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# Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Excellent Teaching, Excellent Effort, Excellent Progress:  
Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## October — Black History Season

We have been talking with the children about Black history Month and this year's theme: Proud To Be.

More details can be found here: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> Jahanara will have written to you to let you know the focus of the project that we would like each class to work on and there will be a sharing event in school after half term on Friday 5th November. We have also been taking a different approach this year (as suggested by Rachel – Ash class teacher) which has been to highlight an aspect of black history or culture each day. I have been reading children poetry by prominent black poets and authors each time we have an assembly.

## Friday 22nd October — Staff Training

There is no school tomorrow as we have an INSET day. An external trainer will be working with us on phonics and the links to early reading and writing. Teachers will also be working on the sequencing of the curriculum in our school, ensuring that it is planned clearly to maximise learning for our children.

## Visit from Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop

Sanchita from the Children's Bookshop came to school on Wednesday 20th October with a selection of books for our children to choose from. Thanks to the support of The Friends of Kentish Town (our Parent/Teacher Association) every child in our school was able to choose a book for their class book corner. Sanchita offered a wide selection of books, including titles with Black and Asian characters, reflecting the diversity in our community. Children reading (or being read to) is one of the most powerful ways for them to recover lost learning.

## Teaching – the best job in the world!

Are you interested in training to become a teacher – or do you know someone amazing who would make a fantastic teacher? Here in Camden, led by our partners at Eleanor Palmer, we run an outstanding primary teacher training programme which leads to a PGCE qualification in conjunction with UCL's Institute of Education. You will get the chance to train in amazing local schools, and see what a great place Camden is to train in and launch your teaching career. This programme brought us our own wonderful—Kate and Joe joined us after training through this route. Recruitment has just launched for entry in September 2022. If you would like to hear about our programme and what we can offer please do get in touch to attend one of our Open Mornings at Eleanor Palmer. The first one this year is on **Friday 5 November 9.30am-11.30am** where you can find out more about the process of becoming a teacher and find out about Camden Primary Partnership's unique teacher training programme.

To book your place or for more information email [Vicky@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto:Vicky@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk), call her on 020 7485 2155 or follow the teacher training link on EP's website <https://www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk/school-direct/>.

## Camden Cross Country

This week coach Chloe took lots of our children to Hampstead Heath for the Cross Country competition. It was so good to see children being active after the long months of lockdowns and screen time! A huge well done to all children who took part and particularly to Tess, Alexander and Finlay for finishing in top spots and also for the whole team for finishing in fifth place over all. Thanks also to Coach Chloe for organising.

## Happy Half Term

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term holiday. School is open again for children on **Monday 1st November** with Breakfast club running from 8am. Remember that if your child is entitled to free School Meals then they can attend Breakfast Club for free each day. Please email Lorraine for details: [l.benfield@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:l.benfield@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

### Acorn Class

This week in Acorns we have been super busy! We have been reading 'Brown bear Brown bear' and have created some lovely art work of the animals in the story. We are also learning Makaton and are learning new signs each week. We use these signs as much as possible and we have learnt to sign each other's names too!



### Oak Class

In Oak Class we have settled in well. We have been busy enjoying lots of story times, play, phonics and maths learning as well as non stop creativity and outside learning! We have enjoyed discussing things about ourselves and our families including sharing photos from Tapestry. It has been so much fun so far, and so lovely to see how everyone is showing kindness to one another, putting in a lot of effort and generally a really positive atmosphere in class.



### Willow Class

Florence Nightingale recently visited Willow Class and told us all about her adventures in the Crimea. She explained how she scrubbed the hospital until it was spotless, provided beds and clean sheets and medicines to cure her patients. We are now learning about Mary Seacole's equally important contribution to medicine.



### Ash Class

Ash Class have been super busy learning the story of Beegu and learning how to identify numbers to 100. The children know how to retell the whole story and they wrote a letter to Beegu's mum. They did an amazing job. They have also been learning how to regulate their emotions and in science they have been learning about their bodies and their sense. Ash Class have had a wonderful start to Year 1!



