

Friday 21st July 2023

Message from the head: What an action packed year it has been! Starting with a very successful OFSTED inspection in the first few weeks of the Autumn term and then finishing with really fantastic Y6 SATs results this term and a brilliant leaver's assembly yesterday. I'm really proud of how hard the staff have been working and as a result how well the children have done this year. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone at Fleet—from my amazing staff, to the inspirational children we have, and to the support we receive from you, our community. It's been a really successful year. Everyone—children and staff (maybe not you parents!) - is ready for the summer break for a chance to rest and recharge before we start over again in September! I hope you all have a wonderful summer whatever you end up doing. Please enjoy this last newsletter, packed as usual with photos from the week, including last weekend's brilliant Summer Fair. It finally felt like we are returning to the spirit of community events from pre-Covid times. The PTA were amazing and I look forward to more and more of you getting involved next year and moving forward. We need you more than ever to keep that momentum going! Finally I want to say thank you and good luck to Tony (retiring, but helping out in September when Blaise takes over so not proper goodbye yet) and to Margaret (retiring from being our nursery nurse but going to be taking a different two day role in the school so also not a proper goodbye!), and to Holly, who starts her maternity leave now (so again not a real goodbye but a see you later!). Have a great summer.

Message from the NEU Members at Fleet

The teachers at Fleet have asked that their thanks be passed to all families for the understanding and support they experienced this last year in terms of the strike action they took which led to a number of school closures. Their decisions to take this action was led by a belief that any increase to their pay should be funded and not paid for from existing school budgets. They understand that children missing school is not what they want but that the implications of any increase not being funded would lead to even worse problems for children in the long term, with less money in school budgets to pay for the staff and resources they know our children need. As you may have seen in the press, the government has offered an improved pay offer to teachers including an offer to fund much of the increase. While some of the detail has yet to be clarified, it is likely that this offer will be accepted and prevent further strike action as we move into next year.

For your understanding and support, from all of them, thank you.

Fun Run Sponsorship...

A huge thank you to all the children and families who helped to raise money through this year's Wellbeing Week Fun Run. Thanks to your support, we have managed to raise £2521.44 which will be split equally between the school playground improvement fund and Great Ormond Street Hospital in line with School Council's wishes.

A special well done and thank you to all of Year 4 (combined total of £1229.50) and all of Year 2 (combined total of £932.50).

Also, special mention to Emi and Jarod who were this year's highest individual fundraisers! Superstars.



Awareness around drugs, alcohol and young people—parent event

Come along to this free, online event for parents and carers in Camden and Islington. Date and time: Wednesday, 2 August, from 6pm to 8pm. Sinead Wall will present an awareness workshop on the signs and symptoms about young people using nitrogen balloons, the signs and symptoms of the use of prescription medication and more. This webinar is designed for parents and carers who have children aged 10 to 18. **Register here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/awareness-around-drugs-alcohol-and-young-people-tickets-557783895647?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

First Day Back for the Children:

Wednesday September 6th 2023

Please make sure you are back from any holidays and the children are ready to attend on this day. Anytime for extended holidays will not be authorised and risks a fine.

Universal Free School Meals

Thanks to the much welcome move of the Mayor of London, all children from Reception to Year 6 in London primary schools will be able to receive a free school meal for their lunch everyday (not just those who qualify for FSM on the current government measure). This should really help many families currently paying for meals by saving them £12.60 a week per child.

We have been approached by some families who are in the position to be able to afford to pay towards school meals and, as they are now going to be free, would like to make a regular donation to the school instead. Donating money in this way would be very welcome and will go a long way to supporting the school as we go through our own funding difficulties and help us to continue to provide the rich curriculum we do as well as ensuring the school site is fit for purpose and staffed to support the children as best we can. We are currently looking into the best and most convenient way to do this and will send something home in early September with instructions. Thanks in anticipation for any help you can give no matter how small.

Camden Holiday Activities and Food Programme this summer...

The Camden Holiday Activities and Food Programme is a [Department for Education \(DfE\) funded programme](#) of Holiday Activities for children and young people aged 5-16 years. The programme offers the **children and young people eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)** free access to activities and healthy hot meal on the day. Camden Council has received funding from the DfE to deliver a HAF programme in the borough - working in partnership with the Young Camden Foundation (YCF). There are a number of these programmes running across Camden this summer. Visit the website to book on.

https://haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk/?mc_cid=223abcd874&mc_eid=685e2cc906

Free Audio Book Access for the children

The reading charity we work with, Bookmark, have given us access to their collection of audiobooks for the kids to use over the summer. Link is here: <https://www.bookmarkreading.org/bedtimestories>. This is a great resource to entertain the children over the story and access great stories.

