



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter Summer Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers

I really cannot believe how fast this year has gone and we are in our last half term after the break.

Thank you for bearing with us through staff absence (still due to COVID) and understanding that we are ensuring things continue as normal.

As you can see our children have been getting up to lots of interesting and exciting stuff. We've had our first residential since the pandemic which has been a great success. The children have also completed a bike challenge to raise money for Ukraine. They have been very excited and the sense of achievement has been wonderful.

Please take note that the first day back is Tuesday, 7th June and **not** the Monday.

I hope you all have a lovely break.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the school.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary....

Thursday, 26 May

Last day of term for students

Friday, 27 May

INSET Day

Monday, 6 June

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day
School will be closed on this day

Tuesday, 7 June

First day of term

Mon 20 June — Thu 23 June

KS4 Residentials

Wednesday, 13 July

Sports Day
Both sites
(more information to follow)

Friday, 15 July

10 Year Celebration Day
Both sites
(more information to follow)

Friday, 22 July

Last day of term
School will close at 1pm on this day



Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school, including:

- how happy your child is at the school
- how the school manages bullying or challenging behaviour

If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), we will ask how well the school supports them.

The questionnaire can be completed at any time - you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use your responses to help us plan inspections. The information you provide can:

- inform discussions inspectors have with school leaders during an inspection
- help Ofsted decide when to inspect a school

In addition to this, we also publish the overall summary of the responses to Ofsted Parent View. This information is anonymised.

Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.



Pupils leaving or moving at end of Summer Term 2022

Parents/Carers should be aware that pupils changing school site or moving on to another establishment will not automatically qualify for transport and you will need to re-apply.

Please complete an online travel assistance application form which can be found on the Lewisham website [lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/special-educational-needs/school-transport-for-children-with-sen/how-to-apply-for-travel-assistance-for-children-with-special-educational-needs](https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/special-educational-needs/school-transport-for-children-with-sen/how-to-apply-for-travel-assistance-for-children-with-special-educational-needs) or by calling TCT. They are available Monday – Friday 08:00 – 17:00. If you have any queries please email them at tct@lewisham.gov.uk or call on 020 8314 6363.

**NO PARKING
DO NOT BLOCK
DRIVEWAY**

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



School Uniform

Please name all your children's clothing as it is difficult to locate lost clothing without some form of identification.

Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, plain white polo shirt and purple sweatshirt.

If you would like to order uniform please visit www.myclothing.com and put the school name in the box, this will then take you to our page. The address is also on the school website under 'for parents'.

Whitehall Clothiers in Lewisham also has a limited stock of our uniform. They are at 244a Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6JU (Tel: 0208 852 8967 or www.whitehallclothiers.co.uk)

For swimming your child will need to bring a towel and swimsuit or costume. They will also need shorts and a T-shirt for P.E. lessons. These may be left at school, in a clearly marked bag.

In the 6th Form students can choose to wear their own clothes to school. In practice we find the vast majority of students choose this option and do not wear the Drumbeat school uniform.



We have 3 workshops that are free (but need booking online) at BPP over the half term.

Bird watching for children on Saturday 28th May 10am-12pm
<https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events/bird-watching-for-children>

Make miniature animal gardens on Monday 30 May 10am – 12pm
<https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events/miniature-animal-gardens>

Butterfly walk and family fun Tuesday 31 May 10am-12pm <https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events/butterflies-and-craft-activities-for-children-tmljd>

There will also be free bike checks on 31st May, 11am – 3pm
<https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events/dr-bike-free>

Finally, the annual flower, art and dog show will take place on Sunday 31 July. Please see flyer on next page – please pass to any growers and creatives who might like to enter. <https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events/bpp-show-2022>
Visit the websites or see next page for more details


Beckenham Place Park



Beckenham Place Park
Show 2022
Sunday 31 July

Are you a grower?
Arranger? Creative?

Why not enter the BPP show?

- ✿ Friendly competition open to growers of all standards
- ✿ Prizes to be won!
- ✿ £1 per category entry
- ✿ Enter online in advance
- ✿ 12 categories for adults and six for children



Children's categories will be judged 10 years and under and 11-16 years. Everyone over 16 should enter the standard "adult" categories.



