Camden cycling team. Great week Year 1

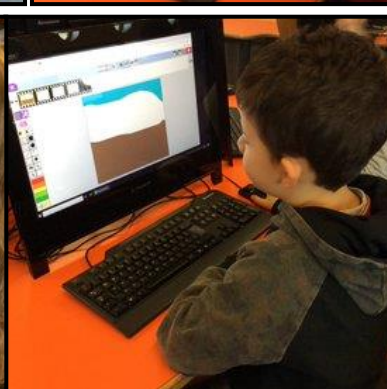
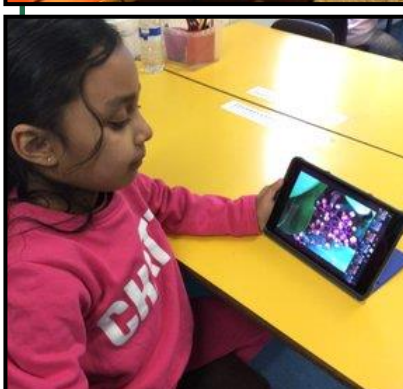


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This week in Year 2...

Topic: Seeds & Thneeds

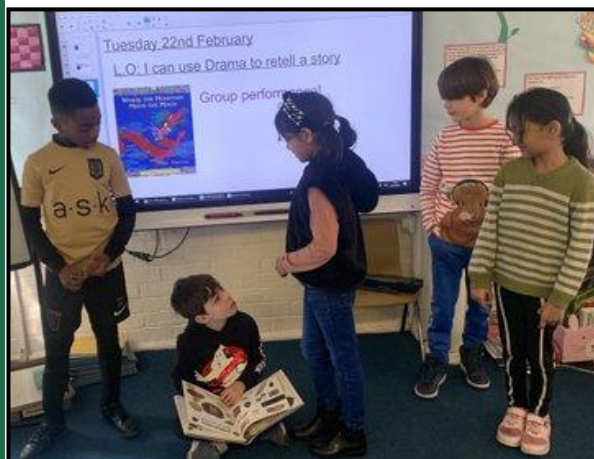
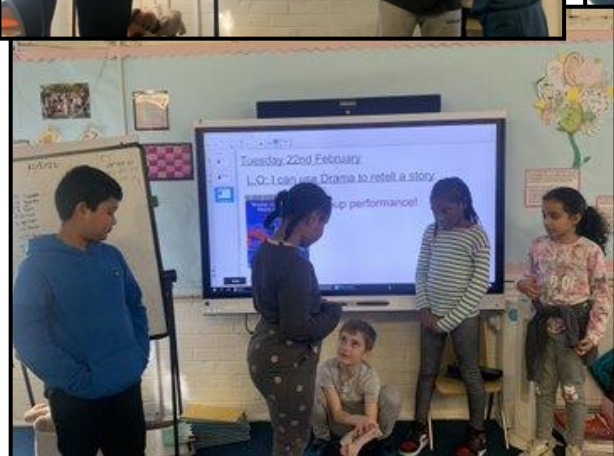
A busy week as usual for year 2. Map work looking at the British Isles, a trip to the CLC where the children made animations based on their science work and composed music to go with it (use the QR code or web link to the side to be able to watch all the clips they made—click on the clip once opened for the sound to work), nature based photography project and as usual fantastic maths and English work. Well done year 2.



Topic: The Fire Within

Year 3 had a great trip to the theatre just before half term and the fun has continued into this half term. This week they have been looking at their new book in English – Where the Mountain Meets the Moon and doing some drama work linked to it. They have also been learning about fossils and made their own dinosaur fossils using salt dough. Well done Year 3.

This week in Year 3...





Do you really want to be the people to destroy earth or will you help us? The planet is slowly dying because of global warming so help us. Because if you kill our planet I say we will never forgive you. Climate change is going to make a huge difference in our lifetime..

Are you really happy that the world is in harm? Like the ice caps that are melting the sea getting bigger and bigger every time we take a breath! Well we are doing NOTHING TO HELP! Because of us the air is turning INTO CO2! Climate change is when the weather is going CRAZY because of us! I really don't want to believe that people are evil...

Is it okay for animals to suffer for what we have done to our planet? Our world is slowly turning into a dust-bin. Climate change is a name given to hot weather. Sea levels are rising and animals are going extinct! Last year the black rhino became extinct! More and more pollution is in the air and Australia has been fighting fires...



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

Year 4 recently completed their Pop Art diptychs—they look amazing and really brighten up the classroom. They have also been thinking about climate change and writing persuasive speeches inspired by Greta Thunberg's speech at the 2019 UN Climate Change Summit. They want their speeches to help people understand more about climate change and what they can do to help. Well done year 4, really living up to your topic title!

