

## **The Livity School Weekly Newsletter**

## **School News**

The strike action by London Hire buses has been cancelled.

Please remember to call the school office at 8.15am if your child is going to be absent.

#### Red Class

This week in Red Class, the children enjoyed sensory mark making. They started by using Weetabix for the dry ingredient. They enjoyed crunching, rubbing, and smelling it. They then added frozen berries, some of the children liked the difference in temperature, others took a while to touch them. Once the cream was added, the children became excited and placed their hands in the trays, moving the ingredients around with their fingers.



## **Yellow Class**

This week in Yellow Class we participated in an African drumming session. We had a great time playing the drums and moving to the rhythm. We also enjoyed our final trip to the Brockwell Greenhouses where we explored the gardens, watered the plants and even made a fruit salad!



## **Dragonfly Class**

This week, the Dragonfly children enjoyed activities with UV lights and torches during their My Body lesson. The children explored various types of UV sensory materials in different ways while practising their physio programmes and using their equipment. The class had their last Fun with Food session organised by the OT team. This week, the focus was on green foods. The children used their communication methods to express their likes and dislikes of the different options offered to them.



#### Pink Class

This week Pink Class practised their fine motor skills in cooking. They pushed and cut their own pastry shapes using different cookie cutters. The pupils had fun eating their school made pastries with different spreads. The pupils were supported with visual aids to complete the task. This looks like it might be a favourite in Pink Class. In addition, as it is Black History Month in My Creativity the pupils re-created Alma Thomas' work.



#### **Blue Class**

Blue Class enjoyed the African drumming workshop this week, as part of our Black History Month celebrations. We were motivated to explore the different instruments and props, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm. They were fully engaged as they listened carefully to the beats and followed the rhythm together as a group. They were fascinated by the different sounds and patterns and it was a great opportunity to learn through music and movement.



## **Orange Class**

Orange Class loved participating in the drumming workshop for Black History Month. All the children got to experience drumming in the hall and copied different beats and rhythms. Orange Class also enjoyed their experiment of using blown up balloons and propellers to create their own flying machines!



## **Bumblebee Class**

It has been a happy week of creativity and learning in Bumblebee Class. The children created their own my belonging tree. They finger painted to make the leaves and then created a collage to decorate their trees. By the end, we had a forest of colourful sparkling trees. This activity helped the children think about how they are each a special part of our class and the Livity School community. For Black History Month, the children have started learning about Paul Stephenson, a kind and brave man who believed everyone should be treated fairly. He used the phrase "transport for everyone." He worked to make sure that public transport was open to all and that people were not treated differently because of the colour of their skin. Bumblebee Class have begun decorating a large portrait of Paul Stephenson and are making banners to celebrate his story.



#### **Gold Class**

Gold Class made a fat ball to feed the birds this week. The pupils used their preferred communication system to make requests and mix the seeds with the fat. Then they chose different shapes to fill the mixture with. The pupils will be hanging them up on the trees of our sensory garden to feed the birds in winter. The pupils are working on their numeracy skills by counting and matching the number symbol to their value through hands-on activities using numicon shapes and counters.



#### **Green Class**

This week Green Class enjoyed the African drumming workshop. We have also been enjoying exploring the different props in our sensory story 'Were Going on a Bear Hunt'. We like the chocolate mud the best.



#### Rainbow Class

We enjoyed an African drumming workshop this week, where we joined in with different beats and rhythms on the drums. We had to listen carefully to keep in time and used different parts of our hands to make different sounds. After the workshop we danced to the music with our friends.



## **Butterfly Class**

This week, Butterfly Class have been exploring the theme of Pride and Power for Black History Month. We have been creating portraits of people from history. We have worked well in Literacy engaging in shared reading, interactive stories and bag book stories. Butterfly Class have had an enjoyable time in the music session this week and have been developing our drumming skills with more independence.



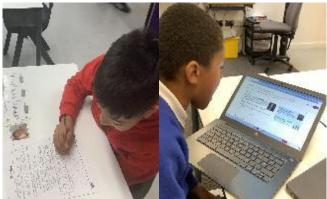
#### **Silver Class**

This week, the children in Silver Class have been developing their handwriting skills. This is helping to improve their fine motor control, letter formation and overall writing fluency. This focused practise is also supporting their confidence in independent writing.



## **Unicorn Class**

This week in our numeracy lessons we have been working on division as equal sharing. Solving real world problems by dividing amounts evenly. We have also been using the Chromebooks to research and answer questions, typing up our answers in full sentences.



## **Ladybird Class**

This week Ladybird Class have continued engaging in the magic milk experiment They followed instructions such as pour milk, add food colouring and press the cotton bud. Ladybirds have also made delicious pizzas on crumpets. They have practised their fine motor skills whilst spreading passata, chopping onions, tomatoes and peppers.



## **Purple Class**

This week in Purple Class the pupils engaged in exploring the jungle animals from the story 'Dear Zoo'. Some of the others selected a range of colours to decorate a tree of growth. Each colour they chose represented a feeling or memory from their time in school.



# **Don't Forget**

All our term dates are available on our website <a href="https://www.thelivityschool.co.uk">https://www.thelivityschool.co.uk</a>

Term One Ends: Thursday 23rd October

Inset Days: Friday 24th October

**Inset Days:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Term Two Begins: Tuesday 4th November

Term Two Ends: Friday 19th December

Parent and Carers' Wellbeing Group

9.30 - 10.30am

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Welcome drinks and cake. General wellbeing
	strategies
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mindfulness
December	