



Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

Love — Hope — Equality
Excellent Teaching, Excellent Effort, Excellent Progress:
Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Black History Month Carnival



Last Friday we celebrated BHM with a Carnival themed event in the hall. Children's projects about the experience of those who came to Britain as part of the Windrush Generation were shared and there was fabulous food, steel pan drumming, face painting and so much more! Many thanks to those parents and staff who organised this event. There is a letter from Rudy in Willow Class at the end of this newsletter which expresses all of our thanks!

Parents Evenings — Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December

Pam will send you an invitation to these meetings this week. Please book your appointment online to see your child/ren's teachers/s. We aim to see all parents at these meetings.

Your Help Needed!

If you are happy to receive letters by email please let us know. We can then add you to our email contact list and save on both paper and ink. Pam or Sarah can be emailed on: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

Request from Ellie (Arlo and Rudy's Mum)

I run a UK charity: www.projecthelloworld.org and we build out-door, solar-powered Hubs where children can learn and play in the absence of schools and teachers.

Ellie would like donations of old iPhones (they have to be Apple) for a photography project for school children in Nepal. If you could donate any old iPhones then she would be very grateful. Please leave them at the office with Pam.



Best wishes,

James

Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to introduce ourselves and to tell you about a year long project we are running this year in five Camden primary schools. We are delighted that Kentish Town Church of England Primary is one of those schools and we would love to tell you more about what we are doing.

The project aims to promote gender equality, helping schools to examine their own practices and to help their pupils recognise and challenge the gender stereotypes that they grow up surrounded by. These pictures, for example, show some of the ways in which toys and clothes give children messages about the different sorts of jobs they might aim for when they grow up, or that give very different messages about what is expected of boys (to be tough) and of girls (that appearance is valued more than maths skills).



Although they might seem quite harmless, we know that gender stereotypes influence many future outcomes for children such as their mental health and their academic future. For example, gender stereotypes are a factor in the low numbers of girls choosing physics and computer science and the low number of boys choosing English and Art and Design at A Level. Gender stereotypes can limit children's aspirations, choices, behaviour and even achievement.

We hope to lift these limits by working with schools to help make the children more aware of gender stereotypes and more able to challenge them. We have already started our work with Kentish Town with a session for staff and they will be discussing gender stereotypes and gender equality with the children through assemblies, activities and in lessons over the coming year. We hope that your children will talk to you about what they are learning and, after half term we will run some workshops for parents and carers where we will explain in more detail the work we are doing.

The children will be doing a short survey for us in school and we will soon be asking you to do a short survey as well. In order to measure the impact of the project, we will repeat these at the end of the year.

We look forward to meeting you later in the year. If you have question in the meantime please feel free to contact us on the email address below.

Best wishes

Caren and Rachel

Lifting Limits

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www.liftinglimits.org.uk

Acorn Class

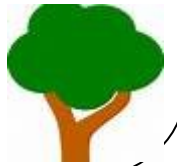
Acorn Class have been on a trip to the Discover Centre in Stratford. We went to play in all of our favourite Julia Donaldson stories. We had a great time with the Gruffalo and sitting on the witch's broom.



Oak Class

Oak Class have been busy making fire-works to buy and sell in our class fire-work shop. We also had a great trip to Regent's Park to find out about worms - and dig for a few!

In Maths, we've also been making number rockets for our maths display.



Willow Class

Willow Class were alarmed to discover that a space ship had crash landed in our school! We investigated the scene and found a crash site with lots of metal, wires and a mysterious powder. Willow think that there's been an alien that has crash landed!



Ash Class

Ash Class has been incredibly busy since half term. We have been thinking a lot about food! Easter Eggs for our Hall Art and then Caribbean fruit and vegetables for our Black History Month workshops. We tasted plantain (fried and boiled) and sang about breadfruit and ackee. This week we're off to Regent's Park to meet some detritivores! If you're not sure what that is, ask someone in Year One!



Cedar Class

Cedar have been becoming embalmers and mummifying pharaohs. We learned the steps of mummification and practised them on dolls. We have also become shape experts - ask us what vertices mean!



Chestnut Class

Chestnut have been working hard to learn how to engage and interest the reader by showing and not telling. The children are looking forward to writing diary entries as Varjak Paw, where they will be able to apply what they have learnt. In topic, we have been learning about the spread of the Roman Empire. We have been using atlases to identify which countries were controlled by the Romans.



Sycamore Class

Despite the rain, Sycamore Class enjoyed their trip to Regent's Park for a workshop all about invertebrates. It was particularly exciting to be allowed to dig up patches of the park and see what we could find! We also had great fun digging in the school garden where we harvested carrots, spring onions and tomatoes for our Harvest themed Hall Art. Meanwhile we've been finding out about the experiences of the Windrush Generation and learning about life in Skara Brae thousands of years ago.



