



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all who came to 'bring a loved one to school' this week. I enjoyed seeing all the adults and children working in partnership during the afternoon. Throughout the school there was a positive energy and atmosphere as we shared our love of learning.

I learned how to make an origami butterfly with year five and was shown some amazing 'Roseau tiger artwork' in year two. Year three tested me on my multiplication facts as they showed me the games they had been making and playing. In year six I witnessed a great version of the game '21' with some very tactical players. The energy on the field with year four was fantastic; it was lovely to see the parents and children so actively involved in the sports activities. The energy continued in both Art and Music. In Reception I enjoyed watching the parents join in with their children's play. Hearing the positive comments from parents in relation to their child's WOW books and the progress they have made, made both the parents and myself feel proud.

At home time, I stood at the school gate and year ones proudly told me about their monuments that they had built as they left the school with their loved ones, happily chatting and smiling.

Mrs Nicholls

Upcoming Events

- 01.07.17** – Uniform Sale 10.00am – 3.00pm
- 03.07.17** – Jaguar Class Outdoor Learning
- 04.07.17** – Leopard Class Outdoor Learning
- 04.07.17** – Year 2 Colchester Zoo Elephant & Giraffe
- 06.07.17** – Year 2 Colchester Zoo Lion & Chimpanzee
- 10.07.17** – Transition Day – Meet your child's teacher 3.30pm
- 11.07.17** – EYFS Sports Day am & pm
- 13.07.17** – Coffee and cake with the Principal (*Training Room*)
- 13.07.17** – KS1 Sports Day 9.30am – 11.00am
- 14.07.17** – KS2 Sports Day 9.30am – 11.30am
- 14.07.17** – Uniform Sale 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- 14.07.17** – Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 15.07.17** – Uniform Sale 10.00am – 3.00pm
- 18.07.17** – Joseph Performance 6.30pm
- 19.07.17** – Joseph Performance 6.30pm
- 20.07.17** – Year 4 Chalkwell Park
- 20.07.17** – House Point Winners Rounders Match
- 21.07.17** – Last Day of Summer Term

Celebrating Excellence

- Jack J, Albatross Class
- Jasmine H, Albatross Class
- Ivy C, Giraffe Class
- Lucy H, Orca Class
- Lily N, Chimpanzee Class
- Neve C, Manatee Class
- Jimmy L, Orangutan Class
- Patty F, Flamingo Class
- Lili B, Flamingo Class
- Courtney O, Leopard Class
- Mia L, Hummingbird Class



'Bring A Loved One To School'

Over 300 family members joined us for 'Bring a loved one to school' on Monday. Staff, parents and children have all expressed how much they enjoyed the afternoon.

"We had a big turnout for Orca class and have to say it was a fun time, all children and parents were engaged in making a London attraction, we had lots of Big Bens, Tower Bridges and Buckingham Palace complete with guards! All made from junk modelling and I have to say I think the parents were the ones being more competitive." **Miss Thomson – Orca Class**

"In art we were creating collage and pastel portraits based on the style of Picasso. The children in Orangutan had a great time with their parents and grandparents and created some art to be proud of." **Mrs Buckley**

"It was very well attended; I had more males than females which was a pleasant surprise. Parents were actively engaged in the lesson helping their own child and others too." **Mr Porter – Chimpanzee Class**

"It was lovely to see so many parents visiting Wolf Class on Monday. We hope they enjoyed looking through their child's WOW books and discussing their learning with them. I hope it gave parents a little insight into some of the activities we enjoy during a school day." **Miss Wise – Wolf Class**

"I really enjoyed it; it was a total surprise that my Dad came! It made my day. I enjoyed him helping me with my learning; we did art about the jungle habitat." – **Daniel, Year 2 Chimpanzee Class**

"I really liked my Mummy coming to school." **Nancy, Reception Wolf Class**

"I liked playing with Mummy in the garden." **Miller, Reception Wolf Class**

"I enjoyed playing with my Dad, we played with the Mobilo." **Freya, Reception Rabbit Class**

"I enjoyed looking through my WOW book with my Dad." **Charlie, Reception Rabbit Class**

"I absolutely loved it, thank you so much for arranging. It was lovely seeing Evie in her class and getting to join in, then I had lots of fun in Lennon's class. Thank you to Mr Dunne and Mr Holmwood."

