

## Message from the head:

What an exciting week we had for our year 5 children this week with a fantastic 'Flying into Physics' 3 day workshop with Scarabeus theatre. The children were learning about forces and did this by using pulleys and harnesses to 'fly' and lift things on ropes in the hall. Teachers had a go in our INSET this week and I think many were jealous of the year 5 children! Today year 5 shared their learning in the hall and when the other children saw what they had been doing many were wanting a go! That type of hands on learning really exemplifies the power of experience and why at Fleet we devote so much time to taking the children out to museums and galleries as well as having practical workshops back here in the school too. Seeing the learning from books and theory in practice really helps the children to absorb it and I am sure year 5 will remember what they learnt about forces this week for a very long time.

Next week also has a number of great experiences planned for the children—don't forget to check back at the calendar dates sent out as part of the newsletter each week—as teachers find and book new things we add them into this. This week it is on page 3.

As you will have seen in the news this week, the NEU, the biggest teaching union, has announced a series of strikes during February and March. I will send a separate letter home early next week once we are clear on how this will affect Fleet. It is likely that we will be closed to children on the first planned strike day, the 1st February, as all our teachers are members of this union and plan to take action that day, as soon as I know about the dates in March I will be able to let you know. Teachers do not take such a decision lightly. Please look out for a letter confirming this and with further information next week. I hope you all have a great weekend and that the winter sun continues for a few days more. See you all on Monday.

## Parent Meetings: 21st—23rd March

You may notice slight adjustments to the Parent Meeting dates as listed on Page 3's dates for your diary. This is due to teacher availability on certain days that week. Please check the days on offer for your child's class so that you have plenty notice should you need to book time off work to attend. Sign up sheets for specific day/time will go up nearer the time but we wanted to flag the dates early so you have them in your diaries.

### Tuesday 21st March 2023:

- Year 1 & Year 2 meetings

### Wednesday 22nd March 2023:

- Reception, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 meetings

### Thursday 23rd March 2023:

- All classes including Nursery

## Fleet Calendar 2023

To order your copy of the fantastic fleet Calendar (with all artwork produced by our children) please contact the office to order one (or more! - make a great gift!). Excellent value at £3.50 and includes all the school holiday and INSET dates.



## ParentHub

This app allows us to communicate with you all—send letters and notices—for free. For those of you who do not have the app we incur a charge every time we send you a message. Those charges build up and cost us a considerable amount of money that we would much rather be spending on staffing and improving the richness of our curriculum. At present we have 89% of the families in school signed up and using ParentHub. We want 100% so that we can spend that money elsewhere. If you've had any problems installing the app or adding the school and your children please speak to Lisa in the office who is happy to help.



## Punctuality Award

This week, as usual, the majority of children managed to get to school on time. While we had less lates over all this week (41 compared to 60 last week) it is still far too many. It is generally the same children who arrive late meaning they continually arrive flustered to their lesson, missing the beginning and also interrupting the learning of their peers. Parents of those children need to do better to ensure their children develop good habits of punctuality and get here on time. If there is some impediment to this happening please speak to us and we will help. We hope to see a marked improvement for those children. Reception take the prize (again!) this week with only 2 lates. Year 1 close with 3. If the youngest can get here on time there is no excuse for year 2 and year 6 having 10!



## Attendance Award

Attendance continues to creep up for most classes, with EYFS especially showing an improvement this week. All classes except year 4 are now comfortably above 90% and out of the persistent absence area for the week. Year 6 this week also achieving above our target figure with the best attendance at 97% - well done to them. Year 2 came very close to the target of 96% with 95.2% and Year 5 not too far behind them with 94.5%. It's great to see the Reception and Year 1 children returning from illnesses with 93.5% and 93% respectively. Regular attendance is so important for all classes but especially in those classes to avoid gaps appearing in their reading due to missing important new sounds in the daily phonics sessions. For the week we were at 93.6%, still a way below the 96% target we have. For the academic year we are still way down on that target at 92.1% but it is creeping up each week—lets hope it continues.



