



Year 6 Animal Collages

26 May 2023

It has seemed like a very long half term, particularly for the children who were preparing for their SATs and end of year assessments and so it is also lovely to be halfway through the term and to have to see the sun shining. We can only hope that it lasts. The children now have a week and a day to enjoy the Whitsun Bank Holiday and their half term. Please see below and at the end of this newsletter for activities and events that you might like to send your children to or attend with them, many of which are free.

It has become increasingly apparent to us in school that far too many children are spending a considerable amount of time on devices and accessing games, chat rooms and social media, sometimes inappropriately and for lengthy periods of time. Whilst it is lovely for the children to be able to communicate with each other when apart, maybe this half term it would be a good idea for 'absence to let the heart grow fonder'. A little less time on devices and more time getting bored, being creative and being out in the fresh air may be a welcome change. Have a great half term!

ATTENDANCE

It has been wonderful to see our attendance figures increase during the first half of the Summer Term. On some days we have had 97% of all of our pupils in and some classes have had everyone in - 100%. This is fantastic and will go a little way to redressing the balance of the very poor attendance figures we had earlier this year, when many of the children were ill.

We sincerely hope that all of your children continue to keep good health and they are all able to attend school every day for the next half of the term.

We have started to receive many requests for exceptional leave, to go on holiday before the end of term. We would like to remind you that permission will not be granted for requests to go on holiday. Leave can only be granted for exceptional circumstances. Please come to the school office if you wish to discuss a request for exceptional leave.

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Half term activities Please take a look at the holiday activities available in Camden over the half term break. Many of the activities are free and suitable for children of all ages. https://www.camden.gov.uk/children-young-people#cmft	Parents Association Thank you to all of those parents who took the time to attend the Parents Association AGM last week. The meeting was well attended. Lots of ideas were floated and plans made, particularly for our big event of the	Green Dragon Competition Some Year 4 pupils participated in the Green Dragon Competition and the team won £200 to spend on resources for planting! The children who participated were complimented on their eloquence and passion for the environment.

year, the Summer Fayre!
We are pleased to announce that this year's summer fayre will be held on Sunday 9th July (12pm-3pm). There will be delicious food and drink, games, arts & crafts, raffle prizes, tombola and more! Please save the date and the parents association will share more information soon.



Well done to Pixie, Rahma, Emilia and Kane.

Race to Health

This year we will once again be participating in Race to Health, where the children log the amount of activity they do daily and race against other schools to the finish line. It starts from 12th June. Please encourage your children to join in and get fit for summer! More login details to follow after half term.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery - Rytel, Nyla and Aliyah

Reception - Anam

Year 1- Isabella and Tate

Year 2 - Hamza and Arifah

Year 3 - Mason and Diar

Year 4 - Anaya and Rahmah

Year 5 - Jie Lin and Diana

Year 6 - Alfie and Louis-Ray

*** TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS ***

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Year 6 - Makaela

Year 5 - Wilder

Year 4 - Tommy



YEAR 6

Last week, we completed our art collage project. We collaborated in groups to produce large scale textured backgrounds, which were then torn up. We then added animalistic features, using oil pastels, to produce a variety of animals. They all look fantastic and are proudly displayed on route to the year 6 classroom.

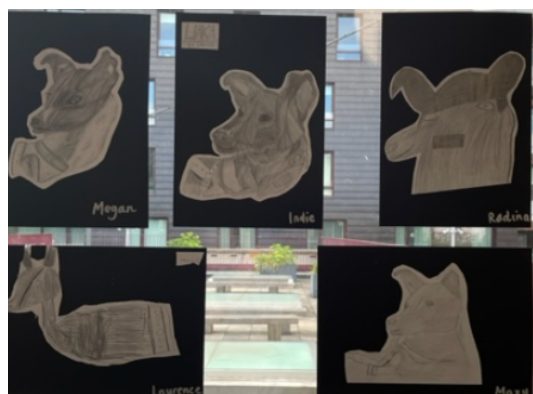


This week, we began our rehearsals for our end of year production. The children worked in groups to workshop elements of the opening scene. After half term, we are looking forward to working through each scene and performing our lines.

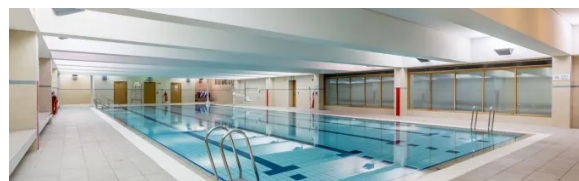


YEAR 5

Year 5 has had a brilliant time learning about the space race and how we can still explore so much more of the universe. One hero we enjoyed discussing was Laika - a dog from the USSR that was the first living thing to prove humans could survive in space. We discussed the ethics of using animals in not only space exploration but also all of science, and finished with a fantastic sketches of Laika currently displayed outside of our classroom.



