

Message from the head:

This week I welcomed Andy George, director of learning at Camden Learning to Fleet. On his visit we were looking at Key Stage 1—we spent time watching lessons and chatting to the children before looking through their books and discussing their learning journey and how we assess and support them. I always enjoy showing people the amazing children we have at Fleet and letting the skill of our staff be shared. Andy was very impressed with what he saw—the standard of the teaching and support, the enthusiasm and attitude of the children, the work they were doing. Andy commented very positively about the learning journey evident in the children’s books—how you could clearly see the improvement as they move through the year and that the targets being set and the instructions being given in marking are being acted on and improved by the children. I know what a great job the staff do and it’s great when others come in and can see it too!

I’d like to say a huge well done to the children who took time over the winter break to do some writing and enter the winter writing competition. It was great to see the number of entries and also the quality of what the children did. The winners (and an extract from their piece) can be seen on page 9—I am quite jealous of their prize—I must get along to the British Library myself to see the exhibition they are going to—it looks great.

We launched out ‘Top Tips’ from the Camden Kids Talk project this week—you should have received a letter about this and may have seen some posters up around the school. Each week we’ll be adding another. Please do take a moment to look at them, read them and try them. They will make a difference to children’s language and communication development.

It has been bitterly cold this week. While temperatures look set to rise a little over the weekend please do keep ensuring your children are well wrapped up with a warm coat, hat and gloves. Labelling clothing with their name and class is really helpful when items are left in play-

grounds so we can get them back to the owner as quickly as possible. I hope you all enjoy your weekend and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday.

Fleet Calendar 2024

To order your copy of the fantastic fleet Calendar (with all artwork produced by our children) please contact the office to order one or go online—<https://forms.gle/71yVQXJiNyfY7Pi7>. Excellent value at £4 and includes all the school holiday and INSET dates for 2024.



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Punctuality Award

A big improvement this week in terms of punctuality—21 across the school compared to 31 last week (and we had a day more!). Thanks to the majority who get here everyday on time ensuring they don’t miss any of their learning or disturb others’ learning and a special mention for two classes—Reception and Year 2 who were our winners this week with not a single child late—that’s two weeks in a row for year 2! Well done to year 6 as well with only 2 all week. Years 1, 4 and 5 had 4 lates each with 7 in year 3. If your child has been late this week please try to ensure they are here on time. Your children need your help to get up, get ready and in to school. Being late, even just by a few minutes, gets them off to a disrupted starts and undoubtedly affects their learning. Lets see if we can even less lates next week—and can Year 2 have the hattrick!



Lunch Menu: 22nd—26th Jan

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:
Tomato Pasta or
Cheesy Swirl
New Potatoes
Vegetables of the day
Carrot Cake

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
BBQ or Lemon & Herb
Chicken
Vegetarian:
Vegan Quorn
Jolof Rice
Seasoned Potatoes
Vegetables of the day
Fresh Fruit Medley

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Fish Fingers
Vegetarian:
Chinese Veg Noodles
Chips
Tomato Sauce
Vegetables of the day
Vanilla Shortbread

Available Daily

Freshly Cooked Jacket
Potato
Freshly Baked Bread

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken Tikka Masala
Vegetarian:
Lentil & Sweet Potato
Curry
Rice
Vegetables of the day
Apple Crumble
& Custard

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetarian:
Veggie Meatballs
Rice & Garlic Bread
Vegetables of the day
Chocolate Drizzle Cake

Please remember to let the office know if you want your child to change to or from school lunches so you are charged correctly

Attendance Award

A great start to the new term continued for some of our classes with 4 classes again above 96%. Well done to Year 1 who had 96.9% (this class has had a terrible time lately with chicken pox and other illnesses so brilliant to see them getting back up above 96%! Also well done to Year 6 with 97%. Special kudos to our joint winners this week though—Year 2 and Year 5—both with 100% - amazing! For the week we were 94.3% - up on last week and takes us to 93.6% for the year, creeping up slowly.

Thank you to all of you for ensuring your children are in as often as possible to maximise their learning opportunities.

Stars of the week!



Nursery
For amazing imaginative play! You have had such fabulous ideas this week with your friends and always with a smile on your face.

Reception
For always trying so hard with your learning and fantastic focus during carpet times. I'm so proud of the progress you are making and I'm sure your family are too.

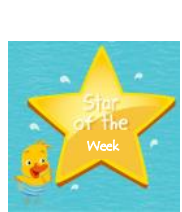
Year 1
For all the hard work you put in to your wild creature drawing and painting. They are both amazing! You are such a talented artist!



Year 2
For your fantastic effort this week! We've really noticed you listening well on the carpet and trying so hard with your work, especially in guided reading. Well done you!

Year 3
for being such a fantastic member of Year 3. We are really going to miss you and we wish you the best of luck in your new school!

