



### School News

Please remember to call the school office before 7.30am if your child is going to be absent.

We had two fun **World Book Days**, with pupils and staff dressing up as book characters and sharing stories in class and across the school.

**Thank you to the parents/carers who attended Parent Forum on Wednesday.** The session focus was the **Children With Disabilities Team (CWDT) and Short-Breaks**. We were grateful to have Terry Amanfi explain about referrals and how to access these services. We also discussed the **Liberty Card, Lambeth Parent Forum, Contact a Family and how to use visuals at home**. Parents/Carers expressed interest in holding further Parent Forum meetings on these topics. The feedback from the session was positive as those who attended found it informative. We would strongly encourage parents and carers to attend future Parent Forum meetings.

If you would like to know more about referrals to the CWDT or how you can make a self-referral for Short-Breaks, please book an appointment with our **Inclusion Coordinator, Alberta Wilson**. Alberta can also help to discuss support, structure and strategies to use with your child at home and in the community. We have Home Resource Packs available, including – key word visuals, Now/Next charts, Zones of Regulation sets, social stories and choosing / dressing boards.

Essential phonics and communication training will be taking place over our **upcoming INSET days on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March as well as Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. School will be closed to pupils on these days.

From 14<sup>th</sup> March, our Executive Headteacher, Joanna Tarrant, will hold **office hours for parents / carers on Tuesdays from 2 – 3pm**. If you have any questions or would like to speak with her, please book a time by calling the school office.

#### Red Class

This week was filled with fun and excitement for the children in the Red Class. We increase our awareness of our senses. The children were engaged as they watched some videos focusing on the five senses, sight, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching. After that, we put our sense of taste to work by trying a variety of fruits, we utilised our sense of smell in order to smell a variety of scents. Following that, we engaged our hearing by listening and playing a variety of instruments. We also experimented with different textures by using our sense of touch.



#### Yellow Class

Yellow Class children this week continued working with their preferred communication methods to make choices during activities. They created amazing artwork by choosing colours, and materials and moved their hands freely to spread the finger paint in the way they preferred. The children also shared very good moments, using a microphone to amplify their voices when singing and listening to each other's voices.



### Pink Class

In Pink Class we've been using our story, 'Be Brave, Little Penguin' to learn about cold environments. We've been making our own penguin decorations and have been thinking about ways we can keep warm when it's cold. We did this by using the microwave to make hot chocolate. Yum!



### Blue Class

This week Blue Class enjoyed a great music class with our teacher Kim. The pupils sang rhymes together in groups and after that they were able to explore different sounds with their voices using the microphone and engaging with the classroom. Each pupil was able to play the instruments. Another important aspect of the lesson was that Kim also gave them the opportunity to play the guitar in their own time. The pupils enjoyed this so much!



### Orange Class

In Orange Class this week, during our phonics session, we looked at the letter sound "M" for the second time and it was great to hear children copying sounds, repeating them and some saying "M for mama". Pupils worked very well, spotting the letter on a worksheet, tracing it and spelling words starting with the above mentioned letter.



### Ladybird Class

Ladybird Class have enjoyed decorating our jungle role play this week. The children used large brushes and rollers to paint jungle scenery. We used the floor projector to squash digital 'jungle bugs' by jumping on them! We made jungle slime with chia seeds and cornflour, then we used key words to describe how the mixture changed.





## Rainbow Class

We had another good week. We continued to work on writing, using colourful semantics, fine motor skills and making lists. Children also enjoyed Spanish, art and PE. In Spanish, we are learning about our local environment and becoming familiar with words such as *escuela* (school) and *casa* (house). Well done to everyone in Rainbow Class.



## Green Class

Children in Green Class this week enjoyed making chocolate chip cookie dough. They enjoyed feeling, tasting and mixing the ingredients. Then they took the dough home to bake.



## Purple Class

Purple Class have been using their creative skills during thinking time sorting objects into their shapes and colours. As well as this, we have been using our team working skills during PE pupils have been learning about balancing and different types of rolls.



## Butterfly Class

This week in Butterflies we have really enjoyed celebrating *World Book Day*. We dressed as our favourite characters and read our favourite books from home. It was lovely to be able to share our special books with each other. We also shared story sessions with our friends in Ladybirds and Bumble Bees.



## Bumblebee Class

Bumblebee Class has tuned into our free flow activities really well this week. Children have shown interest and have been engaged with sensory play, cause and effect toys, duplo blocks and sound books. Furthermore, we have experienced the use of zones of regulation with the support of SALT and we learned about the green zone. Children have explored green zone toys that they took out of a green bag and they were delighted with the items they found in the bag. It was a fantastic week!



## Gold Class

Pupils in Gold Class have been learning about the animals that live in the jungle. Children are using Numicon to understand number value and adding numbers together to solve additions.

We are practising blending sounds to match with the word during our phonics lessons.



## Unicorn Class

This week in Unicorn Class we have been working on telling the time. We have learnt to tell the time to the hour and to the half hour. We have also been working on consonant clusters in our phonic lessons!!

## Silver Class

This week Silver Class pupils have been developing their fine and gross motor skills. Through playing, during our PE sessions, pupils have been learning to regulate and coordinate major body movements, known as gross motor skills, as well as little muscle movements, known as fine motor abilities. During our morning circle activities pupils have been reviewing two basic strokes (top-down vertical lines and left-right slides) and practising new patterns, pupils have been able to print lowercase letters 'l' and 't' belonging to the basic stroke family. Pupils have also been able to identify what a pattern is and predict what should come next in patterns.



## Dates for your Diary 2022



**Break up for the Easter Holidays: 31<sup>st</sup> March @ 1pm. Return to school Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET days – no school for pupils
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – early school closure - buses / parents / taxis collect children 1pm
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holiday**
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET days – no school for pupils
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – pupils return to school
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – no school for pupils
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Coronation Bank Holiday – no school for pupils
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – last day of term 5 for pupils
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term Holiday**
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – pupils return to school
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – last day of school - early school closure - buses / parents / taxis collect children 1pm

## Please Remember

The new **school website**

<https://www.thelivingschool.co.uk> On the website under 'Parents and Carers' you will find the link for **Parent Pay** where you can pay for school dinners and uniform.

If you have any issues with transport, please contact **London Hire** on the following numbers

**Tel: 0208 187 5318 / 0208 187 5317 / 0208 187 5316**

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