

## Message from the head:

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of this half term already. The time seems to have flown by. They do say that time flies when you are having fun! It's clear that the staff and children have packed an incredible amount into this term already with the next half term shaping up to be no less busy. As you read this I, like the Year 5 children, will be coming back from the residential trip to Sayer's Croft in Surrey. Due to being away for the latter part of the week I'm afraid this week's newsletter is just a short one without the usual range of images from the whole school week—I apologise for that. I will ensure that the end of this week's learning (including the Year 3 show which I was sorry to miss and heard was brilliant) will be included in the first newsletter in November. The Year 5 children have had an amazing time and experienced so much in this week—it's always great to see how they come together and excel outside the comfort zone of school. I know for many of the parents it has been a real wrench to let their children go away for the week—for many the first time without them—but the experience really will set them up for the remainder of their time in primary and as they mature and move forward onto secondary school. A school residential trip is a real landmark moment for children and I still vividly remember my own all those years ago. It will be Year 6 next, off to Gower in May! The newsletter that was sent out on Wednesday has lots of great holiday schemes and opportunities—hopefully you have managed, if you need it, to sign up your children to some activities. Remember too, for Years 2-6, put aside some time to complete home learning holiday projects. I love seeing the amazing projects the children come up with—the project exhibition is always a highlight of each term for me. Whatever you do and wherever you go over half term I hope you all stay safe and enjoy the break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 31st

## YEAR 6 PARENTS

**DON'T FORGET YOU NEED TO HAVE APPLIED ONLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES BY OCTOBER 31st**

## Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who sponsored Holly for her recent London Marathon run. We've received £1120 from the Fleet community towards our plans for the junior playground refurbishment.

## Lunch Menu: 31st Oct—4th Nov

### Meat Free Monday

Cheesy Swirl with Vegetable Cous Cus Or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower Green Beans Fruit & Yoghurt

### Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Roast of the day  
Vegetarian: Crunchy Top Veg Bake  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Carrot & Swede Mash  
Cabbage  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Chicken Korma  
Vegetarian: Aubergine & Potato Curry  
Rice  
Sweetcorn & Peas  
Eves Pudding served with Custard

### Thursday—Build a Burger Day

Choice of burger (meat, veggie or vegan)  
Toppings  
Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers  
Seasonal Root Cake

### Friday

Meat/Halal: Fish fingers  
Vegetarian: Omelette  
Chips or New Potatoes  
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**

## Parent Reading Volunteers Needed!

Could you spare half an hour a week?



Come and share your love of reading with some of our children.

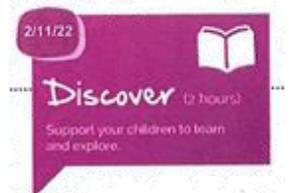
No experience necessary, just enthusiasm!

Information Morning **Friday 4th November 9am** in the Qube.

## Year 2-6

Home learning projects should be brought into school by the deadline of Monday 7th November. We will hold an exhibition on Tuesday 8th after school in the hall so that parents and family can see the wonderful work the children create and celebrate their achievements. Remember, the project can take any form—picture, sculpture, model, writing, digital presentation—but should relate to their current class topic. It can cover something they have learnt in class or something related they have researched themselves. If you would like to see a slideshow of previous home learning projects for ideas see this link: <https://vimeo.com/710828239>

**Parent Gym**  
Session after half term—Wednesday  
2nd Nov @ 9am



## Punctuality Award

The lates this week have increased to 36 across the school compared to 26 last week. Year 3 were the best, with only 2 lates. Y1 and Y4 had 5 lates and below and Rec, Y2, and Year 6 had over 8 and so need to improve. Well done and thank you for the renewed effort. Please ensure your children are IN class by



## Attendance Award

Attendance was has dropped this week with an overall attendance of 95.9% which is below our target of 96%. Year 4 achieved 98.8% which is brilliant! Well done Year 4. Also well done to Year 1 and 5 who also had above 96%. We are currently just below 96% for this academic year with 95.7%. Hopefully after the half term, we can improve on this week and we will quickly get back up to 96% and above for the whole school. Thank you for all your support in helping the children to build resilience and make the best of the educational opportunities here in school.



