

## Spring 2nd Half Term – February-March 2018

### PE & Sports Development

This term, the children have had basketball coaching which they've enjoyed very much. This will continue next term as well. Our Year 5/6 pupils have had training from Camden on the importance of physical activity and are now our Mini Health Champions with responsibility for leading active games during playtimes.



### Remark! Playscheme

The Remark! Deaf community playscheme are running another exciting programme during the Easter holidays. The Playscheme runs from 10am - 4pm on weekdays from Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Steven Wynne on [steven.wynne@remark.uk.com](mailto:steven.wynne@remark.uk.com) for more information. We have sent out the information and application forms to all parents.



### World Book Day

Lisa Smith organised a very successful World Book Day event at school on 1<sup>st</sup> March with an "Animal" theme! The children and staff dressed up in their favourite animal characters, and worked in groups to create an animal story. Unfortunately, due to the snow the afternoon trip to the Discovery Children's Story Centre was cancelled, but they had fun instead doing a show and tell of their story!



### BSL Recognition Day

We held our annual BSL Recognition Day on 14<sup>th</sup> March with 3 other schools Deaf schools/units joining us for the day. This year's theme is "Pride in BSL" and we've included "Pride in Deaf women" marking 100 years since women won the right to vote in the UK. The children enjoyed a famous Deaf women/girls treasure hunt and a BSL recognition birthday cake - 15 years since BSL was recognised by the UK government!

### Camden Music Festival

Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March and did us so proud with their beautiful sign singing and playing their musical instruments in front of all the Camden Schools and parents. Many thanks to Rachel, Becca, Charlotte and Vanessa, who supported on the night and to Ruth and Eloise for teaching the children their musical instruments, which was a first for us in this festival.



### Staffing

Congratulations to our TA, Grisha Malik, who won a Camden Youth Award last week for her services in supporting vulnerable young people in the Camden after-school clubs!



We welcome Sophia Stavrou, who started this month with us as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant in the Nursery.

### School Disco

We joined up with Kings Cross Academy for an end-of-term School Disco in the hall from 3.00-3.30pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Each child received a goody bag with glow bracelets and a beaded necklace. This was a great opportunity to end the term with the KCA children and enjoy the new lighting system in the hall, which has fun disco light settings!



### Summer Term Dates

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter holiday, and we look forward to seeing your child back at school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018** for the start of the Summer Term.



We break up for the May half term on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm**, and we return for the second half of the Summer Term on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. The summer term ends on the **25<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm**. The term/holiday dates for 2018/19 have now been published on the school website.

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