



# DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

## Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic collection of photographs and articles on everything we have been doing at Drumbeat this term. We have now introduced learning summaries from our subject and key stage leads so you can get an idea of what has been going on in the classroom in more detail. I hope you enjoy reading them.

I am very proud of our pupils and staff who have shown such resilience and energy throughout this year. Well done everyone and enjoy your Easter break.

Spring is here and there is hope ahead. Enjoy your new found freedom and be safe.

On a personal note, we had to say goodbye to one of our most loved and longest serving teachers at Brockley. It is with sadness that we think of our loss but happiness when I think of what she brought to our school and pupils everyday she was here. God bless.

Marie Neave  
Executive Headteacher

### *Dates for the Diary....*

**Wednesday, 31 March**

**Last day of Spring Term 2**

School will close at 1pm  
on this day

**Monday, 19 April**

**First day of Summer Term 1**

Staff and students back at  
school

**Monday, 3 May**

**May Bank Holiday**

**Friday, 28 May**

**Last day of Summer Term 1**

**Monday, 7 June**

**First day of Summer Term 2**

**Friday, 23 July**

**Last day of Summer Term 2**

School will close at 1pm  
on this day

**Wednesday, 1 September**

**INSET Day**

Students will not attend  
school on this day

**Thursday, 2 September**

Students back at school

## **A much loved teacher**



Our school community was saddened to learn that a much loved teacher, Fiona Smithers, had passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Fiona was an outstanding teacher who cared very deeply about the success and wellbeing of each and every one of her students.

She was very creative and loved nature.

She was also passionate about mental health and wellbeing.

We will all miss her very much and will spend many difficult moments grieving her loss.

Over the coming months, we will be commemorating Fiona in a variety of ways and ensure that her memory lives on.



***Congratulations to Ismail for winning the CRAE  
Christmas Card Design Competition!***



# **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK**

29th March - 4th April 2021

follow our social media for updates



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

St Luke's and St Mark's  
Downham

**MONDAY**

VIDEO: WHAT IS AUTISM &  
**NEURODIVERSITY?**

**TUESDAY**

VIDEO: AUTISM:  
**SCHOOL & WORK**  
**QUIZ NIGHT** AUTISM AWARENESS

**WEDNESDAY**

VIDEO: AUTISM & **FAMILY**

**THURSDAY**

VIDEO: AUTISM &  
**MENTAL HEALTH**

**FRIDAY**

VIDEO: AUTISM &  
**SENSORY**

**SATURDAY**

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY  
**SUPER 7 CHALLENGE**

**SUNDAY**

VIDEO: AUTISM &  
**CHURCH**



World Autism  
Awareness Week



# QUIZ NIGHT

Family Quiz night.

Subject: Autism Spectrum Condition

How much do you know?

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Tuesday 30th March 2021 @6pm  
ZOOM sign up on Eventbrite

St Luke's and St Mark's  
Downham



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

**Just a  
reminder...**



### Attention Parents

**Please remember to label all your  
child's belongings.**

## Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed recently, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

It is simple to check. Please visit <https://eyproviders.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx> you will need to create an account and then run the check.

If you do not have an email address or you are having issues accessing this, please call Karen at Downham 020 8698 9738.

Even if your child does not eat lunch at school, it is important that you apply. The school receives extra funding to help your child if they are entitled to free school meals, we can also apply for other funding depending on how many of our students receive Free School Meals. So you wouldn't just be helping your family, you would be helping all of the children who go to Drumbeat.

**Please be mindful when parking outside the school and ensure that local residents' drives are not blocked and bus entrances are kept clear.**



We raised an impressive  
**£122.25**  
for Red Nose Day!  
Thank you for your  
contributions and support.

# Our Learning in EYFS



## Learning at School:

This term we have been learning about 'Toys'. We have been reading 'The Teddybear's Picnic' & 'Crackers' in Literacy. Counting a range of toys in Maths. Using cause & effect toys during Computing. In cooking we have been making a range of spring dishes and dishes related to our RE topics.



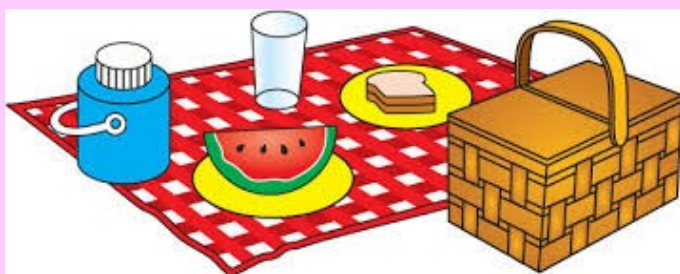
## Welcome

A BIG welcome to Daniel who has joined Dolphins.



## Remote Learning:

For those of us that were at home during Lockdown we were given activity ideas to do at home through google classroom and in workpacks sent home. These activities included going on our own bear hunts, having our own picnics, finding shapes around our homes and watching class videos – which we loved to watch!



