



The Livity School Newsletter Summer 2018

Headline News

This year we have 8 Year 6 pupils leaving The Livity School.

We held our "Leavers Assembly" on Thursday 19th July. As always it was with mixed emotions as we celebrated with our Year 6 Leavers and said goodbye to them and their families.

X 4 Pupils - Michael Tippett School
X 1 Pupil - Turney School
X 3 Pupils - Tuke School

A busy year as ever and thank you all for attending our popular assemblies throughout the year and supporting our fundraising events, I even saw a few of you dancing at Bollywood Night.

Sports Day was very hot and although I only joined in briefly I could see many of the pupils and parents enjoying the carousel of activities and races. Purple Class gained extra marks thanks to the speed of their parents, keep in training!

Kite Day – We recently held an "Arts Day" with the theme of "Kites". The children had great fun and the results of the day will be displayed after the summer holidays.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for the continuing support you have given to The Livity School this year, we couldn't do it without you. I wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday and I look forward to the start of another great year in September.

Carol Argent, Headteacher

Staff News

Sadly we have to say goodbye to a number of staff this term but I will be introducing you to new staff in September.

Joh Roselli – Red Class Teacher

Joh joined The Livity School in 2008 as class teacher and later became a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Joh is an excellent teacher who is dedicated, hardworking and will be a great loss to The Livity School. Joh is leaving to work as a Peripatetic Teacher of the Visually Impaired.

Eliana Pinto – Yellow Class Teacher

Eliana has been working at The Livity School since 2014 and has developed her skills in working with complex needs pupils. Eliana's life has relocated to Hertfordshire and I wish her all the best for her future. The Livity School has given her a passion for working with pupils with Autism which she will continue to do.

Sónia Filipa Figueiredo Coelho - Teaching Assistant

Sónia has worked at The Livity for three years. She is leaving education and we wish her well in her new role working for the Health Service.

Charlie Redpath - Teaching Assistant

Charlie has completed her apprenticeship at The Livity School and will be taking the skills she has learnt as she continues with her career.

I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing them all the best for the future. They will be greatly missed by all the pupils, parents/carers and staff at The Livity School.

Fundraising



Thank you to all who attended our Summer Fete in June which was a huge success. It was a fantastic day with beautiful weather with a variety of food, including the popular Jerk Chicken Stall, music and dance. In total we raised an amazing **£2783.96**. This would not have been possible without your kind donations.

Red Class Highlights 2017-2018

Red Class have had a fun packed year full of enjoyment and laughter. The children have worked hard on their communication skills and physical programmes. In the Autumn Term they celebrated Harvest Festival, 'Carnival of the Animals', and dressed up as very cute lambs.

During the Christmas Show they wowed their audience with extravagant red and white striped Candy Cane costumes and moved their bodies to 'The Candy Man' song.

In the Spring Term Red Class held a class assembly and told a call and response story of 'There's a Rumble in



The Jungle'. The children had great fun making all the animal sounds. In the Summer Term we visited Dean City Farm and got up close with the animals including; rabbits, ferrets, goats and Alpaca. We also had the privilege of helping to care for some very fluffy chicks. On Sports Day Red Class were awarded 1st place for the key stage 2 ball pick up, parachute and sand castle challenge!

Red Class loved ripping fabric to create kite tails for an interactive display on Livity School Kite Day.

We are very proud of Red Class' achievements.

Yellow Class Highlights 2017-2018

Yellow Class was full of fun this year. We've learnt a lot and made lots of new friends. Our favourite topic was "Bugs and Insects" as we went on a worm hunt and built a "wormery". Worms are wriggly and we had to feed them give them lots of water.

We also enjoyed our cooking sessions as we've learnt how to count the ingredients and to follow a recipe. Our favourite session was swimming and we were very excited to go in the pool every Friday. On the last session we had a swimming party and that was the best fun ever!!

Yellow Class team are very proud of the achievements of all the children Well Done!!

Blue Class Highlights 2017-2018

Blue class has had an eventful year. All pupils have made fantastic progress across the curriculum. Blue class pupils had the opportunity to show off their individual skills and talents in class assemblies, where they were able to demonstrate their turn-taking and independence skills, their understanding of rules in games, as well as their knowledge and awareness about their bodies including the '5 Senses'. Blue class pupils also enjoyed learning about various 'Bug's, where they were able to explore and investigate bugs and their environment.