Punctuality Award

Class of the year was a tie this year with 95.1% attendance by Year 4 and Year 6—well done!



Attendance Award

Class with the least amount of lates this year was the incredible Year 3 class with 99!



Stars of the year!



Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Year'. To achieve this honour shows the dedication, resilience, empathy and positive attitude they have displayed consistently throughout the year.



Reception

For having such a fantastic year. You always try your best and have made great progress over the year. You are also a kind, fun and thoughtful friend. We are so lucky to have you in our Reception Class. Well done!

Year 1

For being such a super star not only this term but all year. You really work hard and can always be trusted to be a supportive and positive member of the class. Your kindness and warmth is noticed and appreciated. Thank you for a wonderful year.



Year 2

You have worked so hard this year! You always try your best and I've been so impressed with how much your confidence has grown. You put your best effort into every lesson. Well done, you're a super star!

Year 3

What an incredible year you have had! You always give 100% in lessons and try your absolute hardest! You are such a valued member of the class and we are all going to miss you dearly! Good luck next year and keep shining bright like the superstar you are!

Year 4

For a fantastic year in year 4! You have tackled your work with a positive attitude and have shown great resilience. You are always kind to everyone and show willingness to help others. It has been a pleasure teaching you!



Year 5

For your positive attitude! You try your absolute best in every lesson. You also bring lots of energy and a bright mood every day! You are kind, helpful and caring. It's been a pleasure having you in class this year!

Year 6

You've been a superstar all year. You're resilient, kind and hardworking. You're always doing your best and ready to lend a hand whenever asked. Well done!

Attendance and Punctuality Awards...

This year, as has been widely publicised in the press, has been one with very low attendance. It has at Fleet been the worst year for some time. Having been one of the schools in Camden with the highest attendance over the last few years and showing continued improvement since before Covid this year that run was ended.

While there has been a number of illnesses circulating throughout the year (as all schools have faced) we have also seen a huge increase in the number of children missing for extended periods due to taking breaks in term time. We really hope that from September, with a fresh start and the new academic year, we can get back to where we were with the children's attendance and academic development taking priority. While we recognise that there may be family emergencies and situations that are exceptional and require some time off, which with the correct proof we can authorise. What we cannot authorise moving forward is holidays being taken in term time. We sympathise with the added cost to travelling in school holidays, it's something staff face too so we are not blind to it, but it is not an acceptable reason for taking children out of school.

The research evidence is clear that for children below our attendance target of 96%, they do not make the progress or achieve the levels of attainment as those above 96%.

Having achieved 96% for 3 straight years we just missed it last year (95.2%) but as you can see below, this year we were a long way off. Our annual target is 96%. We have missed it this year for the first time in 3 years. In fact only two classes managed to get within 1% of our target. **Well done Year 4 and Year 6.**

One pleasing aspect of this year has been the number of children coming in to school late (although it is still far too many!) improved by over 400 lates on last year. While the majority of you do an amazing job getting the children ready in the morning and in to school on time, there is a significant number who have unacceptable levels of lateness. These children are missing their own learning as well as disturbing the learning of the other children. Please endeavour to do all you can to get the children to school on time. We will continue to help you in any way we can. A huge **well done to Year 3** who had by far the least amount of lates. Next year we want all classes well below 100—there is no reason that this should not be possible.

Class	Attendance	Number of Lates
Reception	88.7%	145
Year 1	92.9%	129
Year 2	92.8%	327
Year 3	92.3%	99
Year 4	95.1%	199
Year 5	93.1%	128
Year 6	95.1%	260
Total	92.9%	1287

Finally, we want to say thank you for your support in making sure your children are here on time and as often as they possibly can be. At the bottom of this page are the names of the children with the best punctuality and attendance in the school. Well done to them all and the many other children not listed with above 96% attendance and any with less than 3 lates (this information was in the end of year report). One of the biggest factors involved in children ending school with the expected levels is their attendance. Let improve and smash 96% again next year as we did previously.

Punctuality No lates all year!

Rec	Year 2	Year 4
Eliora	Benita	Saaimah
Aqsa	Tallulah	Lenny
Azim	Tymur	Mickey
Mollie Mae	Mahir	Samuel
Riva	Delphi	Ursula
Charlie	Lorel	Jacob
Ian	Albie	
	Max	Year 5
Year 1		Sufiyan
Zaina	Year 3	Tabi
Leo	Nas	Millie
Grace	Ayman	Hana
Myrah	Michaela	Hunter
Ilyes	Michelle	Ena
Ezra	Lola	
Grace	Mohammed	Year 6
Sera	Rocco	Esema
Astrid		Lizzie
James		Eva
Sovann		Aadam
Johnny		

Attendance - 100% all year!