# Fleet Halloween Disco

KIDS £2.50  
ADULTS £3  
OR FAMILY TICKET £10



**DJ AND LOTS OF SPOOKY TREATS!**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER  
5-7PM**

**PRIZES FOR  
BEST COSTUMES!**



**DRINKS AVAILABLE TO BUY  
CHILDREN MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

# 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 settling into Reception so well. It is lovely to see you making strong friendships and being a great role model for your peers. Well done.

## Year 1

What a fantastic week you have had Grace! Lovely writing, phonics and art work. I especially love how you made another Chinese dragon at home after making one in class. Good for you.



## Year 2

For your fab engagement in reading this week! You try your best in every session and you have even been spotting digraphs in your writing. Keep it up superstar!

## Year 3

For your outstanding effort in writing over this half term! You always aim to incorporate the techniques we learn about into your pieces of writing. You should be proud of your achievements! Keep it up superstar!

## Year 4

For the focus you have put into your learning this week. You wrote a brilliant playscript and sketched a beautiful Tudor style dress for your portrait. Well done!



## Year 5

All of them- for an excellent week at Sayers Croft! We've seen you develop your independence, challenge yourselves, try all manner of new things, support your friends, and be fantastic team members (as well as great fun)! Well done, superstars!

## Year 6

I've been so impressed by your attitude to learning and your kindness to others this week. You're always trying your best. Keep it up!

# Fleet Facts!



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

**Year 2:** Sufian, Suha, Annie, Max, Delphi, Musa, Tymur, Albie, Jannah, Mohamed, Zara, Lorel, Yasir, Benita, Noel, Inaaya, Tallulah

**Year 3:** Thaddeus, Humayra, Rocco, Abida, Lir, Robyn, Naz, Amine, Ayman

**Year 5:** Abid, Hana, Rayan, Hunter, Sufiyan, Muhib, Yara, Nadeem, Rayn C, Saheim

**Year 6:** Ivana, Tawfiq, Ryan, Riley, Nasiru

# 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:** Inaaya—3,082 coins—2nd week in a row!

**Year 3:** Lir—18,257 coins!

**Year 4:** Okpe—41,550 coins—3rd week in a row!

**Year 5:** Evangeline—22,696 coins!

**Year 6:** Tawfiq—20,121 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.

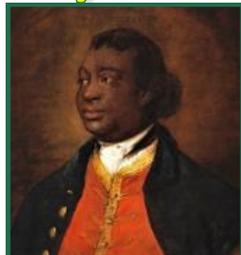
## Ideas from people looked at last year in assemblies or topics - can you think of anyone new?



Flora Sandes



Great Thunberg



Ignacious Sancho



Septimus Severus



Amanda Gorman



Colin Kaepernick



Jean-Michel



Mae Jemison



Amy Johnson



Marcus Rashford



Frida Kahlo



Beryl Burton



# This week at Fleet...



## Benjamin Zephaniah



Benjamin Zephaniah was born in 1958 April 15th, Handsworth Birmingham, England. He's originally from Jamaica and his birth sign is Aries. He's also known for being a writer, author and poet.

He started to like poems and wanted to write some too. After a while he got inspired by Bob Marley. Unfortunately, he was dyslexic and messed around with his friends in school until he had to drop out, at the age of 14. Soon, he gained fans from his neighbourhood at 15 years old and determined to become a poet.

In his poems he uses a lot of spelling to connect to his Jamaican tone. He published his first poem in 1983 called 'pen rhythm' and his poetry is called dub poetry. Benjamin is part of the vegan society and that's why he wrote a poem called talking turkeys. Also, did you know city river blues was inspired from reggae? During an interview he once said "The planet is for everyone borders are for no one it's all about freedom."