## Important Dates:

### Summer Term 1

Monday 19 April – First day of term

Friday 28 May — Last day of term

(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 3 May)





## EYFS News



Wow what a crazy couple of months it has been with the latest lockdown. Everyone has been working very hard at home and it has been lovely to see what everyone has been doing! We have really loved welcoming back all pupils and cannot wait to get back into school-work and having lots of fun with our friends!

Big Welcome to Daniel who has now joined us in Dolphins.



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A BIG thank you to all parents for their support during Spring lockdown. The work you did at home with your children was exceptional and is evident in all the progress they have made!



## Key Stage 1 News

This has been a busy, yet different Spring Term! Firstly we would like to thank all of you for your support with Home Learning. We know it has been difficult for you, many of you have had to support more than one child through this. We put a lot of time and effort into our Google classrooms and work packs and it has been lovely to see the engagement at home.

Here are a few examples of the great learning the children have been engaging with.

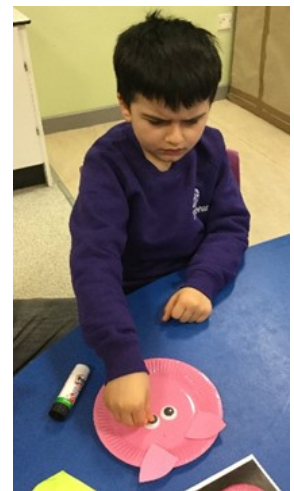


Of course – the children have been working very hard at school also!

We would like to say a thank you to those parents who are keyworkers and have been keeping the world going through this tricky time. A special thanks to the NHS workers, who have been amazing!

## Tiger Class

The children have been enjoying our topic 'Once Upon a Time.' We have been listening to and engaging with traditional tales. We have also been using the story characters across the curriculum.







## Zebras Newsletter

### Spring 2021



Hello from Zebra Class. We are so happy to be back together again! We have all settled back into our routines and have enjoyed playing with our friends. This term our topic stories have been 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In maths the focus has been on measures and number. In phonics, we have learnt all set 1 Speed Sounds and are now beginning to blend and write our sounds. We are so excited for the Summer Term. Have a fabulous Easter break.

Love from Zebras.



*Small worlds and play*

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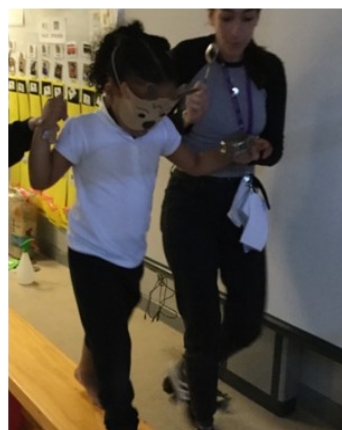


## PE, Cooking and Music



## English

**Writing: Dough Disco, Funky Fingers, and Writing Carousel.  
Communication; Colourful Semantics, AA and What's in the box.**



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**Maths;**  
**Shape; comparing sizes; Big/Small and Tall/Short**  
**Number; quantity to number, addition, more or less**







## Crocodile Class News



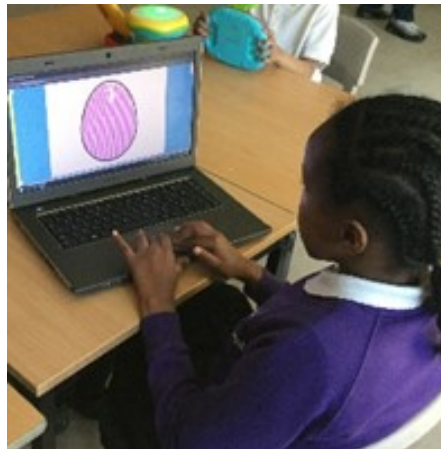
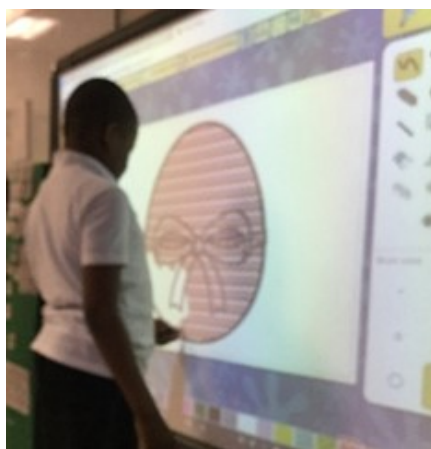
This term our topic has been 'Once Upon A Time' and we have been focusing on traditional tales. It has been a very different term, but the children have been fantastic! Thank you for all your support at home. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.





## Penguin Class

The children have settled back to school very well and have been enjoying carrying out Spring Activities. Here are some photographs of some of the activities we have been carrying out.