"Myself and my daughter Rose in Owl Class really enjoyed the 'bring your loved one to school'. It was great to see into her classroom, look at her wow book and see what things she enjoys. Rose thoroughly enjoyed me being there too!!"

"An absolutely lovely experience. It was wonderful to see Ashleigh in the classroom environment. A great time as well, before pick up. Much easier than morning. Please do it again."

"What a fabulous insight into class dynamics! So much fun to be able to join in with our kids with some good old fashioned board games! Thank you for this opportunity."

"I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the session with Daniela today. It just went too quickly! It's always lovely to see how the kids interact and their enthusiasm. Thanks to all who organised it!"

Attendance

Group	% Attend
LADYBIRD	91.0
BUTTERFLY	88.9
RABBIT	91.7
OWL	95.2
HEDGEHOG	96.7
WOLF	97.0
PENGUIN	98.0
ORCA	95.7
ALBATROSS	94.7
SQUID	100.0
GIRAFFE	97.9
LION	98.0
ELEPHANT	98.0
CHIMPANZEE	91.3
MANATEE	95.7
JAGUAR	94.5
HUMMINGBIRD	100.0
ALPACA	98.5
PANDA	93.2
KOMODO DRAGON	97.2
LEOPARD	98.0
ORANGUTAN	98.6
MOOSE	95.7
COYOTE	94.8
FLAMINGO	96.2
KANGAROO	95.1
PUFFERFISH	98.4

Well done to Squid and Hummingbird for 100% attendance this week



News

We have had such an exciting week in **Reception**, immersing ourselves in the world of Pirates! We have been writing messages in bottles and sending them to other classes, searching for treasure and learning some pirate phrases – 'shiver me timbers!' The children all of course loved their dress up day on Wednesday. Their teachers were all very impressed with their fabulous costumes. Hedgehog and Rabbit classes held a fashion show to show their outfits off! Wolf and Owl classes had a go at doing some pirate dancing. All classes enjoyed a pirate feast, and ate biscuits and drank pirate punch. We have had a super time and can't wait for more pirate fun next week! Mia from Owl Class said "I loved drawing pirate pictures. Pirates sail out to sea in their ships and they look for buried treasure and sea monsters. I enjoyed doing pirate writing because it's fun." Rudi said, "Nancy from Wolf Class gave us a challenge to do one hundred and two press ups! She sent us a message in a bottle. I would like to send one back."

The children in **Nursery** have been scientists this week! They conducted experiments exploding bottles of fizzy drinks. Harvey from Ladybird said "We did all three of the bottles. You put mints in and it exploded. You have to run away!" Maybe you could ask your child which drink made the bottles erupt the highest? We have been practising hard for sports day and we also said goodbye to our 5 beautiful butterflies which had emerged from their cocoons. We took them to the bottom of the field and released them. One butterfly had a poorly wing so we put it on a flower to drink some nectar and get better. We have loved watching our caterpillars grow and change and we hope they have lots of fun now they have been released!

Year 4 have been writing explanation texts about how the ears and eyes work. We've found out some fascinating facts such as what causes deafness, and that some people who suffer from colour blindness see red as blue. The children have worked hard researching and are now very knowledgeable on the subject.

In **Year 5** Maths, the children have been learning about different units of measure. To help them understand, they have been making biscuits, measuring using rulers and investigating capacity using beakers. The children all reported how much fun the lessons were. They were able to get a good understanding of measures and then enjoy Mr Cauchi's biscuit recipe. They were really yummy. During English the children have been exploring adverbial phrases and focusing on their spelling, pretending to be characters from class book plus dramatizing a chapter to understand the thinking and feelings of characters. This will help the Year 5 children to write diary entries using their steps to success – Lily B, Flamingo Class

