



What a brilliant academic year it's been – another very successful year filled with much positive learning, fun, activities, and events that have enriched our children's lives, brains and hearts! So, so proud of everyone and what we've achieved!

Class news

Unicorn class (Nursery)

Unicorn class have been learning how to keep their teeth clean and healthy. They learnt that sugar is bad for our teeth and explored foods that are good for our teeth. As part of this topic, they had lots of fun dressing up and pretending to be dentists and patients in our role-play area.



Mermaid class (Reception)

Mermaid Class loved their trip to the Unicorn Theatre to watch 'The Princess and Pea'. The show was very vibrant and visual. They were so pleased to see the actors signing 'princess' and 'pea' throughout the show.



Dragon class (Key Stage 1)

Dragon Class has thoroughly enjoyed participating in the whole-school topic of "Being Healthy." In Literacy, we have been focusing on writing instructions, and in Maths, we have been exploring measurement including capacity. Our activities included making fruit smoothies, cheese sandwiches, and a cup of tea, for which we wrote detailed instructions. We even presented our own cooking show! Budding Jamie Olivers in the making! The Spike group has been concentrating on healthy recipes in their cooking lessons. They made delicious pizza faces that were both fun and nutritious.



Werewolf class (Lower Key Stage 2)

This term, Werewolf Class has been working hard to cook Ethiopian foods every Tuesday, and they went to an Ethiopian restaurant. They tasted different Ethiopian foods on a platter, and some children even tried injera, a traditional Ethiopian flatbread, for the first time and loved it. The children were fantastic at communicating with a waitress through a menu and waiting patiently for the foods to be served. Well done to Werewolf class for working hard this academic year.



Vampire class (Upper Key Stage 2)

Vampire Class has been learning about 'Being Healthy' this term. The children went to the Waitrose Cookery School to cook healthy bean quesadillas with avocado. They also learned the importance of nutrition, how it impacts our bodies, and where food comes from. They followed instructions, and learned new cooking skills from the chef and responded with 'Yes, chef'. They took the quesadillas home for their dinner and had such a great time.



Sports and PE

KS1&2 pupils had football lessons delivered by Deaf coaches Ben Lampert and Samian. They enjoyed passing, receiving and shooting skills. Pupils practised in pairs and most especially liked playing matches!



Staffing news

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to the following staff: Classteacher and EYFS Team Leader, **Jodie Griffiths-Er** who will be taking up a new post in September; Nursery classteacher **Claire Sloan** who will also be taking up a new post in September; 1:1 Teaching Assistant **Fatma Hamid** who will be leaving due to family commitments; and finally **Bev Nisbett**, who will be retiring after 24 years' service to the school as a longstanding 1:1 Teaching Assistant. Many thanks for all their hard work and support. We will miss them all and wish them all the very best.



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Congratulations to **Ashley Hodgkinson** who has been promoted to EYFS Team Leader and to **Ross Terry** who has been promoted to Higher Level TA next year.

We will be welcoming **Samira Mohamed** and **Mairead Harley** as new classteachers and **Heidi Beasley-Ellich** and **Subhaan Butt** as new 1:1 Teaching Assistants in September.

Max Crisera has been promoted from Facilities Assistant to Facilities Manager in September.

Sleepover

20 children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic sleepover in school on Thursday 27th June. The children enjoyed after-school activities, made pizza for dinner, and watched a film before going to sleep in their special themed tents in the school hall. It was a brilliant way to spend time with their friends after school and for some, the first time sleeping away from home! Many thanks to Jodie for organising the event so well and to all the staff for volunteering their support.



Aspirations Week

Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils enjoyed meeting and interviewing a range of Deaf role models working in different careers to inspire them to think about their own future careers. The children met 8 different Deaf role models working in education, law, beauty, finance, media, research and set design. They talked about their jobs, what they do and what they needed to do get to where they are now. The children asked some excellent questions and were truly inspired by the Deaf role models.



Winning House Trip

This year Robert Adam house (orange) won the most points so enjoyed a day out the Olympic Park on Tuesday 2nd July. Well done to Robert Adam house pupils for achieving the most points and thank you to Lisa for organising and leading the trip.



Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was held on Wednesday 10th July at the local Lewis Cubitt Park. Thankfully the rain held off and the children enjoyed a morning of fun carousel sports activities and then races in the afternoon, joined in by parents and staff. Congratulations to Sandra David house (yellow) for being the winning team this year!