### Cedar Class

Cedar Class had a fantastic trip over to 'The Place' dance studio this week, where we enjoyed viewing some incredible dancing, participating in interactive workshops and meeting lots of talented performers. We can't wait to continue our partnership with 'The Place' over the rest of this year, which will culminate in a choreographed performance!



### Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class had a brilliant trip to The Place, where they were inspired by watching Ballet Dancers to make their own short dance duets. They've also been working really hard on their class assembly for next week!



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been learning about life-cycles and had fun pond-dipping on the Heath. We've also been finding out all about our new class book and making some thoughtful predictions about what is to come. In music we are just about to choose our instruments for Wider Opps... Watch this space!



### Beech Class

Last week, Beech Class performed our first class assembly of the year: The Whole Picture (what happened after the Three Little Pigs). We worked really hard to write lines, plan scenes, learn songs, make costumes and props, and rehearse. We learnt about how, in journalism, it's important to look at the bigger picture rather than to take things at face value.



Dear Parent/Carers

**Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Webinar Series for Parents/Carers of Primary School aged Children and Secondary School aged Young People**

The MHST are pleased to offer parents/carers a series of workshops to support their children's well-being. There are 8 topics in total with workshops being offered from this point until the end of Spring term.

**Webinars that are for both Parents/Carers of Primary and Secondary aged children and young people**

- Why Early Intervention Matters: Introducing the MHST
- All about sleep
- Therapeutic conversations with your child and young person
- Screen Time

**Webinars for Parents/Carers of Primary aged children**

- Parent-child interactions
- Managing child worries

**Webinars for Parents/Carers of Secondary aged Young People**

- Supporting your Anxious Young Person
- Understanding Adolescent Development

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow-up of 30 minutes for parents/carers to ask questions or discuss the topic further.

Parents and carers can register for any of the above webinars through Eventbrite for free at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-webinar-series-2021-2022-tickets-184684756077>

Parents and carers can opt in for all topics, or whichever most appeals to them. The webinar series will run from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

The scheduled topics, dates and times are:

<b>Webinar topic</b>	<b>Intended Parent Audience</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Why Early intervention matter: Introducing the MHST	Primary & Secondary	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Parent-child interactions	Primary	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30

Managing child worries	Primary	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Supporting your Young Person with Anxiety	Secondary	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Understanding Adolescent Development	Secondary	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Parent-child interactions	Primary	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Managing child worries	Primary	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Supporting your Young Person with Anxiety	Secondary	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Understanding Adolescent Development	Secondary	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Therapeutic conversations with your Child and Young Person.	Primary & Secondary	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
Screen Time	Primary & Secondary	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30
All about sleep	Primary & Secondary	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	12.00 to 13:00 Q and A 13:00 to 13.30

### Advertising the webinars

We are aiming for the process to be as convenient as possible for school, parents and carers so we are using the online booking platform Eventbrite to advertise and allocate requested places. If you feel your parents and carers may be interested in the webinar series please include the attached information in your next newsletter, school website or other accessible media. Please could you also recommend to any parents and carers who you think might be interested.

If you have any questions or suggestions please do contact us.

With many thanks,

*Hazal Demir - MHST School Practitioner*

# KINGS CROSS ACADEMY



**BLOOMSBURY  
FOOTBALL**

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES

## DATE & TIME

Monday 25th - Friday 29th OCTOBER 2021

9:30am - 3:30pm

## VENUE

King's Cross Academy, 4 Wollstonecraft St, London,  
N1C 4BT

## NEAREST STATION

KINGS CROSS / St PANCRAS

## AGES

7 - 12 YEARS

## COST

£50 per day (financial assistance available)

## WHAT TO BRING

Bottle of water, lunch and a snack, any medical  
instruments (such as inhaler or epi-pen)

## EVENT CONTACT

Ben Gelbart - +447724608600

Cameron Gordon - +447729105596



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### LOCAL LEADERS

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