Year 5 also had the amazing opportunity to visit Chase High School for their taster day. The children all enjoyed the activities, where they were divided into groups and the whole of year five had great fun. The children got a glimpse into secondary school life and even though they didn't all do the same subject they all learnt something new. At the end, the children had the pleasure of watching a performance that Chase High students had put together. It had one amazing solo singer, a duet with two singers that moved all, a troupe of dancers and a keyboard solo. In conclusion, it was a fun and unforgettable day at Chase High – Julia, Coyote Class

In Art, children have enjoyed a visit from Justin Coe, a performance poet. They made positive and funny slogans based on how they could improve the world for example – Stick the world together with bubble gum trees – all of the children enjoyed using their imagination in a literary and visual sense. The slogans will feed into a piece of artwork by Ben Connors which will hopefully feature at Village Green this year.



News

The new Vertas **lunch menu** will commence on Monday 3rd July which is Week 2 on the menu; for parents who pay for school meals the price will increase from £2.00 to £2.20 per day. School meals need to be paid by ParentPay weekly in advance. As part of the Universal Free School Meal funding, free meals will still be provided for Reception and KS1 children. The new lunch menu, which was circulated on Wednesday, can be found on the school website and still includes a jacket potato option.

All internal **extra-curricular sports** clubs will finish on Friday 7th July.

Reminder: Children should bring water to school to drink through the day, unless there is a medical requirement that states otherwise.

Reminder: All students currently having 1:1 instrument lessons at Darlinghurst need to return their reply slips asap to secure their 2017/18 spaces before letters go out to the remainder of the school on 10th July.

PTA news

Here we are again, drawing a close on the academic year. As before we are throwing a fun inflatable day event for the children to let their hair down, bounce themselves ragged and blow off some steam after another year of hard work.

PTA Bounce Day: This event couldn't happen without everyone pitching in and lending a helping hand. The PTA need volunteers to monitor each inflatable. The more volunteers, the more inflatables! Up to as many as 20!! They would also like to run some stalls such as a face painting and glitter tattoo stall, a cake stall and a tombola. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please let them know asap by emailing darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com so they can start allocating people. Please say if you would like to volunteer for a specific role eg inflatable, face painting or tombola etc. I'm sure you will appreciate the time and logistics involved in organising the largest event in the PTA calendar. **Volunteers receive half price wrist bands!!!** If you have an idea for a stall that you would like to run, please send the PTA details and they can add you to the plan. Avoid the queue on the day and pre-book your tickets in the KS1 playground at pick up the week commencing 10th July, volunteers are also required for selling tickets. Wristbands will go to the classroom on the day. Finally there will be a toddler area on the Astro turf, £1.00 payable on the door on the day.

Lisa, Sarah, Nisha & Claire – The PTA Committee.



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Fire Eaters* Disco* Craft
And other activities

Fusion Hawaiian

July 6th 6pm-8pm
£2 per child

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Prize for the best costume
For children
In school years 1-6

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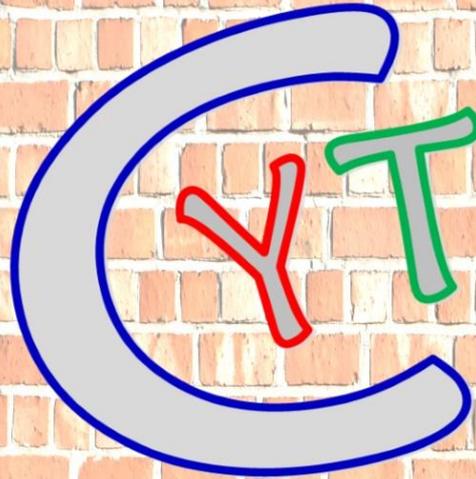
Summer

Holiday Club

For Children aged 4-8
July 24th-27th 2017
£1 per session 10am-12noon

Lots of various activities

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SUMMER SCHOOL

'Play in a Week'

Monday 31st July– Friday 4th August

Ages 5-7: 10:30am– 1pm £50

Ages 8-11: 2-5pm £65

Clifftown Youth Theatre are opening their doors this summer!

We will be creating a play in a week; developing drama skills, making new friends and building confidence.

Book now!

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