Blue class ended the year with a Thames River Cruise: traveling from Westminster to Greenwich, to consolidate their learning about India, and the River Ganges, linked to the Themed Curriculum 'Countries around the World'. All pupils' behaviour was exemplary throughout the trip. Well done to Blue Class of 2017-2018!

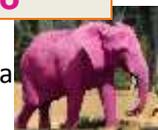
Gold Class Highlights 2017-2018

This year we have had a busy and productive year in Gold class, and the pupils have coped well with the changes we have had. We enjoyed a special whole class music session with Kim (our music teacher) throughout the year on Thursdays. During these sessions, the pupils particularly enjoyed making vocalisations and singing into the microphone. Gold class pupils have also been developing their social skills with peers from across the school – they have been forming friendships and bonds with peers and adults at playtime. Another highlight of the year was the Wizard of Oz assembly that Gold class lead! Over the summer term, Gold class have been learning about Africa as part of our themed curriculum. We made African kites, for Kite Day, using vegetables and paint to make prints. Our kites will be displayed next academic year around the school! Gold class pupils practiced their athletic skills over the term during PE sessions –where they enjoyed a ball pick-up game, races and throwing foam rockets! On Sports Day, we were successful at winning a gold medal in the water challenge! Well done Gold class. We wish everyone a wonderful and enjoyable summer holiday – looking forward to seeing you all in September.



Pink Class Highlights 2017-2018

This year Pink Class did many things. Here are a few of them. Pink Class dressed up for the Christmas show as soldiers. We looked really smart in our red and black soldier uniforms. Pink Class really enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. After our fantastic Christmas Lunch we all got presents from Santa Claus the next day. We dressed up for Book Day as different characters. One of us dressed up as Mr Loud and another as Mr Tumble. We dressed up for Wear it Pink Day too and had wonderful 'pink' activities such as making Pink Angel Delight and pink iced biscuits. We made and wore crowns and dressed up for Harry and Megan's Royal wedding this year too. We had a brilliant Sports Day and Pink Class came first in the knock down challenge. Finally this year we had a wonderful Kite Day where we all made lots of different amazing kites to test and fly. Well done Pink Class!



Orange Class Highlights 2017-2018

We had a very busy year in Orange Class. We welcomed two new children during the year who soon became a disintegrated part of our



class. We learnt new skills and enjoyed many new activities. In the Autumn term we were learning about Air and Water. We made our own boats and we played boat races to test them out. In the Harvest Assembly we proudly represented one of the vegetables and paraded dressed as Leeks. Soon we were preparing for our Christmas show. Yet again Orange Class became a busy Art workshop as we were trying to finish our decorations and costumes on time. It was such a fun to dance in front of a huge audience dressed as Ice-skaters.

In Spring term we enjoyed learning about the farm animals. We not only tasted some food which comes from the farm animals but we were able to use recipes to make yummy food such as sandwiches or fairy cakes!

This year we especially enjoyed sensory stories, Attention Bucket and counting songs.

Thanks to our wonderful class team we worked well on our targets and we were able to make a good progress in our learning this year!

Ladybirds Class Highlights 2017-2018

Well done Ladybirds Class for a fantastic year! All of the children in Ladybird's Class have formed a tight friendship over the year and it has been a privilege to watch this relationship form. Every child is confident to play alongside friends and initiate games; their favourite is hide and seek and 'Can't catch me!' During our class trip to Battersea Children's Zoo we saw what fantastic communicators all of the children were, using symbols, vocalisations and gestures to communicate their interest in the animals they could see.

We've all loved our weekly Whippersnappers sessions, and we've seen the children's interest and engagement develop in music, rhythm, counting skills, dressing up and drama.

Our lovely role play area has also been a highlight of the year and has supported the children to develop their vocabulary, number skills and understanding of the world; through play. We've had a vets, doctors, clothes shop, market and currently a train station complete with train.



Green Class Highlights 2017-2018

Green class have had a great year full of fun and learning.

In the Autumn Term we learnt lots about water travel and worked really hard to find different ways to make boats move through water. We also explored all the



varied environments boats can take us to, as well as creating some boats of our own.