Beech Class

Beech class have had a busy first week back after half term! They started off by enjoying a topic trip to Hampton Court Palace to experience Henry VIII's stately home and to see famous Tudor portraits up close. They also learnt about what life must have been like aboard the SS Empire Windrush and all the different people who made the famous voyage, writing diary entries about life on board which were shared at the Carnival event. The children also enjoyed creating their own stylised drawings of apples, honey and pomegranates as part of their learning. Rosh Hashanah for our Hall Art project! Phew...what a busy but great week!





Happy Birthday to all those children who have a birthday in November.

Harry	Daniel	Rayan	Andre
Evelyn	Oscar	Madison	Amber
Saeed	Ilva	Jessica	Inara
Riley	Harley	Anisa	Santino
Jack	Moya	Connie	Adam
Lexi	Klodian	Musab	

PARENT PAY

As you will be aware we are progressing towards a cashless school and the latest item you can pay for online is the Hackney Empire Trip.

If you have lost your Parent Pay activation letter please call into the office and we can print you one off.

Many thanks.

Pam and Sarah



Happy Occupational Therapy Week 2018!

Occupational Therapy Week is a yearly celebration of the occupational therapy profession. It is an opportunity for occupational therapists to be loud and proud!

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational therapy provides practical support to empower people to overcome barriers preventing them from doing the activities that matter to them. This supports increases in independence, satisfaction and participation in all aspects of life

How does this relate to my child at school?

Occupational therapists work in partnership with the child or young person's family, their teachers and other relevant school professionals, providing assessments and interventions in the following areas:

- Participation in productive school activities in relation to functional tasks such as handwriting, using tools and materials in the classroom for different lessons, using scissors, access to a computer and other technology equipment.
- Self-care and functional skills ie feeding, dressing, toileting, general hygiene tasks, participation in other school routines, etc.

Participation in leisure and play activities ie taking part in sports and games, using playground equipment, developing a range play skills and riding a bike.

Participation for all

The OT service in Camden offers universal services for all students in Camden Maintained Primary Schools with the aim to;

1. Increase **early identification** of children who are having difficulty with school activities
2. **Build capacity** of educators and families
3. **Promote** health, wellbeing and participation

The OT works with the school SENDCO and class teacher to identify areas of need for the whole class, and embed strategies in the classroom, such as handwriting tips, self-regulation activities and activities to develop independence in changing for PE.

Find out more about the OT service in Camden here.

<https://www.royalfree.nhs.uk/services/services-a-z/occupational-therapy-services-for-children-and-young-people/>



St Benet's Kentish Town
Messy Church for Remembrance
Friday 9th November 3.30 pm
at Kentish Town Church of England Primary School

Join us for Messy Church as we think in this season of remembrance about all those who have died in war, and pray for peace and justice.

Activities and worship will be provided for children to help them reflect sensitively on the tragedy of war and the promise of peace.

As always, Messy Church will finish with a slap-up tea.



Remembrance Sunday at Saint Benet's



Sunday 11th November 2018
10.55 am: Mass of Requiem
for Remembrance Sunday

Join us at St Benet's Church as we remember all those who have fallen in war and pray for a peaceful and just world. Sunday School provision is available for children during the service. Please note this service begins 5 minutes earlier than usual so we are able to keep the two minutes silence together at 11.00 am.

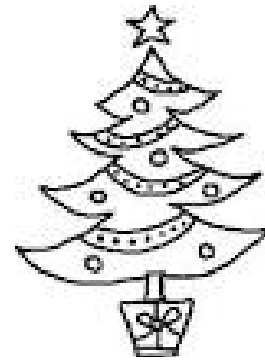
This is a letter sent to Stacey and Temi (and
all who organised the BHM Carnival) by
Rudy in Willow Class. I think it captures how
we all feel about the event.



Stacey and Temi
Thank you
for organising
Black History
Month for
us school
Love
from the
whole school



CHRISTMAS TREES AT KTS



BEAUTIFUL TREES! RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!

40% cheaper than buying from a garden centre
Premium grade Nordman Firs– low-drop – from a sustainable source

HOW:

1. Fill in the form below.
2. Give it to Pam with your payment – by Friday 23 November at 9am.

Collect your tree from school any time from Friday 7 December.

We must have a minimum number of 30 trees for this order. If we don't get enough orders we will return your money. If you have any questions please come and find Celina at school or email celina-goodfellow@hotmail.com.

Thank you!
Celina and the Friends of KTS

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Christmas Tree Order Form

Please fill in your details below and return to Pam in the School Office with your payment.
Please enclose **EXACT CASH** or a **CHEQUE** made out to 'Friends of Kentish Town School'.

The Friends can now accept card payments and we will be available after school on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November for those who wish to pay by card.

Last orders 9am Friday 23 November

Your name ☐

Your child's class

Your phone number

Please mark which tree you would like:

3 – 4 ft £27

4 – 5 ft £33

5 – 6 ft £38

6 – 6.5 ft £43

6.5 – 8 ft £50