Also, well done to David for achieving Sportsperson of the year! Huge thanks to Ashley and Hiral for leading and organising another hugely successful Sports Day this year.

Camden Art Biennale

This year we took part in Camden's first ever Art Biennale, with artwork on display from all Camden Primary, Secondary and Special Schools at the local Lethaby Gallery and Central St Martin's. The artwork of 6 FBS pupils from Reception to Year 6 and 2 pieces of art created by EYFS and Year 5/6 were displayed. We took the children to see their own artwork – their response was priceless, and they were so proud to have their artwork on display in public.



Camden Music Cluster

This year we took part in the Camden Primary Schools Music Cluster with several other schools at Richard Cobden Primary. Children in KS1 and 2 performed a sign song, 'You've got a friend in me' with KCA pupils, proudly performing to an audience. Thank you to our music teacher Ruth for leading on this and taking the children.



FBS music performance

Some of our pupils have individual music lessons every week with Ruth, learning to play the piano or the recorder. Ruth organised a special music recital assembly where each child performed 2 or 3 pieces of music they had been learning and practicing this year for everyone to watch and listen.



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We are so proud of Mario, Dolu, Hollie, Kiyo-Rei, Sarahann, Freya and Kery for performing so beautifully!



International Evening

Thank you to everyone who came for our International Evening on 17th July this year. It was a fantastic evening and everyone enjoyed the activities and performances from each class. Huge thanks to Michele and Catherine for leading and organising the event and to the staff for all their support and to parents and staff for providing different foods from around the world. We raised about

£700 for the school, so thank you to everyone for your donations and buying tokens.



Deaf Festival Week

This year's DFW theme was 'intersectionality' – Deaf and blind; Deaf and woman; Deaf and neurodiverse; Deaf and LGBT+; Deaf and small/little. Thank you to the



Deaf role models who came to the school to meet the children (a different Deaf + identity each day of the week) and do activities. The impact on the children and broadening their understanding of different identities was hugely positive. Thank you to Lisa and Mischa for organising such a brilliant week!

Go Team GB

The Olympic Games will soon be starting in Paris this summer and we were asked by local company Argent to take part in an aerial photo with KCA to wish Team GB good luck! Everyone stood in Granary Square to form each letter to make up the words "GO TEAM GB"! Enjoy watching the Olympics this summer.



Whole School Trip

We took everyone to Brighton Beach and Pier for the end-of-year school trip as treat for working so hard this year. The children enjoyed a funfair ride, a doughnut



Learn, grow and flourish

and lunch on the beach. Fortunately, the weather held off and stayed dry!



Year 6 leavers

We have a big group of 8 Year 6 leavers this year, with all them heading off to Secondary School in September. We are very sad to say goodbye to Alexia, David, Sarahann, Kaniska, Machiah, Kery, Salma and Moqadas. We will miss them all but wish them good luck in the next phase of their education. Thank you to the families that came for their leavers assembly on Tuesday 23rd July.



New classes

Next year's class theme is 'historical periods'. All parents should have received a letter on Seesaw letting you know the name of your child's new class and teacher/TA/1:1 support in September. Our class names are: Ice Age, Jurassic, Ancient Egypt, Romans, and Tudors.

Uniforms

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 need to be wearing their school uniforms daily. If you require new uniforms or school items please use this link: <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/frank-barnes-school/> Pupils in the all classes except Nursery (Ice Age class) will need to wear a uniform.



Parent Coffee Morning

Our first coffee morning for 2024/25 is on **Wednesday 2nd October, 9.30am-12pm.**

Please do come along. The theme will be deaf and hearing awareness.



School attendance

Our whole school pupil attendance is **92.6%** this academic year, so we have reached our target – just! Well done! A reminder that the government (DfE) has produced new guidance on school attendance from September. Please note that we will no longer be authorising any requests for holiday leave during term time.



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2024/25 Term dates and School calendar:

Please check the school website for our term/holiday and INSET dates for the new academic year and the events in our school calendar.

A few dates to add to your calendar for the first half of the Autumn term.

Wednesday 25th September 2024

School photographs

Saturday 21st September 2024

Family Fun Day at the British Library

Wednesday 4th October 2024

BSL Celebration Day

Wednesday 4th October 2024

Parents afternoon



Have a wonderful summer holiday!



School re-opens for the
new academic year on

Wednesday 4th September 2024



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