Nursery	Year 4
Bhodi	Rosemary
	Shajai
Year 1	Daniel
Sera	Samuel
	Okpe
Year 2	Year 5
Jane	Alicia
Benita	Ranya
Andrew	Ena
Delphi	
Max	Year 6
	Ryan
	Aman

Times Tables Rock Stars of the Year!



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

The children will have access to their online account over the summer. Please encourage them to use it as times tables are one of the bedrocks of maths and arithmetic.

Year 2: Albie—19,769 coins!

Year 3: Frankie—17,230 coins!

Year 4: Okpe—207,969 coins

Year 5: Ena—137,776 coins!

Year 6: Aadam—36,002 coins!

Thankyous for the Summer Fair...

This weekend the PTA outdid themselves with a fantastic Summer Fair. The new ideas they had for children's input into the stalls was such a hit with the kids and brought a new energy to the event. Everything went smoothly and all agreed it was a really enjoyable event (the rain even held off!).

While we send our thanks to all those who helped out on the day, the success of the event was because of the tireless work of a small group of the PTA—Fab, Becky, Sophie & Ailbhe in particular.

We want to extend our gratitude to this group and all those who helped on the day.

As the current core of the PTA start to move aside having taken the lead for a number of years, we hope that many more parents can step up and take a more active role in the PTA and support the school in planning and running these events. Thanks to all who came.



Thanks to the following local Businesses that donated golden tickets and raffle prizes for this year's Summer Fair:

Arsenal	House of Mistry	Susan Wainwright
Artichoke	Mad Lilies Salon	Tetto's
Church Row Restaurant	MUST wine Bar	Top Choice Dry Cleaners
Dars Restaurant	Nailuxury	Venera
Daunt Books	Nisa Local	XinXin Pan-Asian/Sushi
Earth Foods	Oliver Yu Chan	Restaurant
Elk Hair and Body	Orla Kiely	Yas Art
Englands Lane Stationers	Perform in the Park	Zamazingo
Everyman Cinema	Redemption Rosters	Zambrero
Fitness VIP	Rosco Brittin	Zen
Greenberry Hill	Scoff Meals	
Haverstock Tavern	Skin Laundry	

Special thanks to Paty's Party Planning for the amazing balloon arch along with the generous golden ticket donation. Paty worked endlessly at the Summer Fair and always brings the extra bit of sparkle. We are sad to say goodbye to Paty as a parent of the school, but would like to wish her all the luck for the future.

We would also like to give thanks to the performers- Caroline Chan and Ewan for the music during the Summer Fair.

From the PTA

Calendar Competition 2024 Summer Term Winning Entries

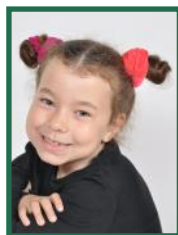


Once again we had a number of fantastic entries for this terms calendar competition making Mr M^cGibbon's job of picking winners extremely difficult. Here are the winners chosen this term and that will appear in the end of year calendar. Remember that as the standard is so high it's not just the winning images that will make their way into the calendar. Entries will be accepted for the Autumn Term from the first day back so get drawing and painting over the summer!

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Top Left:
Emma Watson
by

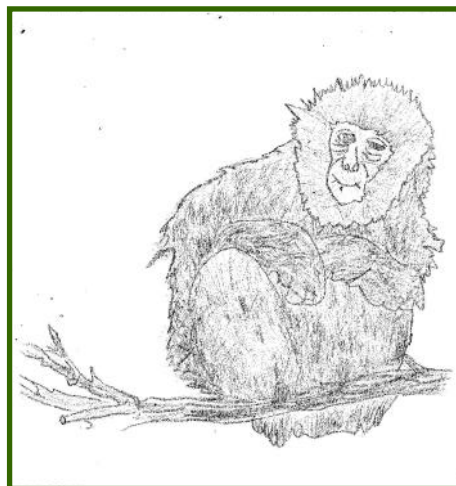
Top right:
Giraffe by



RUNNERS UP

Middle Left:
Howler
by

Middle Right:
Scarlett
Macaw by



Monkey by

OVERALL WINNER

Below:
Series of 6 Playing Card
Designs of birds by



Term Dates - 2023-24 - may be subject to change

Please note the date of the second Summer Term INSET day has changed—new date shown below

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 23 rd Oct – Friday 27 th Oct 2023
Last day of term	Thursday 21 st December 2023 – close at 2pm

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb 2024
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March 2024 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
Last day of term	Wednesday 24 th July 2024 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
2 nd half term			Monday 10 th June 2024