Tuesday the 22nd of February 2022

L.O.: I can record facts and organise them

Early life/ family/ background

Born in 1907, Mexican City.
changed to 19 July 1910.
Six sisters. Her father was a photographer.
She had an imaginary friend
named Frida. She got Polio when
she was 6.

Education

Frida attended National Preparatory
School in Mexico City. She
met Diego Rivera there for
the first time. There were
only thirty - five female
students. She soon became
famous for her outspokenness
and bravery.

Personal life—significant events and people

Born: 1907 Married: 1929
Died: 1955 Remarried: 1959

Born in La Casa Azul
(The Blue House)

Married a man called Diego Rivera
Divorced him but remarried.

Diego was 20 years older
than Frida. September 17 1925
Frida was in a bus and
collided with a trolley car and got hurt.



Artwork

Two Frida is one of her
paintings. One of her
quotes: "I paint myself
because I am so often
alone and because I am the
subject I know best."

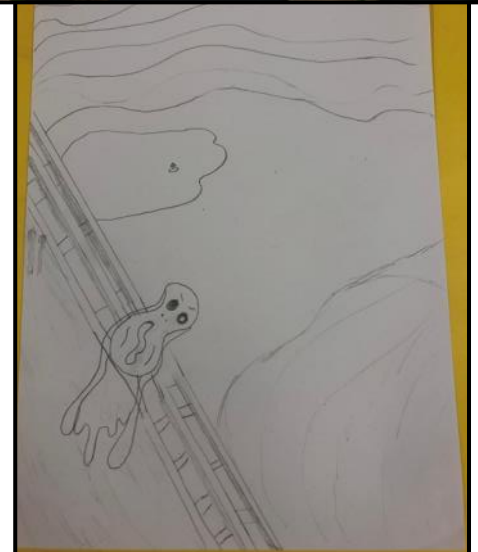
"They thought I was a Surrealist
but I wasn't. I never painted dreams.
I painted my own reality."

Impact—why is she special?

She is a strong woman and even though she couldn't become a doctor
she did become an amazing artist. She has inspired many and there
was even a biographical film about her!

Other interesting facts

She created 143 paintings and 55 of them are self-portraits.
Her name used to be Frieda which comes from a German word,
Friede, which means peace. She removed the E to become Frida.
She wore long colourful Tehuana skirts to cover her right leg.



This week the children have been researching Frida Kahlo in preparation for writing a biography on her. They have also been looking at the painting 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch. They have done some exploratory sketches inspired by this and will be continuing the work on these in the coming weeks. They have played around with the emotion being exhibited in their versions, changing their facial expressions and body language. In their Arsenal session this week they have been working on ball skills and teamwork. Well done Year 5 on such a positive start to this half term.

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

This week in Year 6... Topic: Blackout



Swarming wind

On the squelchy mud

Limping wounded warriors

Deafening lightening

Independent men risking their life

Every whizzing bullet causing harm

Rain like a waterfall

Sky dim and windy

By Penny

Bang.
Another one hit,
A shiver ran down my spine,
Depressed soldiers trudged on all around me,
Slowly getting drowned by the blood thirsty slime,
I am desperate to survive,
To see my family one last time would be a dream
come true,
A waterfall of tears spilled out,
I want to run,
To escape,
I can't,
A lifeless corpse lay before me,
No, nothing,
Heavy, damp clothes dragged me down,
I kept going,
A shower of bullets plummeted all around me,
Hammering on my helmet
Warning me to stop,
I don't
I regret that,
I look back on that now,
I should have listened.

By Gloria

Bombing everywhere across the fields.

**Opening the dusty bunker doors.
Many men rushing across the muddy fields like a storm.**

Blank.

Soldier Sherrington was out.

By Freddy

The wounded warriors trudged on...BANG!

Rubble rained down swallowing them whole,

Every single one of them...gone,

Not a sound followed just ringing on and on,

Colonel Connor crept quietly,

He remained quiet, still even,

Every single one of them gone...except for him,

Survivor they called him, little did they know...

By Freddy



The writing in Year 6 lately has been superb—so powerful. The children really are enjoying their WW2 topic. See the poems on this page as a glimpse of the imagery and emotion they are including. Their class assembly this week was a triumph too! Well done Year 6!



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.

- **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
- **28th February:** Year 5 to the October Gallery
- **1st March: Y2-Y6** Home learning project exhibition after school in the hall
- **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
- **15th-17th March:** Parent Phonics Sessions
 - **15th @ 9am**—Year 1 parents
 - **16th @ 3pm**—Nursery parents
 - **17th @ 9am**—Reception parents
- **16th March:** Year 3 to Science Museum
- **17th March:** Year 3 to Royal Albert Hall Music and Math Workshop
- **17th March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **18th March:** Year 2 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **21st March:** Year 4 to Hampstead Head 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