## Flamingo Class

It was so lovely to welcome all of the children back to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March – I had really missed the joy (and noise) that they bring to Flamingo Class. Once again, I was so proud of how well the children coped with returning to school after another extended period of uncertainty and disruption to their routine. I would like to take this opportunity to also say a big WELL DONE and THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support during such difficult times.



Since returning to school, the children have jumped straight back into their learning and have enjoyed our topic 'A moment in time'. They have learnt all about the different seasons and produced some really lovely art work around this theme.

In PSHE, we have been exploring 'feelings' and have been practising showing different 'feeling faces' in the mirror. We have also been learning how to say how we are feeling and many children are now able to give a reason why.

In food group this half term, the children have tried all sorts of interesting foods from mango to couscous. They have explored the different senses through food by thinking about what each food looks like, feels like, smells like and tastes like.

The children have also continued to work really hard on their maths & English targets and are making good progress. **I am very proud of them all this term, as I am always.**



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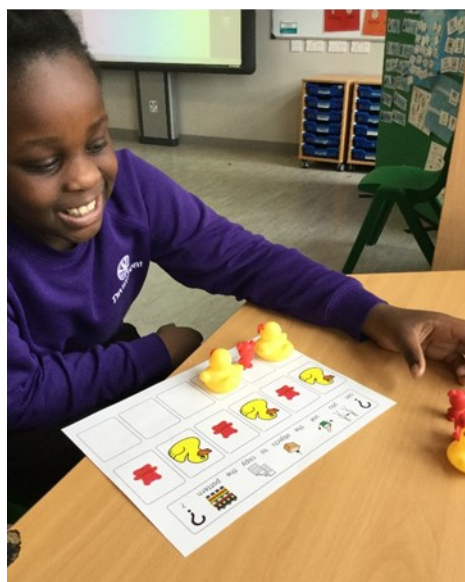


## Seahorse Class

This term we have been working on the book 'Peace at last'. We've loved reading this story and using props and sound buttons to retell the story in our English lessons.



We have been looking at colour, shape and pattern this term in Maths. We have been exploring 3D shapes and looking at big and small.



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## Panda Class

Panda class have been having fun back in class altogether. The children have been working hard on their Maths and Literacy targets and have joined in with lots of Attention Autism sessions. We celebrated St Patrick's Day with floating shamrocks and a game involving a pot of gold and rainbows! Pandas have started creating lots of Easter and Spring artwork such as making Easter chick cards, decorating Easter eggs and making Spring flower collages. In Maths we have been exploring size and measures.





## **Newsletter from Key Stage 3**

In Key stage Three this term we have been very busy developing our reading, writing, speaking and listening and maths skills at both home and school. All students have accessed learning via our online learning platform; Google Classrooms. It has been a fantastic time to build stronger relationships between home and school through online learning, zoom calls and regular parent calls.

### **Excalibur class**

In Excalibur class this term they have been learning about habitats. The children have been focussing ordering and structuring their ideas into full sentences. Some of the children have been answering questions about short stories they have read. The children have been working on addition and subtraction problems with numbers up to 100- WOW!

The children have especially enjoyed developing their independence skills at home and school by learning to make simple meals like beans on toast- yummy.

The children are happy to be back at school and are working on their social skills through collaborative play sessions in the afternoons.



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## Merlin class

In Merlin class this term the children have been learning about different religions, celebrations, cultures and languages through the topic 'around the world'. The children have engaged in art, dance, role play, cooking and stories to enrich their experiences.

The children have been developing their reading skills by reading for meaning through recipes, instructions and science experiments. The children have had great success at developing the use of their literacy skills in a functional way.

In Maths the children have been learning about measures and using this in their science and cooking activities. We especially loved our puff pastry gluten free pizzas.

This half term our children have really shone at learning to complete washing, simple meals and brushing teeth independently.



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## Camelot class

In Camelot class this term the children have been learning about habitats. Some of the children engaged with this through sensory exploration of different materials, some of the children were able to write descriptive

sentences about where animals live. All children at home and school accessed their usual daily routine; morning work, exercise, circle time and snack time. This has helped the children to stay on schedule and aided a smooth transition back to school.

The children have been working hard in maths accessing work on number recognition and maths operations; addition, subtraction.

The children especially enjoyed weekly assemblies and P.E. sessions on zoom!