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start. |

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 need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via parenthub closer to the date of a trip and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

See the tables here (below) for events specific to individual classes. If you have any questions about these trips, visits or events please speak to the class teacher or contact the office.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

4th/5th September	INSET Days—School Closed to children (office open)
6th September	Autumn Term Starts 2023-24—children back
8th September	Fleet Art Day
12th September	Class curriculum meetings for parents — Years 5 & 6 @ 6.30pm
13th September	Class curriculum meetings for parents — Years 3 & 4 @ 6.30pm
14th September	Class curriculum meetings for parents — Years 1 & 2 @ 6.30pm
29th September	Head Teachers Coffee Afternoon in the hall for parents—3.30pm
2nd October	Nur-Rec-Y1-Y2—Flouride Varnish (letter will be sent for consent)
23rd-27th October	Half Term Week—School Closed
7th November	Institute of Imagination Workshops—KS1 & KS2
29th & 30th November	Parent—Teacher Meeting after school for KS1 & KS2
15th December	Christmas Lunch
21st December	Last Day of Term—finish at 2pm

NURSERY 2023-24

30th November	Parent Run Class Tea
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

RECEPTION 2023-24

16th November	Parent Run Class Tea
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

YEAR 1 2023-24

9th November	Parent Run Class Tea
10th November	Class Assembly
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

YEAR 2 2023-24

9th—13th October	Bike Training—individual days t.b.c. (bring bikes if have)
7th December	Parent Run Class Tea
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

YEAR 3 2023-24

9th—13th October	Bike Training—individual days t.b.c. (bring bikes if have)
2nd November	Parent Run Class Tea
3rd November	Class Assembly—10am
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)

YEAR 4 2023-24

19th October	Parent Run Class Tea
20th October	Class Assembly—10am
30th Oct—3rd Nov	Swimming—everyday
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)

YEAR 5 2023-24

2nd October	Building Centre workshop trip
12th October	Parent Run Tea Sale
13th October	Class Assembly—10am
16th—20th October	Sayers Croft Residential
30th Oct—3rd Nov	Bike Training (optional—15 places available)
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)

YEAR 6 2023-24

27th September	British Museum
5th October	Parent Run Class Tea
16th—20th October	Bike Training (optional—15 places available)
2nd November	Science Museum
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)



Welcome to our garden update...

As we head into the summer break, the raised beds are looking great with anticipation of a bountiful harvest coming up. The work the children have done to tend, water and protect the plants is really paying off. The corn is coming along nicely, the courgette plant starting to flower, the peas are growing well and despite being attacked the broccoli is fighting back! Mr Dourado will keep an eye on things over the summer and keep it well watered and we look forward to harvesting what we can in September to use in class cooking sessions. A huge thankyou to all the children (especially nursery!) for their hard work and Rebecca Combes for organising this years growing project.



This week at Fleet...

A fantastic last week with lots of fun finishing of projects, topics and fitting in some last minute trips to the CLC and the Heath. Not to mention more forest school (Nursery had a 'Forest School Festival!'), leavers assemblies and prizes! Well done to all the children who have worked hard all year and kept smiling throughout.



Year 6 Leavers' Class Assembly...



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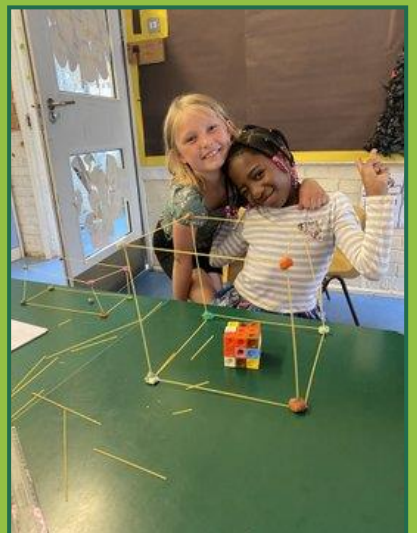
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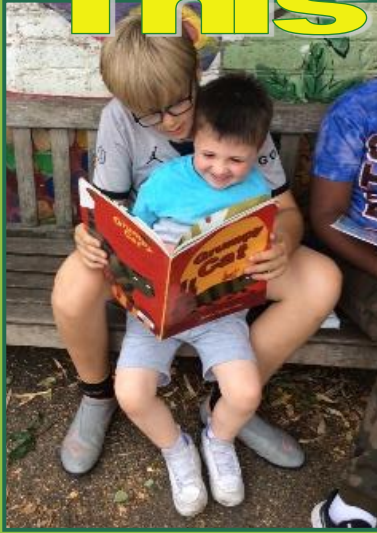
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