Benjamin faced a lot of racism but he still stands for refugees, and wants everyone to be treated with respect. Soon he started writing poems for TV's, plays, radios and stages. After a while he overcame dyslexia which is amazing. The Queen herself sent him a request but he publicly declined it. In 1990 he married a woman but got divorced 11 years later and unfortunately, she died in 2001. Also, did you know the book he wrote called Refugee Boy, which was published in 2001, was linked to the quote about how everyone should have a right to freedom no matter what.

Benjamin Zephaniah is an inspirational figure because he stands up for so many wonderful things like racism, social equality and refugees. And some people could become inspired by him for another reason because he was dyslexic but still reached and achieved his goals.

By Esemu

2. Select a map series: 1:50,000 or 1:25,000. 1997-1998 edition.

## MALORIE BLACKMAN

Malorie Blackman is a very successful children's and adults' author. She has won many awards and has done great things. Her earlier life is full of racism and the fact that she ignored that and carried on to then become famous, is amazing.

Born in London 1962, her first ambition was to become an English teacher, but that idea was abandoned later when she got into computer science. At 13, her parents separated, making her life more difficult than ever.

When she was 28, her first book called "Not so stupid!" was out in 1990. Then in 1992 her first novel was released. And, in 2001, a book called Noughts and Crosses started making money.

In 2008, Malorie was awarded an OBE, and then became the new children's laureate. As well as that, earlier this year she won the PEN PRIZE.

This author is still winning awards to this day, and no one can deny that that is impressive. In her free time she likes to play video games, piano, composing and more. Malorie Blackman is very inspiring (books and self) because even though her past was dark, she thinks her future is bright.



Amber Lily

# This week at Fleet...

## Mabel Mercer

BY ANNA AND BEBIVA



Mabel Mercer was born in the 3rd of February 1900. She was an English-born cabaret singer and she performed in the United States, Britain and Europe with jazz cabaret.

Her albums are called Cole Porter, once in a blue moon. She won an award called Presidential medal of freedoms.

Amazingly she acted in several movies called, everything is rhythm a singer's singer, tropical trouble and the sand castle



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Year 3 class tea  
made £136.25  
this week! Well  
done Year 3!



Year 3 visited  
the Natural  
History  
Museum

# This week at Fleet...



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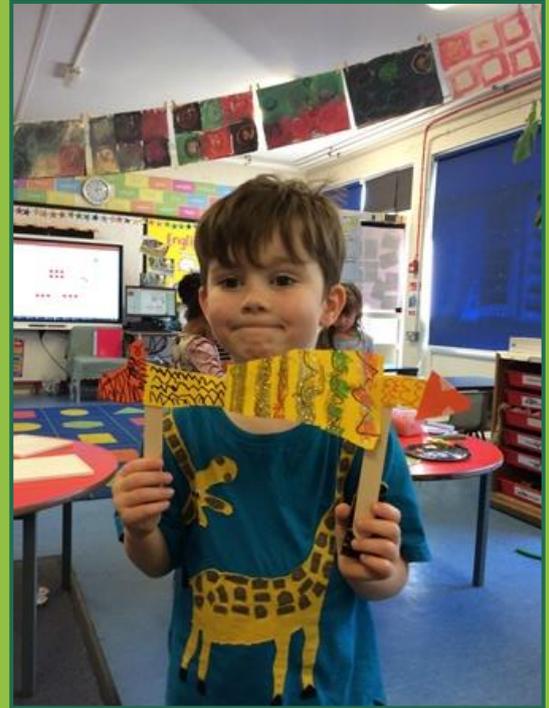
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My first song was little girl blue



# This week at Fleet...



# Year 5 School Journey



# Year 6 Bike Training



This week it was Year 6's turn to take part in the Level 2 cycle training. All the children taking part improved their cycling skills through the week with a number of them becoming proficient enough to make it out onto the local roads. A couple of children who couldn't cycle at all at the beginning of the week are now competent. We would urge all parents to take their children along to the many holiday cycling courses available in Camden—practice makes perfect! Visit this website to learn more:  
<https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycle-skills-and-bike-maintenance-courses#lyyy>