For category details and how to enter online in advance visit:
beckenhamplacepark.com/events/bp





Beckenham Place Park



Beckenham Place Park
Show 2022
Sunday 31 July

List of categories

- 1 Vase of mixed garden flowers
- 2 Vase of roses
- 3 Floral display on theme 'Queen's Platinum Jubilee'
- 4 A fragrant rose (one bloom judged on scent only)
- 5 Most exotic home-grown flower, plant or houseplant
- 6 Dried flower arrangement
- 7 Bowl of salad veg (three varieties)
- 8 Three beetroot
- 9 A medley of courgettes and/or summer squashes
- 10 Tastiest vegetable (judged on raw flavour)
- 11 Plate of soft fruit (two or more varieties)
- 12 Craft flowers, fruit or vegetables



Children's categories

- 1 Flowers in a mug or vase
- 2 Tallest sunflower
- 3 Miniature garden on theme 'climate emergency'
- 4 Animal garden (in a seed tray)
- 5 Vegetable creature (sculpture)
- 6 Craft flowers, fruit or vegetables



Stay connected

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Share your visit to the park using #LoveBPP on social media.






Dear Parents and Carers,

#BEXFEST is back in the beating heart of Bexley, Danson Park on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June 2022. Organised by Welling Round Table for charitable causes both locally and further afield.

This year there are performances from Toploader, D:Ream, DJ Pat Sharp, plus around 20 other local favourites! Get your best singing voices ready!

Our massive funfair is returning, alongside a variety of food outlets, licensed bars and many stalls & attractions for the whole family to enjoy.

We are delighted to be able to reward our hardworking students and their families an exclusive opportunity to get 50% off the price of an adult ticket.

Ticket prices for the whole weekend are:

Children under 10 go free

Young people 10-17 are £6

Adults are just £5 with your exclusive #BEXFEST password below

To redeem this offer enter the password 'bexfest22'

This offer only lasts till May the 31st.

For more information please visit <https://linktr.ee/BEXFEST>

Brand New Pan-Disability Inclusive Tennis and Frame Running Sessions

We are so excited to announce brand new inclusive tennis and frame running sessions taking place for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children and young people across London. Sessions include padel tennis, beach tennis, mini tennis and a frame running 'have a go day'.

Please do get in touch if you have a question about the sessions:

Phone: 020 7993 9883

Email: Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.co.uk

Inclusive Beach Tennis



Free inclusive beach tennis for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children

Information

When: Mondays

Time: 4:30pm - 5:15pm

Where: Marlborough Sports Gardens, SE1 1SD

Age: 6 - 11 (siblings welcome to join in)

Cost: Free

*Starts Monday 16th May 2022

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/InclusiveBeachTennis>

Got a question?



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Beach Tennis - Southwark

- Inclusive beach tennis for 6 - 11 year olds
 - Mondays 4:30 - 5:15 pm at Marlborough Sports Gardens, SE1 1SD
 - Sessions take place on a beach court with adapted equipment
 - All sessions are FREE
- Starts Monday 16th May 2022

Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club Inclusive Tennis

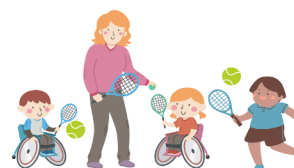
Pan-disability sessions for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children
All disabilities/abilities welcome

Where: Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club, Burbage Road, SE24 9HP

When: Sundays 11 am - 12 pm

Age: 6-11 years old

Cost: First session free, £3 thereafter! Booked in a block of 5
Delivered in line with Covid-19 guidance



Register here:

bit.ly/dulwichtennis

Or scan the QR code to register



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Inclusive Tennis - Southwark

- Sundays 11 am - 12 pm for 6 - 11 year olds
 - Dulwich Tennis Club. SE24 9HP

First session free! £3 thereafter (booked on a block of 5)

Fun Fizzicle are Multi Activity sessions with various equipment
Sessions will start from the 25th May and run on Wednesdays.

Sessions 4.15pm – 5.45pm

For children up to the age of 11

Sessions are £4

Fun Fizzical is back!