For the Christmas show we dazzled as the stars. We shone brightly with our costumes of gold stars and fairy lights. Green Class loved dancing and moving to the music of Take That.

In the Spring Term Green Class visited Deen City farm. We had a fantastic time in the sunshine visiting the different animals and feeding the sheep. We handled lots of the small animals including rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and a baby goat.

The highlight of the term was hatching four chicks in our class which we grew very fond of. We enjoyed caring for them, especially feeding them, as well as watching them run on our terrace as they grew bigger. In the Summer Term we celebrated Kite day by creating four circular kites inspired by Guatemala's circular kite festival as part of our 'Americas' project. We smeared glue on the kites and stuck down brightly coloured fabric and paper to create geometric patterns along with ribbon tails we could pull on. We tested different ways to make the kites move, such as using switch controlled fans but liked attaching them to rockets best.

We had a fantastic Sports Day and Green Class were awarded 1st place for bowling in KS2, all our practice paid off!

Green Class have worked really hard this year and are very proud of their achievements.

Purple Class Highlights 2017-2018

Dear Parents and Carers, this year Purple Class have been working very hard but having fun. Here are a few memories we would like to share with you.

For the Christmas show Purple Class dressed up as robins. It was fun to dance to the 'Rockin Robin' song-tweet tweet.

For the Easter concert Purple Class were horses and galloped around the hall for our friends and families. The highlight of our year is coming first place and winning the Gold medals for sports day. We really are The Perfect Purples!



Butterflies Class Highlights 2017-2018

Butterfly Class have been very busy this year! We have been working hard on our physical programmes, developing our communication skills, making new friends and learning through play.

In the Autumn term, the topic was 'My Body.' We explored movement through our bodies, developed an awareness of our own bodies by drawing around them and presented an assembly all about how we use our



senses. Butterfly Class opened the show during the school Christmas performance and we really enjoyed dressing up as beautiful angels.

During the Spring term, Butterflies went on a trip to Deen City Farm and met ferrets, rabbits and guinea pigs as part of our 'Pets' topic. We loved meeting all the baby animals and having the chance to feed the goats! We also walked to the local fish shop and loved looking at all the different coloured fish swimming in the water. We made pet homes, bird feeders and dressed up as bunny rabbits during the Easter parade which was lots of fun.

In the Summer term, our topic was 'Journeys.' The Butterflies presented an assembly all about a journey to the seaside, and we went on our very own journey to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to watch a performance of 'The Everywhere Bear.' We had a lovely time and the students were really engaged with the sensory elements of the performance.

A huge thank you goes to all the Butterfly Class team, parents and carers, but most of all to our pupils. You have achieved some wonderful things and we are all very proud of you.

Silver Class Highlights 2017-2018

Silver class have had a busy year. The children chose to be called Silver Spacemen as their class icon and indeed our first term's theme was travelling in space.

As you can imagine, it grabbed the children's attention and they enjoyed learning about rockets and places to be seen in space such as stars. The children dressed up as astronauts tried on space boots, helmets and gloves. It was great fun! Christmas came and we were

Father Christmas' in our Christmas production. Everyone joined in. In the Spring term the children enjoyed learning about Road Safety and keeping themselves healthy. Now they know about germs, they are more independent in their hand washing !

The later Wild Animal theme was popular with lots of videos and Art work. We made some 3D jungles and Polar regions. This Summer Term's theme has been about Africa, including learning about the differences between London and Cape Town. The children looked at some different African tribes and dressed up in African robes. They loved the drumming both in Music and Dance where they dressed up as African animals with masks. Over the year it has a pleasure to see them grow and develop, improving their skills and their communication. We will be sad to lose our Year 6 leavers moving on to their new schools and wish them every success there. Luckily we have lots of photographs of all the fun things we have done over the year and can remember it all by.



Attendance

This year's Pupil attendance has increased to at **84%** for the school year and **Unauthorised Absences** has decreased slightly and is now down to **1%**.

Please ensure that you provide evidence if your child has a planned medical appointment which may result in them being absent from school. If you do not notify us of your child's absence and reason for not attending school, you will be contacted by the school office by 10:00am on the first day of absence. Failure to respond to this call or give an adequate reason for the absence will be recorded as "Unauthorised Absence".

Date For Your Diary

**Pupils return to school
Wednesday 5th September 2018**