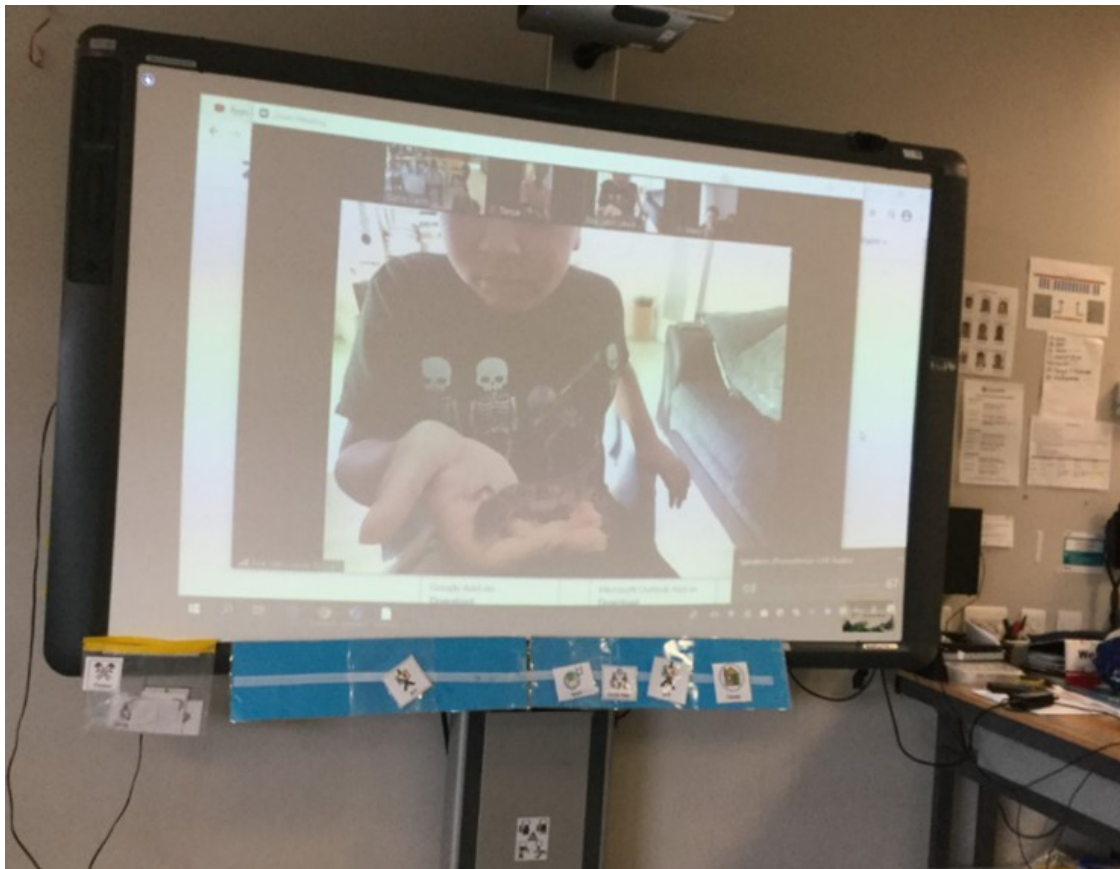
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## **Lancelot class**

In Lancelot class this term the children have been learning about Habitats (Humanities), Maths (Money and Number activities), Literacy (Phonics/Writing/ Reading comprehension) Practical activities linked to festivals, events, e.g. Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, etc.

The students engaged in completing activities from the home learning pack. Some students engaged in the google classroom learning and particularly enjoyed the short AA videos, Zoom catch up with the rest of the class (they were keen to show off their pets and some items from home to their peers and staff). Parents also attempted to engage in practical tasks like cooking and art following instructions from videos uploaded on the google classroom. PE sessions with Adam also proved to be popular.



## PE at Brockley

Even the lockdown didn't stop our students to keep going. Students have been practising different sport and activities such as yoga, basketball and hockey at school and at home. At Drumbeat students know the importance of sport for both their body and mental health.



## **National Careers Week March 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Key Stage 4 and 5**

Students from Drumbeat Brockley have been celebrating National Careers week (NCW) and have been involved in a week long program of study which has included the following:

- Taking part in two special assemblies and watching films on creative careers which have included the performing arts, crafts, virtual tour of pinewood studios,
- Taking part in live workshops via zoom with Leeds museum to find out about front of house roles and to ask questions and fill out student questionnaires.
- Completing job applications and practice interviews with SLT.
- Completing jobs around the school and at home.
- Creating videos about the types of jobs staff do around school and sharing this in assemblies.
- Students at home have been able to get involved in NCW and have shared videos of jobs they do at home.

A big thank you to all staff members that supported the students so well during this fun week of learning and finding out about different jobs people in our community do.