**We are delighted to
announce that Fun
Fizzical is back and will
be taking place at
Bellingham Leisure &
Lifestyle Centre.**

Sessions will start on Wednesday 25th May

**The sessions will run between 4.15pm and
5.45pm**

Cost: £4 per child

**For SEN children and their siblings up to
the age of 11.**

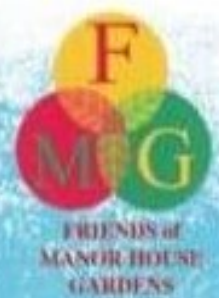
**There is no need to book in advance;
booking and payment can be made on the
day.**

**Parents will need to stay in the building
throughout the session**

We look forward to welcoming you all back



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Jubilee Display at Drumbeat Downham

Thank you to Roger and the pupils for
creating this beautiful display



The Big Cycle

We are extremely happy to announce that yesterday's Ukraine fundraising event was a roaring success!

We came very close to meeting our target, and given that we were faced with some disruptive weather we are extremely proud of what our pupils achieved.

Our superstar school council members from KS3 and KS2 stepped up and performed fantastically as equipment chiefs, lap trackers, refreshment servers and enthusiastic cheerleaders throughout the day, encouraging each class to keep going and do the best they can. Having created and planned the event themselves, it was very rewarding for them to see their plans become reality.

All pupils and staff across the school participated - cycling, scooting, and cheering each other on. It was great to see everyone have their turn, working together and doing their part for a worthy cause.

A huge thank you to all families and staff who sponsored our pupils and donated generously to the event. We will still be collecting donations towards this fundraiser for the next few weeks, and will announce our final total raised towards the end of the Summer term.

A very loud and well-deserved round of applause for everyone involved!

From Julia, Becky & Drumbeat School Council



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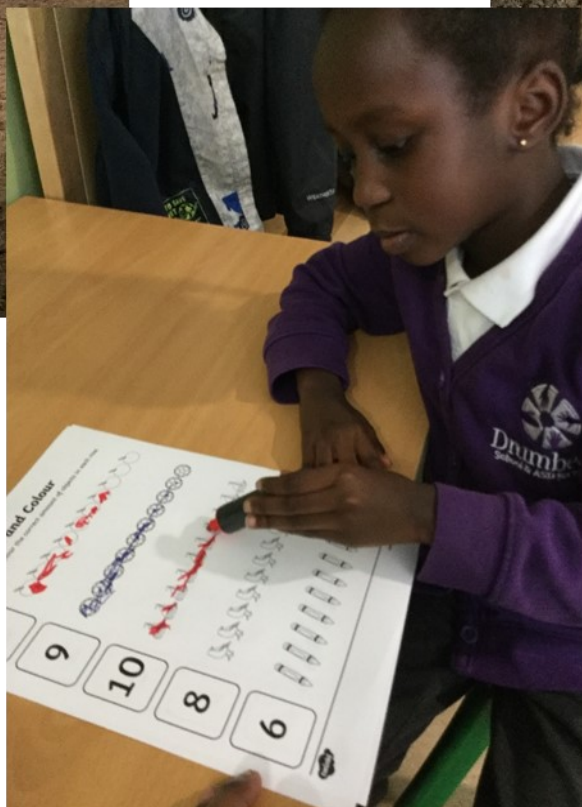


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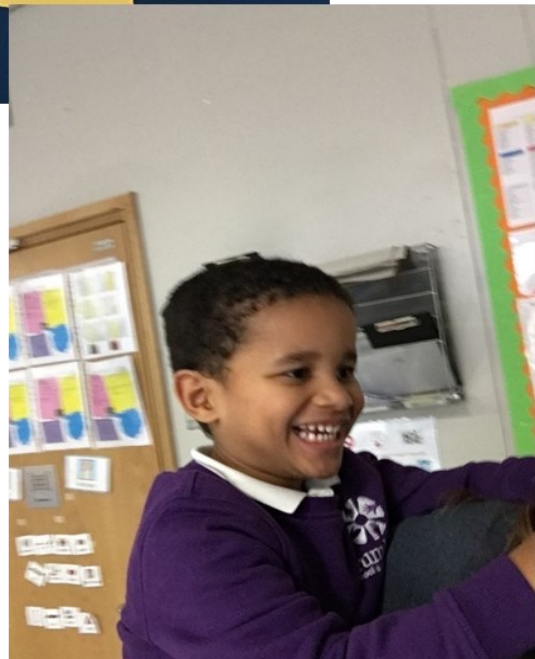
We have really enjoyed the summer term so far learning about 'Out & About'. We have been cooking some lovely dishes, making some natural art and reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have also been learning about Ramadan, Eid, Versak and the Queen's Jubilee.

