

Summer 1st Half Term – May 2019

Summer is finally in the air, and after a short but busy 1st half term, we are ready for another short break before the final half term of the academic year.

PE & Sports Development

This term some of our KS1/2 children were involved in the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling competition, and came 1st, 2nd and 4th in our three teams! The lunchtime bike club continues to be very successful. We've also started a new lunchtime running club for a group of Key Stage 2 pupils which is going well. Next term the children will be having football coaching with Mandy to prepare for the annual football tournament in July.



Deaf Day

We ran a stall for Frank Barnes School at the annual City Lit Deaf Day in central London. It is always nice to see past and current pupils and staff, and members of the Deaf community supporting the work we do.



Donations

We have received a very generous donation of £200 in memory of Tom Barnes, the grandson of the founder of our school, Mr Frank Barnes, who passed away recently. We have expressed our thanks to the Barnes family for their kind donation. We'll have a think about what to spend this money on.



Staffing

Hearty congratulations to our Deaf Instructor/HLTA, Mischa Cooke, who got married over the Easter holiday! Congratulations also to Mandy Tobin, HLTA, who got engaged recently. Also, congratulations to both our in-house BSL interpreters, Clare and Sandy, who recently passed their interpreter courses and are now both fully qualified. Well done to Andrea, our receptionist who passed her BSL Level 1, too!



Class news

The **Nursery** have been doing lots of fun Science experiments such as mixing paints and magnets to create a mixture of colours on paper plates, which the children loved. They've also enjoyed their weekly trips with Cinderella class.

Cinderella class have been enjoying the warmer weather and exploring nature and the outdoors with trips to Aldenham Country Park, Kew Gardens, Cassiobury Park, the Garden Centre and Battersea Park investigating animals, plants and insects.

Little Red Riding Hood class have been learning about the life cycle of a plant and read the Enormous Turnip in Literacy. They also created a beautiful tree using clay tiles in Art, and visited a farm as part of their learning about farming in the past and present.

Beauty and the Beast class have been learning about toys this half term. They loved looking at old and new toys and how they move. They enjoyed a trip to the Pollock's Toy shop and Hamleys! They also had a Teddy Bear's picnic and chose their favourite dips and dippers.

Puss in Boots class has been all about Flower Power this half term! They went on a trip to the William Morris Museum, saw his house, wallpaper designs and created their own beautiful wallpapers.

Parent governors

We are **still** looking for a parent governor to fill the vacancy on our Governing Body, so please do get in touch if you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent for this role.



This is an exciting opportunity to represent parents with 3 other parents to influence decision making in the school, and support the school's vision in ensuring high standards of teaching, learning, strategic leadership and management.

Volunteers

We need more volunteers to support our Friends of Frank Barnes charity. We need support with fundraising next year, especially if we want the work of our excellent Home School Communication Project to continue, and other new projects for the school.

Kings Cross Academy



Puss in Boots class have been working with a group of children in KCA's Year 3 class on the Skip Garden project learning about plant life cycle, healthy eating and healthy growing environment.

Puss in Boots class also did a Deaf Awareness Assembly for Kings Cross Academy during Deaf Awareness week, which they delivered brilliantly.

Huawei Story Sign app



We were approached again by Huawei to be filmed using the Story Sign app, which was launched in December 2018. They have produced a new story called the Lonely Penguin. Well-known rugby player, Ben Cohen, joined Beauty and the Beast class in the filming. Huawei have also kindly donated 5 Huawei mobile phones (one for each class) for the children to enjoy using the Story Sign app.

Art night 2019



Our Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils have been involved in a short project with international Deaf artist, Christine Sun-Kim, to inspire her to create an artwork installation for the Art Night 2019 festival to be held at Kings Cross. You can read more about this (and FBS is mentioned on their website) at:

<https://2019.artnight.london/artist/christine-sun-kim>

School attendance



Our current whole school attendance stands at 91.8%, which is almost on target! Please ensure your child attends school every day to ensure we meet or exceed our attendance target.

Our 2019/20 term dates are now available on our school website, so please ensure that any family holidays are booked in advance outside of term time.

Fundraising

Six staff members will be travelling to Nepal this summer to help transform the school dormitories of Sri Jana Deaf School, which are in desperate need of a revamp. Please support them to raise money for this project through their justgiving page:



www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frankbarnesstaffnepaltrip

Any donations, however big or small, will be very much appreciated. They are also arranging cake sales and a quiz night to raise funds.

Events coming up next term:

Family Discovery Day – Saturday 22nd June, 12 – 4pm at the British Library

Please do come and join in our annual fun-filled day for families of deaf children.

Sports Day – Wednesday, 10th July

Summer Fair with KCA – Friday 12th July

Deaf Festival Week – 15th -19th July

Whole School Trip – Monday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Tuesday 23rd July

Term Dates

The school year ends on **Tuesday 23rd July at 2.30pm** for the Summer holidays. School opens again for the new academic year **on Wednesday 4th September**. Please see our term dates for the year on our website.



Wishing everyone a very happy
half-term Holiday!

We come back to school on
Monday 3rd June 2019.

Looking for more information?

See our website for details www.fbarnes.camden.sch.uk