## Lunch Menu: 23rd—27th January

### Meat Free Monday

Mac & Cheese Station—a choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours with vegetarian toppings  
Peas & Carrots  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Cajun Chicken  
Vegetarian: Chickpea & Apricot Tagine  
Rice or Cous Cous  
Broccoli & Sweetcorn  
Lemon Drizzle Cake  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Roast Turkey  
Vegetarian: Quorn Casserole  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Carrots & Brussel Sprouts  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Thursday

Meat/Halal: Spaghetti Bolognese  
Vegetarian: Vegetable Fajitas  
Garlic Bread  
Green Beans, Roasted  
Butternut Squash  
Rice Pudding & Berries

### Friday

Meat/Halal: Fish fingers  
Vegetarian: Mexican Roll  
Chips or Savoury  
Cous Cous  
Tomato Sauce  
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**

# 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.

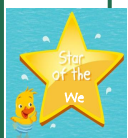
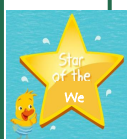
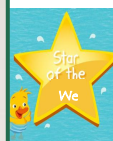


## Reception

For being my writing superstar this week! I have been so impressed with how you've been holding your pen and your focus, carefully sounding out words and forming the letters. Well done!

## Year 1

All of Year 1 - I'm so proud of all of you, it is impossible to choose. This week you have ALL been fantastic story tellers and written awesome stories. Everyone has also been very grown up and written independently. I have been so happy to see you all saying words slowly and writing the sounds you can hear. Wonderful to see



## Year 2

For your great effort in phonics this week. We've noticed you contributing your fab ideas and listening so well on the carpet. You always try hard with your work. Well done, superstar!

## Year 3

For being such a focussed, diligent and resilient learner! You put so much effort into each and every piece of work; making sure it is always to the highest standard. You are an excellent role model! Keep being brilliant!

## Year 4

For your positive attitude and effort on our trip to the Heath. You collaborated well with your team and were able to use the map and compass confidently to find the landmarks. Well done



## Year 5

For your positive and resilient attitude. You are increasingly taking responsibility for your learning. You have worked so hard in Maths this week - well done!

## Year 6

For your positivity during this week. You've engaged with our learning on trips and during algebra lessons in Maths. I was particularly impressed with the tile you produced at the V&A. Well done.

# Dates for your diary this term...

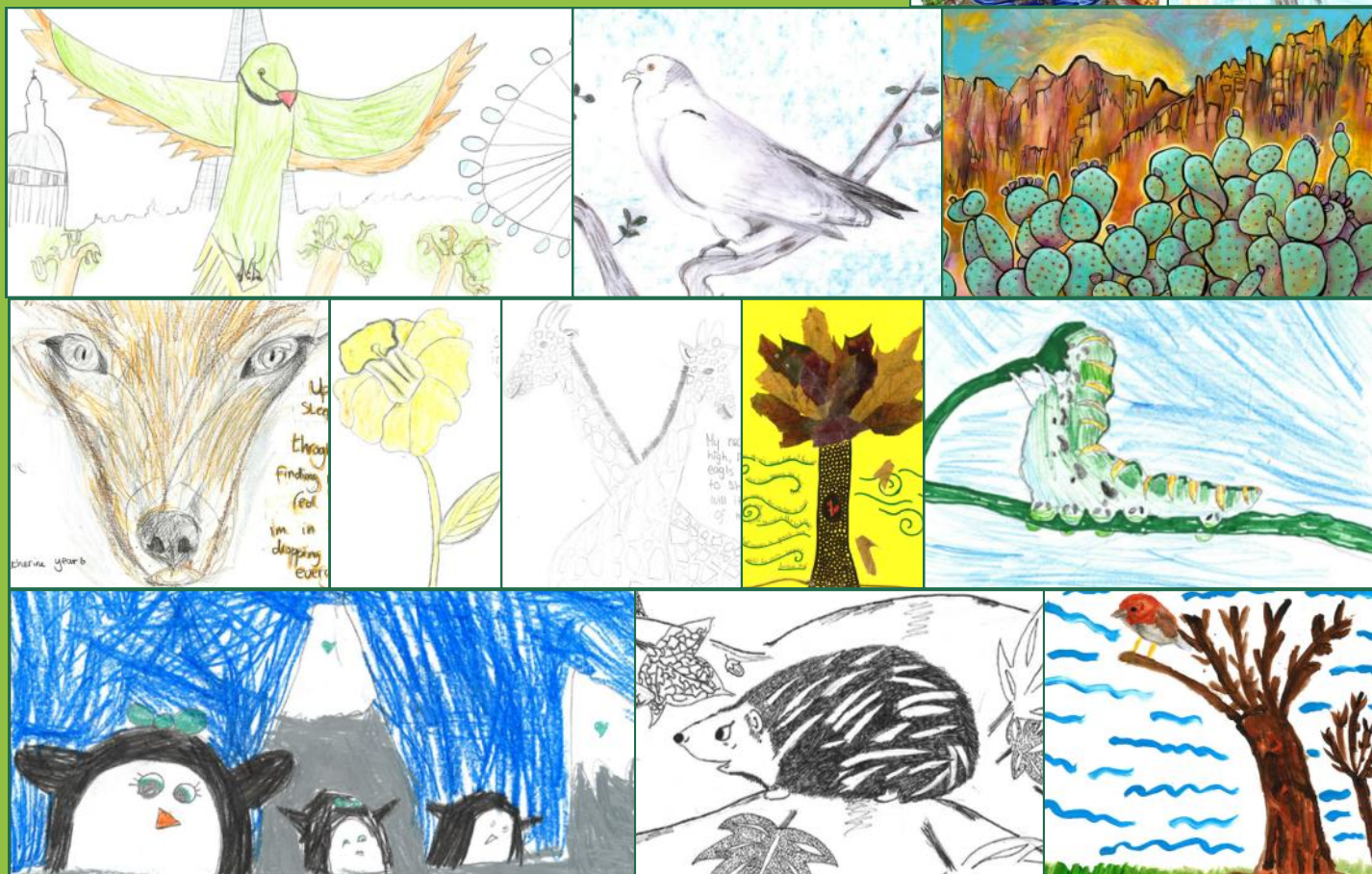
Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows 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.