Year 4
For your efforts in home learning! You are making great progress with your Fleet Facts and are developing a really conscientious attitude - well done!



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.



Year 5
For the enthusiasm you have shown towards your learning this week. Well done for being such an attentive listener and for always getting involved in class discussions! Your effort really shines through in your work.

Year 6
For your effort this week, particularly writing your biography. We've noticed your focus and engagement. Keep it up!

Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will 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.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

17th, 24th, 31st Jan & 7th Feb	Healthy Eating Course for Parents & Children—1.30-3.30pm—speak to Lisa in the office to book a place
2nd February	KS1 and KS2 Open Morning—Maths
5th February	Online Safety Workshops for all classes inc. Parent Workshop @ 9am
12th—16th Feb	Half Term
4-8th March	Book Week
7th March	World Book Day—Dressing Up Day!
5th March	Book Fair after school in the hall—come and spend book day token!
13th March	School Council to the Houses of Parliament
20th & 21st March	Parent Teacher Meetings Y1-Y6 (Y2 not doing 20th but 19th instead)
28th March	Last Day of Term—finish at 2pm

Parents Association Events

Thurs 25th April	International Food Evening
Sat 6th July	Summer Fair

YEAR 3 2023-24

24th January	Dodgeball competition @ Talacre after school (selected children)
25th January	Talacre Sports Morning
1st February	Talacre Sports Morning
8th February	Trip to Wigmore Hall
4th March	Trip to British Museum
7th March	Y3 Class Tea after school—parent run
8th March	Y3 Class Assembly @ 10am
15th March	Trip to the CLC
21st March	Trip to October Gallery

YEAR 4 2023-24

6th February	Trip to the Zoo—inc. endangered animals workshop
7th February	Trip to Keats Library
28th February	Trip to Keats library
29th February	Y4 Class Tea after school—parent run
1st March	Y4 Class Assembly @ 10am
13th March	Trip to Keats Library
22nd March	Dance Workshop

YEAR 5 2023-24

30th January	Trip to the CLC
31st January	Dodgeball competition @ Talacre after school (selected children)
22nd February	Y5 Class Tea after school—parent run
23rd February	Y5 Class Assembly @ 10am
27th February	Trip to Neasden Temple
5th March	Trip to the V&A Museum
12th March	Trip to London Zoo
18th-28th March	Swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool

YEAR 6 2023-24

23rd January	Trip to the BFI
30th January	Talacre Sports Morning
8th February	Y6 Class Tea after school—parent run
9th February	Y6 Class Assembly @ 10am
23rd February	Trip to the zoo
27th February	Trip to Houses of Parliament

NURSERY 2023-24

25th January	Nursery Class Tea after school—parent run
2nd February	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
5th February	Reading Café—3-3.20pm
1st March	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
15th March	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
18th March	Reading Café—3-3.20pm
21st March	Individual Parents Appointments

RECEPTION 2023-24

22nd January	Music Workshop in school
23rd January	Firefighters visit class
26th January	Role Play Day—Firefighters!
30th January	Parent Meetings 3.30-5pm
1st February	Parent Meetings 3.30-5pm
1st February	Reception Class Tea after school—parent run
6th February	Stay and Play session
20th February	Trip to the Zoo
22nd February	Role Play Day—Vets!
4th March	Concert @ Cecil Sharp House
15th March	Stay and Play Parent Session
26th March	Trip to Camley Street

YEAR 1 2023-24

26th January	Trip to Hampstead Heath (pm)
22nd February	Trip to the Zoo
27th February	Talacre sports morning
5th March	Talacre sports morning
12th March	Talacre sports morning
21st March	Y1 Class Tea after school—parent run
22nd March	Y1 Class Assembly @ 10am

YEAR 2 2023-24

6th February	Trip to Camley Street
20th February	Trip to Keats Library
14th March	Y2 Class Tea after school—parent run
15th March	Y2 Class Assembly @ 10am
19th March	Parent Meetings—3.30-5.30pm
22nd March	Trip to Heath (am)
22nd March	Dance Workshop (pm)

Term Dates for 2023-24

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

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

Provisional Term Dates for 2024-25

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st November 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
2 nd half term	

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.

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Tips for Talking

Each week we will be sharing 1 or 10 top tips with you to implement with your children. We hope you will find them useful and together we can help your child to develop their speech, language and communication skills.

Using the tips

Here are some of the simple things we can all do to support the development of babies' and young children's speech, language and communication skills and give them the best start in life.

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Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2025

This year's theme... Famous buildings and landmarks around the world!

The theme this year is **'Famous buildings and landmarks around the world'**. Big thank you to school council for coming up with this year's theme.

We are looking for artwork inspired by buildings and landmarks around the world. These can be man made—buildings, statues, bridges etc. or natural—rivers, reefs, mountains, valleys etc.