Students interviewing staff

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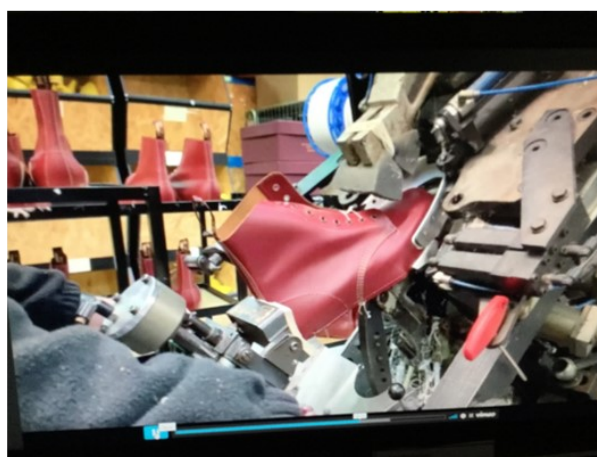
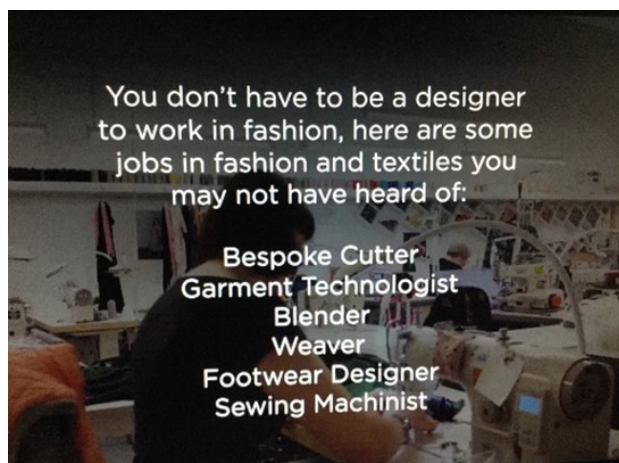




Students carrying out jobs in school



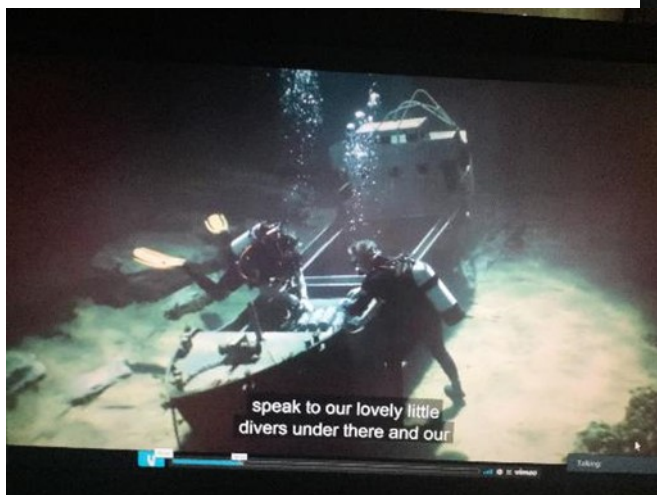
Slides below from creative industry films students watched for NCW



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Student being a news anchor presenter for Drumbeat TV



Virtual tour of Pinewood studios



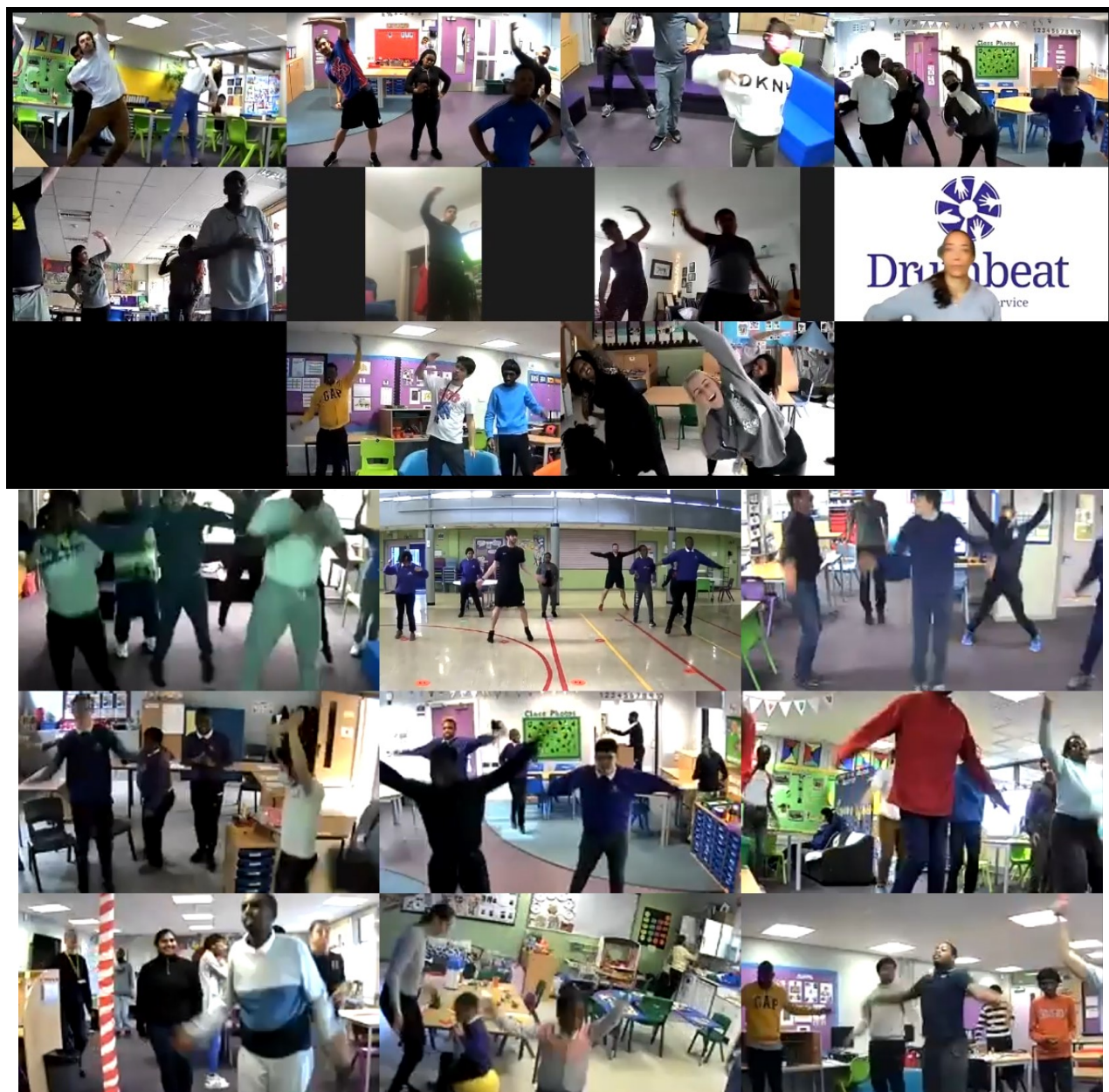
## PE with Adam on zoom:

In order to keep our students healthy and active in school and at home, Adam has been running weekly Friday PE sessions on zoom during the spring term, this has been for everyone at the Brockley and Downham sites plus those who were at home during Lockdown. We also had the odd visit from our assistant head teacher Richard! It is vitally important we all stay as active as possible for our physical and mental wellbeing.

We have also taken part in Red Nose Day 2021 and 'Dress to impress/Fancy Dress Friday' for Children's Mental Health week where two students won £10 amazon vouchers.

We are all very proud of each and every student, parent/carer and staff member for taking part in school and at home, a huge well done, you are all fitness superstars!

#StayActiveStaySafe







## Key Stage 4 – Learning summary

Students across Key Stage 4 have worked extremely hard throughout the lockdowns and differences this term to ensure that they have continued their learning and completed tasks towards their unit awards and qualifications. During the lockdown we looked at tasks that could be completed at home which would count towards each of the students' qualifications to ensure remote learning was productive and useful for the students. We focussed mainly on English and Maths, this meant that the students were completing more work in these areas than they usually would.

We need to say a huge thankyou to all of the parents who have helped with remote learning at home and to the students for completing and returning work to us. Because of your hard work it has meant that all students in Key stage 4 have remained on track with their personalised targets and have completed or are on track to complete all of their qualifications! Well done KS4!

We also wanted to keep the students active and engaged with physical activity whilst they were at home and in the class reports below you will see some great examples of the students engaging in physical activity together from home. Thankyou also to Vincenzo and Adam for providing zoom PE and yoga sessions that the students could attend on a weekly basis.

Since returning to school the students have been working to reintegrate themselves into a class situation and being around more people each day. Through the recovery curriculum we have been assessing the students against their targets ready for sending off their qualifications for assessment. We have been working on getting the students active and taking part in activities alongside others, again there have been some great examples of this you will see in the class reports below.

We are looking forward to the summer term and the weather improving! Due to the students hard work during remote learning we will have time to focus on the students' independence targets and developing communication skills. We are also hopeful that we may be able to start some work which will take place in the community towards the end of the term but will keep our fingers crossed for good news from the government on this!

Thank you again for all of your hard work throughout this period as without this we would not be in the positive position we have found ourselves in. We hope you have a well-deserved Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone in the summer term.

From all of the KS4 staff team.



## KS4 News

KS4 (Olympic and Wimbledon Class) have been working on a collaborative piece of art work with every child producing multiple individual pieces using a range of different mediums.



As well as working on the core subjects, Olympic Class have been keeping fit, cooking and celebrating special days.

## World Book Day



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For **Mothering Sunday**, the students made cards for their Mothers.



We celebrated **Red Nose day**



...and National Reflection Day.



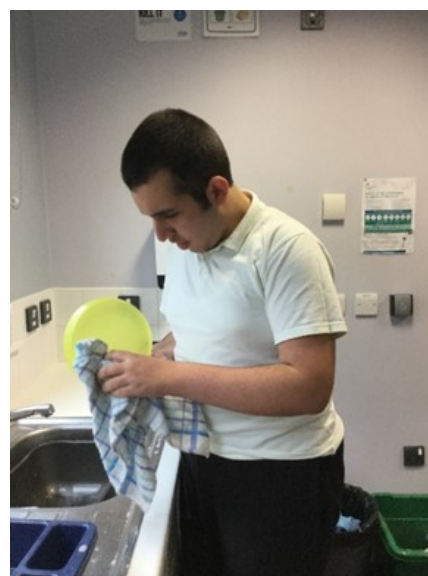
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Olympic Class have been practising their cooking skills and making pizza



and washing up afterwards...