- **23rd January:** Year 2 to Burgh House
- **24th January:** Year 1 to Discover Story Centre
- **26th January:** Year 3 to Talacre
- **31st January:** Year 2 & Year 5 Dance Workshop in school
- **1st February:** Pitch Perfect to UCL Grant Museum (4pm—8pm)
- **2nd February:** Year 1 Open Morning—Maths
- **2nd February:** Year 3 to Talacre
- **3rd February:** KS1 & KS2 Open Morning—Maths (not Year 1)
- **7th February:** Pitch Perfect to Bloomsbury Theatre for recording
- **9th February:** Year 3 to Wigmore Hall
- **9th February:** Year 2 to Talacre
- **9th February:** Year 6 Class Tea
- **10th February:** Year 6 Class Assembly
- **10th February:** Year 4 to October Gallery
- **13th-17th February:** Half Term—school closed
- **20th Feb-3rd Mar:** Bike Training for Y3, Y1 and EYFS
- **21st February:** Year 3 to British Museum
- **23rd February:** Year 2 STEAM Workshop (in school)
- **23rd February:** Year 5 Class Tea
- **24th February:** Year 5 Class Assembly
- **27th February:** Book Week
- **2nd March:** World Book Day—Dress Up as your favourite story character
- **2nd March:** Year 4 Class Tea
- **3rd March:** Year 4 Class Assembly
- **7th March:** Year 1 to the Heath
- **7th March:** Year 5 to Royal Observatory, Greenwich
- **8th March:** Year 2 to the Heath
- **8th March:** Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball @ Talacre after school (selected children)
- **9th March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **10th March:** Year 2 Class Assembly
- **13th March:** Year 6 to British Museum
- **15th March:** Nursery to Kentish Town City Farm
- **16th March:** Year 2 to Regents Park
- **16th March:** Year 3 Class Tea
- **17th March:** Year 3 Class Assembly
- **20th—30th March:** Year 5 Swimming everyday
- **21st March:** Year 6 to British Library
- **21st March:** Parent Meetings: only Year 1 and Year 2
- **22nd March:** Parent Meetings: only Reception, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
- **23rd March:** Parent Meetings: all classes—Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- **23rd March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath
- **23rd March:** Year 5 Trumpets & Trombones RAH rehearsal (at Fleet)
- **23rd March:** Year 1 Class Tea
- **24th March:** Year 1 Class Assembly
- **27th March:** Year 4 to Science Museum
- **28th March:** Year 4 Airspace Workshop (in school)
- **30th March:** Year 1 to the Zoo
- **30th March:** International Food Evening—5-7pm
- **31st March:** end of term—school closes at 2pm
- **18th April:** Summer Term Starts—Children Back

# This year's theme...A Wonderful World!

The theme this year is **‘A Wonderful World’** and is all about the natural world and protecting it. Art can be inspired by nature, animals, plants, insects, birds, ocean life, habitats, protecting the environment or environmentalists—see some of the examples at the bottom of this page.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2024. Entries should be handed in to the school