Children can use any art medium in their entries and they can enter as many times in a term as they want. It is important that they put their name and class on the reverse side of the picture in pencil (don't write in pen and not on the front). They should also include a 'fun fact' about their subject written on the back too which will be included in the final calendar if their image is selected.

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 office. We have some very talented artists at Fleet and we can't wait to see the fantastic pieces the children come up with. Good luck!



Cover Image
Upper KS2
Winner
Spring Term

Artist...
Alex Krasniqi

Fascinating Fact:
Giraffes can grow
up to 5.5m tall—
that's taller than 3
average humans!

Fleet Primary School Calendar 2024 'Wonderful World'

List of artists by month

Cover: Giraffe by Alex Krasniqi	May: Bear by Urzula S Hipp	October: Watersfall and Mountains by Jona Zapp
January: Howler Monkey by Hunter Robinson	June: Hope & Jellyfish by Hana Luopajokova	November: Giraffe by Astrid Schupp
February: Scarlet Macaw by Tobby Balme	July: Sparkling Sun & Moonset in the Desert by Jane Sullivan	December: Kingfisher, Adde r, Robin and Otter by Robyn Cudde
March: Acorn and Bird in a Plating Can by Amber-Lily Cooke	August: Giraffe by Skylar Martin	
April: Butterfly by Myra Ibrahim	September: Cat and Dog by Alex Krasniqi	

Fleet Facts!



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

Year 2: Rron, Fatima, Zaina, Diez, Grace R, Sera, Adam

Year 3: Musa

Year 4: Abida, Amaani, Amine, Ayman, Jona, Mason, Naz, Robyn

Year 5: Amreen, Daniel, Jake S, Jarod, Lottie, Ursula, Lorik, Lenny

Times Tables Rock Stars of the Term!

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

Year 2: Sera—7,792 coins!

Year 3: Albie—1,142 coins!

Year 4: Alfie—19,006 coins!

Year 5: Okpe—48,830 coins!

Year 6: Ena—32,990 coins!

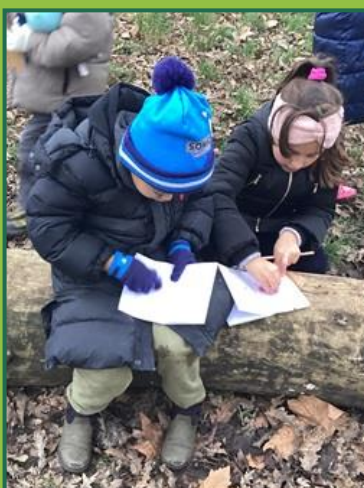
Numbots Star of the Week!

Year 2: Rron—11,097 coins!

Year 3: Albie—1,554 coins

This week at Fleet...

This week has been very cold but the children have still managed to get out and keep warm! Meanwhile, in the classroom the learning is heating up with topics well and truly underway now. There are some fantastic pictures on the next few pages giving just a flavour of some of the activities being undertaken—from outdoor art, to self portraits, from WW2 blitz bombing scenes and historical timelines to designing and creating Wild Things! From starting new novels to new maths topics, it's been a busy week. Can you spot your child's class in the photos? Also in this week's newsletter are the notification of the winners from the writing competition held in Y4-6 over the winter break—look out for that on page 8. We hope you enjoy looking through the work the children are doing—they have started 2024 with a brilliant attitude. Well done to them all.



Fleet Winter Writing Competition | Y4/6

Thank you to everyone who entered the writing competition around the image 'Uninvited Guests' from The Mysteries of Harris Burdick. The standard of entries was very high and we'd like to thank all those children who entered for taking the time and effort to put pencil to paper and bring their imagination to life. Ruth and Betsy enjoyed reading all your stories. Below are some extracts from each of the children who were selected as 'winning' entries. They will be going to the British Library to visit the 'Fantasy: Realms of Imagination' exhibition for their prize with Betsy soon.



The moon is hidden behind dark clouds, casting an eerie glow on the cobblestone streets.

He reached his sweaty hands to the door and then he began to think second thoughts.



Suddenly, screams came from every direction in the room and he went cold as ice.

The other man was sniggering silently.



You need to deliver the sunflower painting by Van Gogh to the alley of your house by twelve noon today!



His roots were moving like giant spider legs.

Step by step the fear grew in John's body.



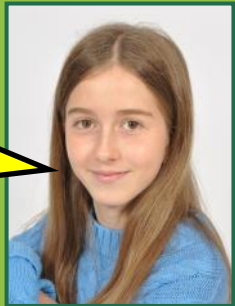
He was still quite unsure of who this mysterious man was and what awaited him outside of the basement.



The door gradually creaked open and he was engulfed by the creature.