It has been a joy to see all of year 5 drastically improve their swimming abilities in just two short weeks. Thanks to daily lessons at Kentish Town sports centre, the pupils have shown resilience and curiosity to push themselves every single day. Thank you very much to the staff at Better Gyms for being fantastic teachers to all.



YEAR 4

Year 4 had a great trip to Tower Bridge where we learnt all about the history of the structure. The children also enjoyed writing a programme on SCRATCH to open the bascules to passing traffic.

There has been some lovely singing along the corridors as the children have been learning songs connected to the story of the Trojan Horse.

We have the multiplication check coming up after half term so Year 4 will be busy practising their tables in preparation.

YEAR 3

This month year 3 visited Kew Gardens to explore the Victorian palm houses and their tropical rainforest environment. The class were thrilled to partake in an interactive workshop exploring the foods and materials humans source from rainforests like the Amazon.



With our geography thinking caps on, we took the overground to Kew Gardens and discussed the man made geographical features in our local area.

When we entered the glass house, a rush of humid air took the children by surprise! We felt like we had been transported around the world. The children carefully observed and drew tropical flowers in the Waterlily house and labelled the parts. We were delighted the weather held out for the rest of the day, many thanks to those who came along for the trip.



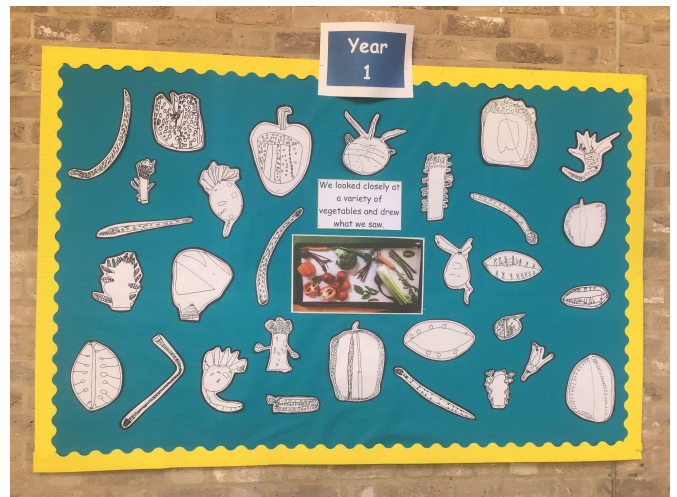
YEAR 2

Year 2 celebrated the end of SATS with a trip on a canal barge. We learnt about the Regent's Canal in the Victorian era and used a range of historical sources, including artefacts, to understand more about life for ordinary working people in this historical period. We travelled all the way to Paddington Basin and compared life now to how it was 203 years ago. Year 2 also enjoyed dressing up as Victorian canal children.



YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about plants as food. We looked carefully at the different plants, labelled them and learnt which parts of the plant we can eat. We also completed our bean diaries. We wrote and drew about how they have grown and changed over the last few weeks. We discovered that some types of bean grow faster than others and that some bigger beans grow into bigger plants.





Reception

Reception recently did an RE topic based on the book "Hats of Faith." We enjoyed trying on all sorts of hats, talking about them and who they were for. We painted pictures of them and did some close observational drawing and writing. Louie said "A muslim can wear his topi to the Mosque." Finally, we designed repeated patterns for a hijab or headscarf.



Nursery

The nursery have been using food produced on the farm in their cooking sessions. They made a goat cheese tart and a pizza with feta cheese.



The children tasted some goat's milk and then cow's milk and voted for the one they liked best. Goats milk was the most popular!



The children have been busy making bridges, we had a STEAM morning, the children were presented with the challenge to make a bridge for the goats to cross. The children came up with some excellent ideas and were able to keep going, adapting their ideas and persevere until their models were finished.



After reading the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' the children thought carefully about the Troll, they came up with their own ideas on what features a troll would need to look scary. They drew some amazing pictures and they practised their fine motor control skills at the same time.



KEY DATES

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term

Monday 5th June - INSET DAY - School closed

Wednesday 7th June - Music concert by Olga's Dad

Friday 9th June - Nursery visit Hampstead Heath

Wednesday 14th June - Yr 2 Visit Camley Street

Friday 16th June - Yr 1 visit London Zoo

Friday 16th June - Yr 4 Visit the Barbican

Thursday 22nd June - Yr 6 visit the Theatre

Friday 23rd June - Yr 1 Visit Kings Place

Wednesday 28th June - Yr 1 Visit Clare's Allotment

Thursday 29th June - Yr 3 Visit London Zoo

Friday 30th June - Yr 2 Trip to London Zoo

Friday 30th June - Yr 5 Visit the Crick

Science Week - 26th - 30th June

Thursday 6th July - Sports Day

Sunday 9th July - Summer Fair

Wednesday 19th July - Last day of term (early finish)



Half-Term Activities For Children Aged 8-17yrs 30th, 31st May & 1st June



FREE

Hurry! Spaces are filling up fast.