## KS4 Spring Art project:

During this term KS4 have been working on a spring art project with Adam to fill a large area with the brightest, most vibrant display we could make to celebrate spring finally being and the amazing artists we have here at Brockley.



Wimbledon class and Olympic class made an array of art pieces using lots of different mediums and techniques including a group collage sun, hand/foot print butterflies & flowers, tissue paper rainbows and bees, 3D flowers, tulips painted with forks and even a very messy throwing balls covered in paint onto canvas for our background. A huge well done to all students, your artwork has really brightened up our day and our school halls.

Thank you to Marah from Olympic class for helping Adam arrange the display and for Caroline O from Olympic class for collating all of the students work for display.

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## Wimbledon Class

It has been a strange term for all with the lockdown and all of the rule changes. The students in Wimbledon have dealt with all of these issues really well and we are really proud of the way they have managed all of this.

We'd like to say a huge well done to all of the students and families for their hard work during the lockdown and ensuring that work continued through remote learning. Because of your hard work all of the students have remained on track, and have even exceeded, their targets towards achieving their qualifications. We'd also like to say a big well done to Harry who completed every single piece of work set for him at home during the lockdown!

Since returning to school we have been working on the students integrating back into a class situation and being around their peers. This has included taking part in a range of group activities such as board games and cooking together. We have also worked on being as active as possible alongside this taking part in a range of PE and exercise activities as well as cycling sessions with Adam.

Towards our unit awards we have been working on writing, reading and following instructions. We have linked this to some of the tasks we need to be independent and had great fun making the bed in class!

We also really enjoyed baking a class cake for Red Nose day and making some videos showing off our talents.

Well done to everyone for their hard work this term, we look forward to hopefully getting back to some normality next term, as the weather improves. Hopefully towards the end of the term we will be able to get out into the community to continue some of our work.

Wimbledon staff team

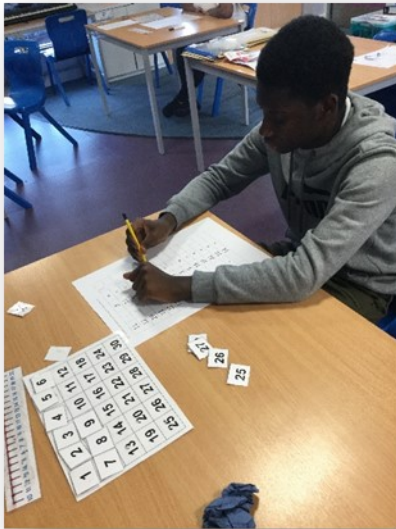


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## Key Stage 5 – Learning summary

We have had a busy term in Key stage 5 setting up remote learning and ensuring we can still continue through the lockdowns. We focussed this term on independence tasks and continuing work towards the ASDAN qualifications which could be adapted to working at home.

Many of the classes have completed work around maintaining social interactions through zoom meetings and regular communication between the students. These have been really positive to see and great to see the students involve themselves with their peers. It was also great to see the students regularly joining in with the weekly assemblies and zoom PE sessions run by Vincenzo and Adam. You will see in the reports below from KS5 classes some of the fantastic examples of work that has taken place. Thank you to all of the parents and siblings for your support with continuing this work throughout the lockdown.

Since returning to school we have been working on integrating the students back into the class environment and spending time around their peers. We have taken part in a range of activities working together and communicating with each other. We have also focussed on getting everyone active and taking part in PE and yoga sessions together.

Over the lockdown the school garden has become neglected and the KS5 classes have spent time clearing all of the mess and preparing the area to be developed. Watch this space for some plans of how this area will be improved.

Heading into the summer term we are keeping our fingers crossed that we might be able to get out into the community to continue some of our work, but we will have to wait and see what advice comes from the government first.

Well done to everyone for returning positively and thank you again for all of your hard work during the lockdown. We hope you have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

The Key stage 5 staff team.



## Beckenham Place Park Poster Competition

Students from 6<sup>th</sup> Form during their geography lessons have been learning about our environmental problems. We've been focusing on the litter that is left around the park and how they affect life on our planet for us, animals and nature.



Our students are taking part in the competition by creating their own poster remind people to use bins and the importance of recycling. Great work and good luck!