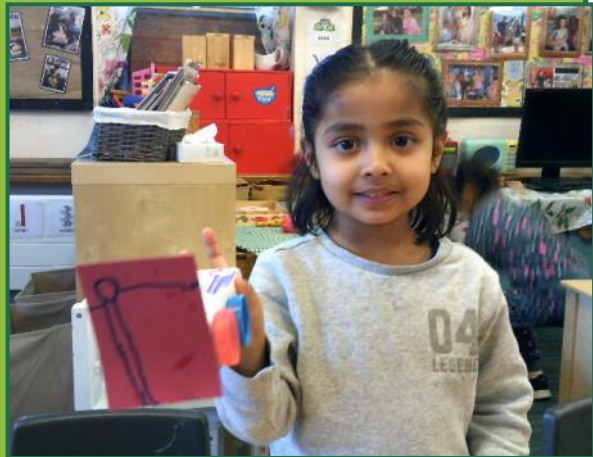
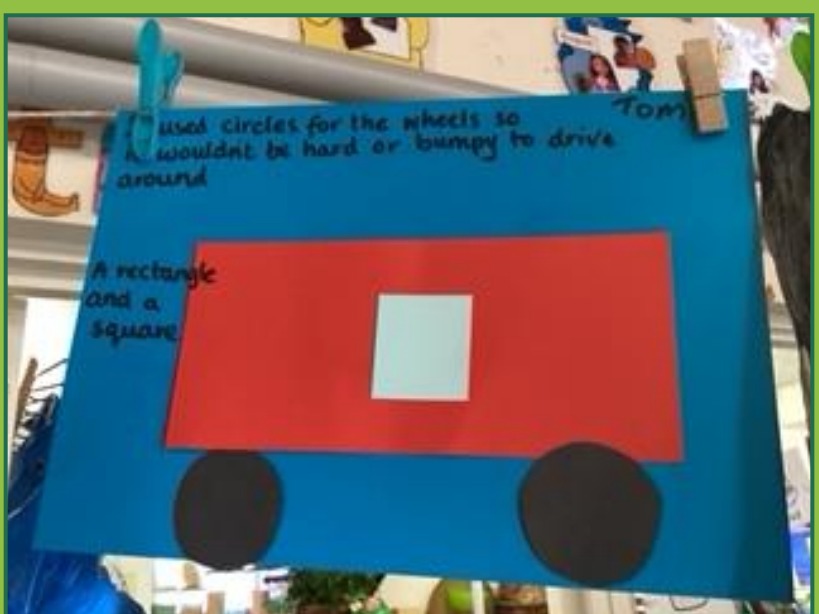
The stairs were beasts waiting for their next prey.



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1937
On September 17th Hitler invaded Poland and 2 days later on September 21st Britain and France declared war on Germany.

1939
On April 9th the Wehrmacht invaded Denmark and Norway and in June the Wehrmacht invaded the Low Countries (The Benelux) and in May 10th they invaded France.

1940
On May 10th the Wehrmacht invaded the Low Countries and France and on June 14th they invaded France. On June 22nd Germany invaded the Soviet Union.

1941
On June 22nd German paratroopers landed in Crete and in May 1941 they invaded the Soviet Union.

1942
On Feb 17th the British surrendered Singapore to the Japanese. American military at Guadalcanal fought against the Japanese.

1943
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek visited the United States and met with President Roosevelt.

1944
On June 6th the Allies invaded Normandy and on August 25th they liberated Paris.

1945
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek visited the United States and met with President Roosevelt.

VICTORY

1939
HITLER INVADES *POLAND* (September 1st)
BRITAIN & *FRANCE* DECLARE WAR ON *GERMANY* (September 3rd)

1940
HITLER INVADES *DENMARK* & *NORWAY* (April 9th)
EVACUATION OF BRITISH & *FRENCH* TROOPS FROM *DUNKERQUE* (May 26th - June 4th)
FRANCE SIGNS PEACE TREATY WITH *GERMANY* (June 22nd)

1941
JAPANESE ATTACK ON *PEARL HARBOR* (December 7th)

1942
AMERICAN VICTORY TO *JAPANESE* (August 15th)

1943
GERMAN & *ITALIAN* SURRENDER IN *AFRICA* (May 13th)

1944
ALLIED TROOPS LIBERATE *PARIS* (August 25th)

1945
HITLER COMMITS SUICIDE (April 30th)

BATTLE OF BRITAIN
LONDON'S COVENTRY ARE BOMBED

1939
BOOM!
September 1st Hitler invades Poland!

1940
ATTACK!
The Battle of Britain

1941
CRASH!
December 7th Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

1942
BATTLE!
The Battle of Midway

1943
BOOM!
The Battle of Stalingrad

1944
YAY!
WAR OVER

VICTORY
Nazis Reveal Surrender To Western Allies

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