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Half Term Activities Timetable

30th, 31st May & 1st June

Activ8 Zone

(ages 8 -13)

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Activ8 Zone provides a range of activities for 8-13 year-olds including football, African drumming, arts & crafts, street dance, and basketball.

Rebound Zone

(ages 11 -17)

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Rebound Zone is a safe space for young people aged 11-17 to hang out, play basketball and football with a qualified youth workers and coaches.

We provide a safe and supportive space where young people can grow by gaining new experiences, new skills and develop confidence in their abilities.

All Castlehaven staff and tutors are professionally trained and vetted, with enhanced DBS checks.

For more information about our half-term programme, please call 07435986620 or email selina@castlehaven.org.uk

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HOLIDAY SHORT



KENTISH TOWN SPORTS CENTRE
MAY HALF TERM
MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
2023

Whether your children are beginners or you're wanting to build their confidence, we cater for all levels of ability and will help them progress in the world of water.

FOUNDATION:

For children aged 4 years and over who are non-swimmers and beginners. Teaching pupils the essential swimming skills to ensure they learn to be safe in and around water. Learning the basic techniques for all 4 strokes, achieving 10 metres on Front Crawl and Backstroke by the end of their Green milestones.

FOUNDATION

09:00 – 09:30

09:30 – 10:00

10:00 – 10:30

DEVELOPMENT
10:30 - 11:00

DEVELOPMENT:

Children aged 5-12 years who are able to swim 15m Plus. Teaching pupils advanced swimming skills, developing their techniques on all 4 strokes to create efficient and effective swimmers. Lessons focus on a wide range of skills across all aquatic sports. Pupils will learn basic water survival and rescue skills as part of the milestone awards. Here we will also work with other partner clubs to assess each pupil's ability to progress in talent pathways.

For more information email Kylie.bland@gll.org

Book your child's lesson online betterlessons.org.uk or alternatively speak to a member of our team at the centre who will be able to support you.

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**HALF TERM SEWING
WORKSHOPS
1ST & 2ND JUNE**

**Join Alisha and Charlene at
the Thimble and Doll Sew-
cial club, this half term.**

**Make your own hand
stitched projects, learn new
sewing skills and make new
friends!**

£15 per child

LIMITED SPACES

AVAILABLE!

SCAN THE QR to REGISTER



THIMBLE AND DOLL
CHILDREN'S SEW-CIAL
CLUB!
For kids 7-11

[HTTPS://WWW.THIMBLEANDDOLL.CO.UK/WORKSHOP-REGISTRATION](https://www.thimbleanddoll.co.uk/workshop-registration)

For more information you can email Alisha
alisha@thimbleanddoll.com

Holiday Club

24 July - 11 August

Summer Arts Programme for Children & Young People

PERFORMING ARTS

Classes in:
Drama
Dance
Singing & Songwriting
Ages: 6-14

CREATIVE ARTS

Art & Design
Animation
Ages: 4-5
+DIGITAL ARTS
Ages: 11-16

FILM & SOUND PRODUCTION

Classes in:
Filmmaking
Sound Producing
Ages: 7-15, 11-16

MUSICAL THEATRE

Skills across:
Drama
Singing
Dance
Ages: 4+

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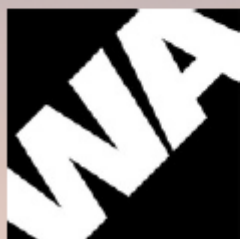
Classes in:
Creative Arts
Performing Arts
Ages: 16-26

Full-day classes: £130 per week

Half-day classes: £65 per week

Bursaries available reducing weekly fees to £32.50 (Full-day) / £16.25 (Half-day)

Breakfast/After Class Cinema Club: £5 per session



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Feathery Frolic



2ND JUNE 10AM -11AM

MEETING POINT: BROAD WALK CAFÉ, THE REGENT'S PARK

Parks are perfect for many of the UK's most beloved birds as they provide lots of shelter, food and water for wildlife.

Join us as we glide through Regent's Park to learn more about our feathered friends!

This Feathery Frolic will be a gentle stroll for families all about birds in our parks. Each walk will have plenty of stops with a chance to play some games, dress up, as well as to take a moment to relax and listen to the birds.

Together, we will:

- share brilliant bird facts
- have a chance to play some games and dress up
- take a moment to relax and enjoy the parks.

Useful to know:

- These walks are aimed at families with children aged 5+, though younger and older siblings are welcome.
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the walk.
- We will stick to paths as much as possible, though we may go onto the grass to look at certain things or to play games.