# Fleet Facts!

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



**Year 3:** Ayman, Abida, Robyn

**Year 4:** Fatma, Saaimah, Sam, Lena, Lottie, Layan, Samaarah

## **Times Tables Rock Stars of the Week—this week!**

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

**Year 2:** Inaaya—460 coins!

**Year 3:** Frankie—6,060 coins!

**Year 4:** Okpe—24,065 coins!

**Year 5:** Ena—25,890 coins!

**Year 6:** aadam—4,450 coins!

# This term's topics...



**Nursery:** Giant Paws and Monster Roars  
**Reception:** Let's Go to the Shops  
**Year 1:** Wild Things  
**Year 2:** Seeds and Thneeds  
**Year 3:** Glorious Greeks  
**Year 4:** We are Heroes  
**Year 5:** Just Beyond the Stars  
**Year 6:** Arabian Nights



Frosty Heath Walks and orienteering, trips to the V&A, physics 'flying' workshops, sports sessions, trips to M&S - the children across the school, from the youngest to the oldest have been busy both in and out of school this week. The pictures on the next few pages don't do justice to all the incredible learning the children have been involved in this week. Don't forget to refer to their Topic snapshots as they progress through the term and check what factual knowledge they have already gained!



# This week at Fleet...



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## The Magic Box

by Year 3 at Fleet

I will put in my box,

A scary storm that will make the sand spray  
on the seashore (Robyn)

The beautiful smell of a violet candle with  
colourful flowers surrounding it (Abida)

The laughter of a family around a dinner table.  
(Maryam)

I will put in my box,

The nimble screech of a juvenile dragon. (Naz)

The silvery feather of a fiery phoenix (Thaddeus)

The noise of a snake slithering across the jungle.  
(Mason)

I will put in my box,

The blue of the sparkling ocean. (Sarah)

The red of lava. (Jona)

A handful of the puffiest cotton-candy cloud.  
(Rocco)

I will put in my box,

A friendly, furry cat (Ellie-Mae)

A sweet, soft lullaby (Michelle)

My sister's hairclip (Michaela)

A white horse with a rumbling belly (Alfie)

I will put in my box,  
A roar louder than a lion, (Lir) and the last  
flap of a dodo bird, (Amine)

A golden diamond glaring in my eyes, (Denys)  
A beautiful green decorated Christmas tree. (Leo)

I will put in my box,

The gorgeous taste of chicken ramen, (Millie)

A magical, magnificent snake, (Mo)

The twinkling light of a star. (Aisha)

I will put in my box,

A towering sharp shard, (Amina)

A fin of an electric fish, (Ayman)

The first new year firework, the sound of  
fizzing and shimmering. (Humayra)

My box is fashioned from diamond, gold  
and silver with secrets lurking in the  
corners. (Lola)

Patterned on the outside, fiery on the inside.  
(Kimberley Rose)

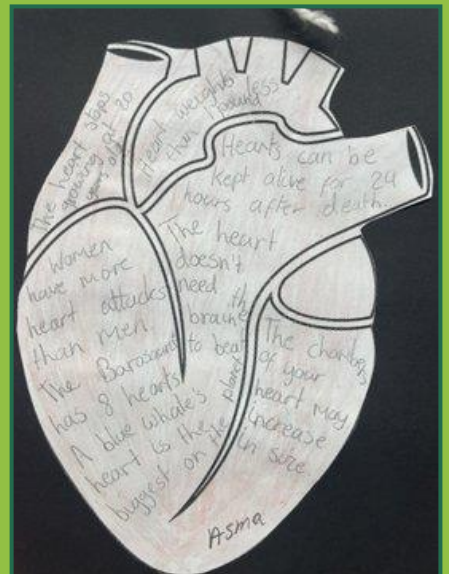
This brilliant poem was a collaborative poem  
written by Year 3. They have recorded a video of  
them performing their lines—to see it go to:

[https://twitter.com/FleetPrimary/  
status/1615692172849811456/video/1](https://twitter.com/FleetPrimary/status/1615692172849811456/video/1)

I will read in my box, watching the  
clouds float away (Frankie)  
And discover all of the places I haven't  
been. (Hester)



