



With brighter, longer days this term, we've enjoyed spending more time outdoors and doing plenty of fun learning activities and visits out of school.

## Class news

### Unicorn class (Nursery)

Unicorn class have been further developing their early reading skills this half term. They are getting really good at sharing books with adults, signing key words and phrases from familiar stories and are beginning to recognise some words in print!



### Mermaid class (Reception)

Mermaid and Unicorn classes visited Mudchute Farm & Park and had the chance to see different animals such as cows, sheep, lambs, pigs and ducks. The children fed the animals and also watched a chicken lay an egg. They had lots of fun and before they returned back to school, they had chance to run around in the park.



### Dragon class (Key Stage 1)

Our topic this half term has been 'Plants and Growth' and we have covered lots of interesting things! We wrote a newspaper report about Jack and his magic beans! We planted our own beans and recorded their growth. Some have grown really tall! The children need to continue looking after their bean plants at home. Please do update us on their growth on Seesaw. We also had a wonderful trip to Kew Gardens and saw lots of trees and plants including wild garlic.



### Werewolf class

#### (Lower Key Stage 2)

This term Werewolf class learned about different plants and animals in the rainforest. They went to visit the London Zoo, where they saw lots of rainforest animals and were shocked when they found out about the



endangered animals due to the destruction of their habitats in the rainforest. In Science, they researched how they could help protect endangered animals around the world and delivered their presentation in the class.

### Vampire class (Upper Key Stage 2)

Vampire class have been learning about Ancient Egypt this term and were fascinated by its history, especially the mummification process. We went to the British Museum to explore and deepen our understanding of Egypt. The children were gob smacked after seeing real mummies and a sarcophagus. They were focused and deeply engaged in drawing Egyptian artefacts, statues of gods, and hieroglyphics. We had a great day out and it was a lovely weather too!



### Sports and PE

KS1 pupils enjoyed basketball PE lessons delivered by coach Scott. KS2 pupils had a fantastic half term kayaking every week, building up their skills in steering, maneuvering in a confined space, moving sideways, preventing a capsize, turning, returning to the bank and getting out, and securing their kayaks.



For the final half of the summer term, KS1&2 pupils will have football lessons delivered by Deaf coaches Ben Lampert and Samian.



In other news, we have purchased a new sports trolley for the playground full of fun equipment for our pupils to use to be physically active during playtimes. We look forward to seeing all sorts of games and activities at playtimes over the summer term.

### Staffing news

Mischa Cooke has resigned from her classteacher role in Dragon class but will stay on with us in her Deaf Instructor role. We wish her all the best in her new job. Our receptionist, Elvira Brenya, gave birth to a baby boy recently, and is now on maternity leave. We wish her all the best as a new mum. Congratulations also to Chiara who is expecting her first baby this summer. Well done to Ross and Ciaran for passing their BSL Level 3 and 2 courses, respectively.



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### Earthfest Day

Vampire class enjoyed taking part in the Camden Earthfest Schools Day on 18<sup>th</sup> April. We joined up with KCA's Year 6 class and were involved in different workshops learning about sustainability, environmental awareness and climate change. The children particularly enjoyed learning about composting and even made their own!



### Voices/Signs in the Water project

Werewolf class joined with pupils in KCA's Year 3 class in a collaboration project at the local Story Garden in Kings Cross working together to create a theatrical performance including sign language, movement and speech with the aim of performing at the end of the 6 sessions. This has gone well and we are looking forward to watching their performance after half term.



### British Deaf Association BSL Conference

This year's BDA conference was held in Manchester with a theme of "Early Years: The Benefits of Introducing Sign Language to Deaf children" as part of their "BSL in our Hands" campaign. Dani and Catherine delivered a presentation titled "What do Deaf children need to be 'school-ready'? The answer, of course, is language!



### Signing Stars Choir award

Our Signing Stars choir lunchtime club (with KCA) entered a national choir competition and achieved 'Bronze' and were awarded a trophy and a prize! Well done to the Signing Stars and a huge thank you to Louise for leading this weekly club with support from Bengi-Sue and Stuart.



### Relationships and Sex Education meeting

Thank you to the few Year 5 and 6 parents who attended the RSE meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to learn about what we cover in our RSE curriculum and what their children will be taught. It was an excellent session with an opportunity to ask questions and see the resources we use.



### Run Kids Run

For the second year in a row, we took part in the Run Kids Run fundraising event in Lewis Cubitt Square, Kings Cross, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for the school. Thank you to all the families that came along to join in the fun on a beautiful sunny day! Thank you to everyone who donated! We raised nearly £400! A huge thank you to Louise and Hiral for leading this, and to everyone who volunteered to help as well.



### Parent Coffee Morning

Our next Parent Coffee morning is on **Wednesday 3rd July, 9.30-12pm** - Reading with your child. Please join Katie for this session!



### School attendance

Our whole school pupil attendance is at **92.7%** (slightly up from last term) so far this year, so we are on target. Well done! Let's get this even higher by the end of the year!



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.



### Diary dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> half Summer Term:

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June:

Key Stage 1&2 school sleepover

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:

Winning House Trip

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:

Sports Day

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July:

Deaf Festival Week

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:

International Evening

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1.00pm:

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Last day of term –**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2.30pm**



**Have a good half term holiday!**

**School re-opens for the  
2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer Term on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**



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