# Autumn Term Topics 2022



Reception—Mini Engineers

Year 1—Our Favourite Toys

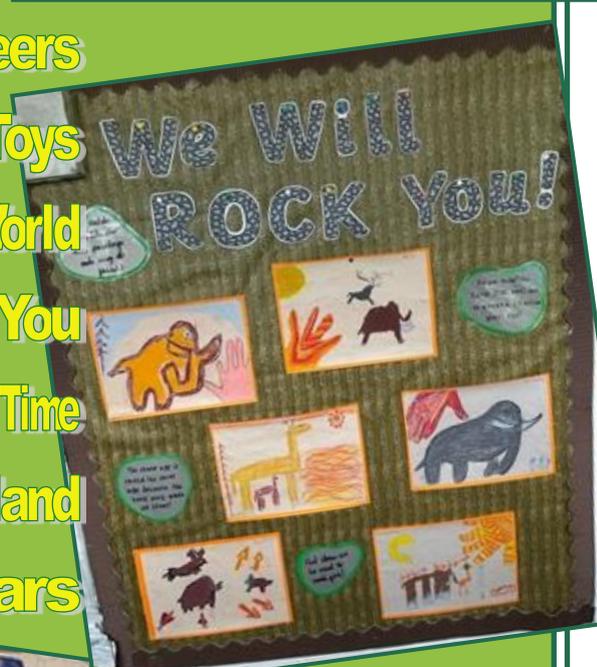
Year 2—All Around the World

Year 3—We Will Rock You

Year 4—An Adventure Through Time

Year 5—Winter Wonderland

Year 6—City of Stars



# 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.

- **24th-28th October:** Half Term Holiday Week
- **31st October:** Y1 to the National Gallery
- **2nd-4th November:** Y3 Bike training (bring in bike if you have)
- **2nd November:** Nasal Flu Vaccines Rec-Y6
- **2nd November:** Halloween Disco after school @ 5pm
- **3rd November:** Y2 Class Tea after school
- **4th November @ 9am:** Parent Volunteer Reader Information Session in the QUBE
- **4th November:** Y5 to the British Museum
- **7th-18th November:** Y4 Swimming (need swimming kit everyday)
- **8th November:** Y2-Y6 Home Learning Exhibition in the hall
- **9th November:** Y5 to October Gallery
- **10th November:** Reception Science Stay and Play session for parents @ 9am
- **10th November:** Y1 Class Tea after school
- **11th November:** Y2 to the Cinema
- **11th November:** Y1 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **14th November:** Y5 Windrush Project Performance—location and timings t.b.c.
- **15th November:** School photographer in—Individual Class Photos
- **16th November:** Y1, Y5 and Y6 to the cinema
- **17th November:** Y3 to the cinema
- **17th November:** Reception Class Tea after school
- **18th November:** Y3 to the CLC
- **18th November:** Reception to the cinema
- **21st November:** Y5 National Maritime Museum Viking workshop
- **22nd November:** Y6 out - Citizenship Scheme
- **23rd November @ 9am:** Parent Workshop: Managing screen time and social media
- **23rd-24th November:** KS1 & KS2 parent meetings after school
- **24th November:** Nursery & Y5 to the Theatre
- **24th November:** Nursery class tea after school
- **25th November:** Y5 to Gospel Oak Methodist Church
- **25th November:** Winter Fair (after school)
- **28th November:** Y4 to the CLC
- **29th November:** Y5 First Aid and Defibrillator Training
- **30th November:** Y5 to the CLC
- **2nd December:** Infant Christmas Show 10am
- **8th December:** Junior Christmas Show @ 9.30am (no ticket needed)
- **8th December:** Junior Christmas Show @ 7pm (ticketed)
- **9th December:** School Christmas Lunch
- **12th December:** KS1 to Belsize Synagogue
- **13th December:** KS2 to Belsize Synagogue
- **14th December:** Infant Christmas Parties
- **15th December:** Junior Talent Show & Christmas Parties
- **16th December:** end of term—school closes at 2pm
- **4th January:** Spring Term Starts—Children Back