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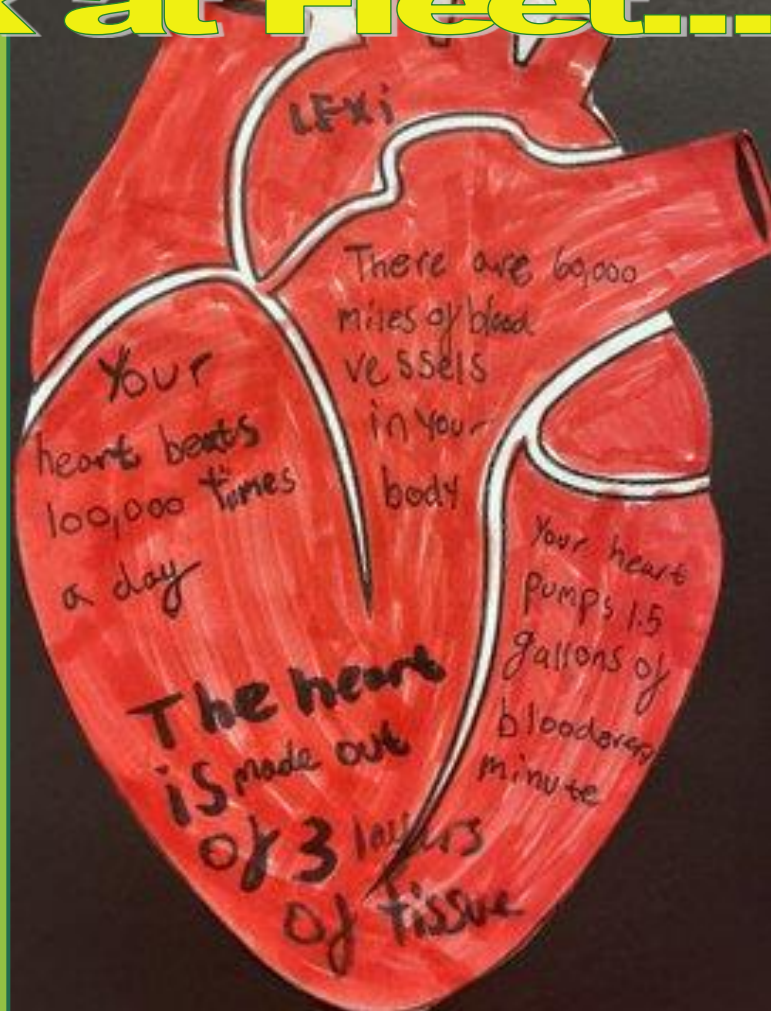
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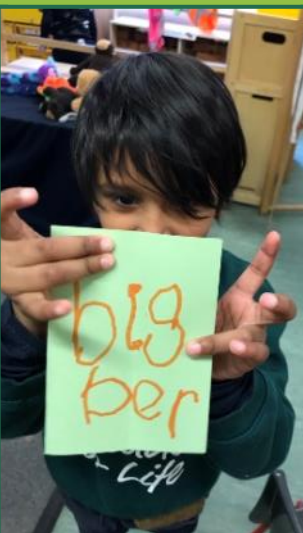
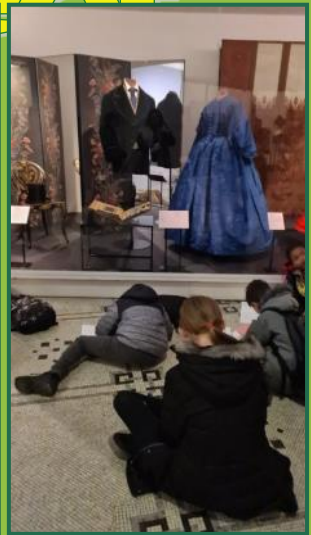
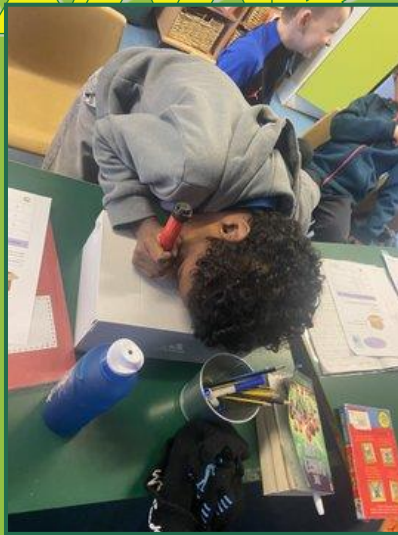
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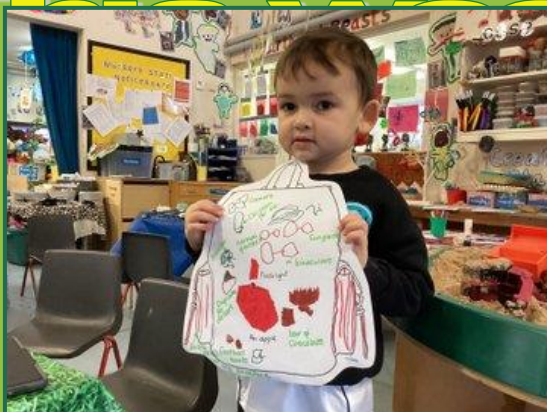




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