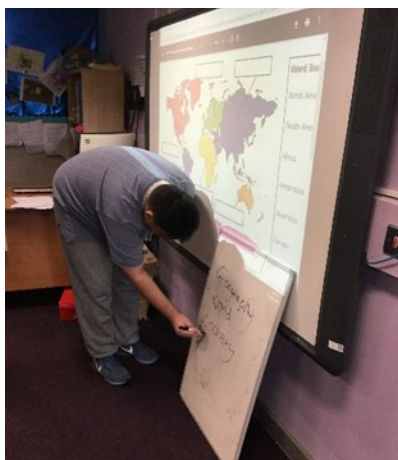


# Geography News

Students from Shard, Meridian and Battersea class have been really enjoying to learn about Geography. So far we've learning and discussing different topics such different continents, countries and problem related to the environment.



Students showed again great knowledge and great interest to this subject asking so many questions, researching answers. It was great seeing students brainstorming together. This term we've been learning about the continents especially on Europe learning names, flags and other typical things like music and food for each country.





## Tower Class

The return to normality was always going to be tough, however, Tower Class have more than risen to the challenge. The students enjoyed catching up and seeing each other again, being very considerate of each other's wants and needs.

We have been concentrating a lot on the world of work and learning about different careers as well as how to fill out forms and apply for jobs. Our students have also been getting the garden ready for spring in addition to planting seeds that will hopefully grow into a bountiful harvest of onions, beetroot, lettuce, radishes, cabbage and unfortunately, Brussel sprouts.

We are looking forward to coming back refreshed for the summer term!



## Shard Class

This term has been a busy and active one for Shard Class and they met their new teacher Francoise for the first time!

For our life skills we have been practicing using money and shopping in Simon's classroom shop! To stay healthy and active we have been working hard in the garden, doing PE with Adam, playing hockey outside and developing our yoga with Vincenzo. We are so pleased to have won the Red Nose Day Cake Competition and we celebrated by having a tea party to eat our cake.





## Brockley School Garden

Excellent work from Shard class's students in taking care of the Brockley school garden. Our pupils are working together in great team spirit taking different responsibility and working very hard to keep it nice and tidy.

Next step students will plan a 'restyle' of it. Can't wait...but in the meantime well done!



## Meridian Class

This term Meridian class have been doing amazing work doing jobs around the classroom. They have been keeping the classroom very clean and tidy by wiping the tables, sweeping the floor and cleaning the windows!



We have also been exploring different painters and have been inspired to create works of art inspired by them. The following art pieces are inspired by Wassily Kandinsky and Pablo Picasso!





# **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES — 2020/21**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 September – INSET day</b> <b>Thursday 3 September – First day of term</b> <b>Friday 2 October – INSET day</b> <b>Friday 23 October – Last day of term</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October</b>
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 2 November – First day of term</b> <b>Friday 18 December – Last day of term*</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January</b> <b>Monday 4 January &amp; Tuesday 5 January – INSET days – NON ATTENDING</b>

## **SPRING TERM 2021**

<b>Spring Term 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 January — First day of term</b> <b>Friday 12 February – Last day of term</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 22 February – First day of term</b> <b>Wednesday 31 March – Last day of term*</b>
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>Thursday 1 April – Friday 16 April</b> <b>(Easter weekend 2-5 April)</b>

## **SUMMER TERM 2021**

<b>Summer Term 1</b>	<b>Monday 19 April – First day of term</b> <b>Friday 28 May — Students last day of term</b> <b>(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 3 May)</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June</b> <b>(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 31 May)</b>
<b>Summer Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 7 June – First day of term</b> <b>Friday 25 June – INSET day</b> <b>Friday 23 July – Last day of term*</b>

*INSET days = Staff Training days. Pupils do not attend school on these days.*

*The 2021/22 term dates are on the school website.*

## **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES — 2021/22**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**Autumn Term 1**      **Wednesday 1 September – INSET day**  
**Thursday 2 September – Students first day of term**  
**Friday 1 October – INSET day**  
**Friday 22 October - Last day of term**

**Half Term Holiday**      **Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October**

**Autumn Term 2**      **Monday 1 November – First day of term**  
**Friday 17 December – Last day of term\***

**Christmas Holiday**      **Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January**

### **SPRING TERM 2022**

**Spring Term 1**      **Tuesday 4 January & Wednesday 5 January—INSET days**  
**Thursday 6 January — Students first day of term**  
**Friday 11 February – Last day of term**

**Half Term Holiday**      **Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February**

**Spring Term 2**      **Monday 21 February – First day of term**  
**Friday 1 April – Last day of term\***

**Easter Holiday**      **Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April**  
**(Easter weekend 15-18 April)**

### **SUMMER TERM 2022**

**Summer Term 1**      **Tuesday 19 April – First day of term**  
**Thursday 16 May — Students last day of term**  
**(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 2 May)**

**Half Term Holiday**      **Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June**  
**(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 30 May)**

**Summer Term 2**      **Monday 6 June – First day of term**  
**Friday 22 July – Last day of term\***

*INSET days = Staff Training days. Pupils do not attend school on these days.*

*\*School will close at 1pm on the last day of the full term.*