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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Update

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to two staff this term as we can no longer afford the staffing structure we currently have. Vinette Campbell has been supporting children in Nursery since the summer term and her last working day with us will be Tuesday 26th November. Eithne Loughran has been supporting children in Y1, 2 and now Y3 for the last 18 months. Unfortunately Eithne's temporary contract will end at the end of this term. Both Vinette and Eithne will leave our school with excellent references and our thanks for their great work with our children. I will update you in the coming weeks regarding the redeployment of staff from our team to meet the needs of the children in Nursery and Cedar class.

Just One Tree

We will be having a **non-uniform day on Thursday 28th November** to support **Just One Tree**, a non-profit organisation who seek to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by planting trees. This initiative has been suggested by parents. Your child can wear their own clothes on that day, make a £1 donation and support reforestation. You can find out more here: www.justonetree.life

Christmas Dates

This is a very busy time of year and so I wanted to give you all of the Christmas dates in advance:

- Friday 29th November — Cedar, Sycamore, Chestnut and Beech classes to the Hackney Empire
- Friday 29th November — Acorns, Oak, Ash and Willow classes will see the Wizard of Oz in school
- Friday 6th December — Christmas Fair in school from 3pm
- Tuesday 10th December — 2pm — Nativity in school
- Wednesday 11th December — 2pm — Nativity at St. Benet's Church
- Wednesday 11th December — 6pm — Carols by Candlelight at St. Benet's Church
- Thursday 12th December — school closed due to General Election
- Tuesday 17th December — all children to have Christmas lunch at school
- Friday 20th December — 9.45am — Wider Opportunities Christmas Concert
- Friday 20th December — term finishes at 1.15pm for Christmas Holiday.
- Children return for spring term on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Parents Evenings—Monday and Tuesday 2nd and 3rd December 2019

Please try to attend these important meetings where the focus will be on your child/ren's progress so far this term and their next steps. We expect to see all parents and carers on these evenings — meetings are 10 minutes each.

With best wishes,

James Humphries

Headteacher



Acorn Class

We are settling really well into Acorn Class. We have been loving practising our firework songs and doing our firework maths.



Willow Class

Willow Class has had a very busy last few weeks learning about Vincent Van Gogh and perfecting our colour mixing for our Hall Art- ISN'T IT WONDERFUL!. We have had great fun learning some silly poems for our Assembly and really enjoyed performing them in the assembly.



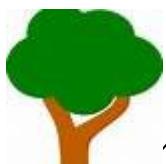
Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class staged a performance of *Brundibar*, a classic fairy-tale opera from the mid-20th century that tells the story of a villainous organ grinder who hypnotizes a town, and the brave children and animals who band together to stop him. The class learned songs, built puppets and performed at the Jewish Museum in Camden in a sell-out show! The opera linked to our learning about the Second World War, and we really enjoyed the positive message of hope it delivered - not to mention the catchy songs!



Oak Class

Oak Class children have been making, selling and writing about fireworks. We have also been learning about Diwali. In Maths, children have started practising for the maths medal challenges. We have also been working on our lovely hall art. Please take the time to have a look at it!



Ash Class

Ash class has had a great time learning about spiders in their Aaaaargh Spider work! We have written fact files and are experts if you are a bit scared. We have also become map makers to find our way around the school and the local area. If you need to know the way from school to the library for a book or even to Creams for an ice-cream come and look at our big wall map!



Cedar Class

We have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. We have enjoyed learning about the process of mummification and how the pyramids were built. We have also been learning about how we can use the inverse to check our calculations in maths lessons. After our trip to Hampstead Heath, where we became soil scientists, we wrote a recount all about our wonderful experience.



Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class really enjoyed performing their Class Assembly. We enjoyed singing, dancing, writing lines, acting and drawing to bring our Stone Age stories together for a very successful show.

Last week, we were learning about Monet and the Impressionists. We experimented using a dabbing brush stroke and looked closely at the way he used lights and darks. We also created our rendition of one of Monet's water lilies paintings.



Beech Class

Beech Class had a really stimulating trip to Hampton Court where they learnt about historical sources.

Meanwhile we have been enjoying finding out about Van Gogh's life and work for Hall Art.





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

Stephen
Alexander
Arthur S
Amity
Harry
Evelyn
Amber
Inara
Jack

Oscar W Rocco
Mia-Belle
Dennis
Tom
Daniel
Oscar G
Saeed
Riley
Connie

Daniele
Gabriela
Mimi
Rufus
Rayan
Hamza
Ilva
Harley
Klodian

Arlo
Noah
Florence
Jibrail-
Andre
Milani
Jessica
Santino
Musab

UCAS has officially opened for applications for the 2020 PGCE programme today, so we are putting some text into this week's school newsletter to encourage parents/TAs etc to consider training on our SD programme next year. Below is some sample text below for you to tailor to your own school. We already have six people signed up to come to our open day but the more the better. I will also be manning our stall at the Get Into Teaching recruitment fair this Saturday in Central London. As always, the best recruitment tool is word of mouth from local people who know how fantastic our programme is and the calibre of trainees we produce!

Happy OT Week 2019!

The occupational therapy (OT) service for children and young people in Camden works with children, families and schools in Camden to promote health and wellbeing through engaging in meaningful activities and occupations to promote independence and participation in all areas of everyday life.

Occupation and participation for children and young people may include self-care (for example, getting ready to go out, eating a meal, using the toilet), being actively involved and productive at school (for example, in the classroom with school work, playing and PE lessons), and leisure (for example, playing with friends, socialising with friends, doing hobbies or sports).

Watch our short video, by Camden SEN and the occupational therapy service for children and young people at the Royal Free Hospital in order to learn more about the role of occupational therapy in schools.

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

This year's theme is "**Small Change, Big Impact**". Small changes like using a certain pencil grip to help reduce stress on the finger joints for handwriting, using movement breaks to help with concentration and playing calming music after play time to help children refocus, can all have a big impact!

Speak to your school's OT to see what small changes you can make to have a big impact on your child's wellbeing and participation today!

And don't forget to tweet @RFHPaediatricOT #OTWeek2019
#SmallChangeBigImpact