Please keep an eye out in your child's contact book for when we plan any trips to support our learning.

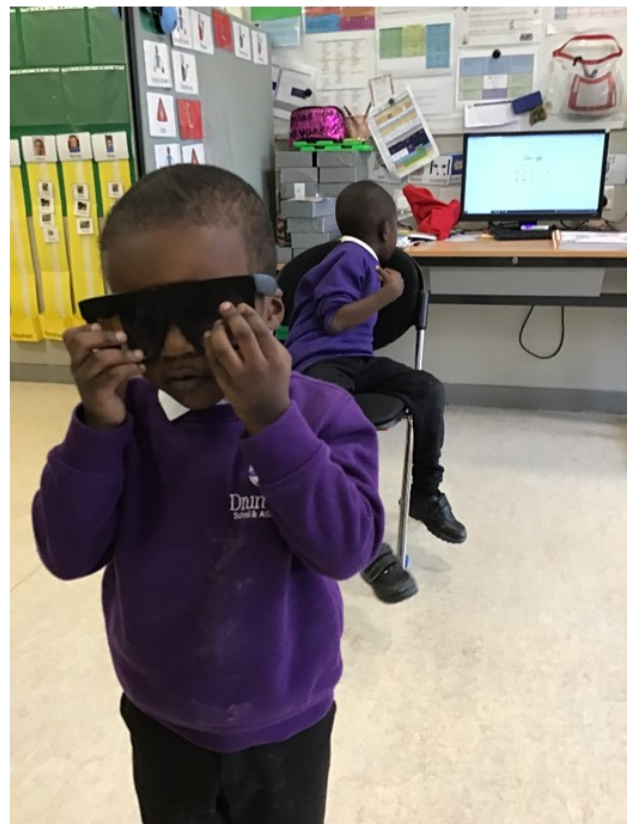


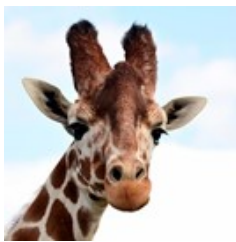
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Giraffe Class

I can't believe we only have 1 half term left in Giraffe Class! We are all super proud of the progress all the children have made.

Last term we were learning about different transport. We enjoyed going on a Magic Train Ride and finding out about emergency vehicles. We also had trampolining and horse riding sessions.



This term we have been busy growing beans, sunflowers and cress – with some success! Your child will be bringing home their sunflowers and beans for you to enjoy at home.



Crocodile Class



This term, our topic in Crocodile Class has been 'In the Garden'. We have been looking at different books such as 'Tiny Seed' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. Exploring how things grow and planting a variety of seeds. We have also been going horse riding this term.

Another focus has been developing our motor skills through fine motor activities and 'write dance'. We have been enhancing our communication with a focus on vowels and continuing to develop our independence in daily activities, including cooking. The children have worked really hard and we are very proud of them all.

Have a brilliant half term break!

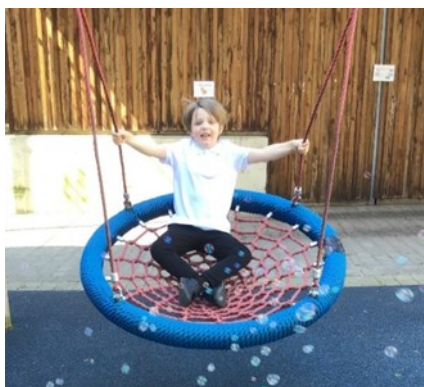


Tiger Class Newsletter

Tiger class have been working really hard on their topic In The Garden. They have explored plants that grow, insects that live and colours they can see in the garden. They have used chives from the garden to make some lovely cheese straws in cooking.



They made some beautiful butterflies and flowers in art for a display in the classroom. They have enjoyed playing in the sensory garden on the swings, popping bubbles and role played cutting the grass.



Hope you have enjoyed looking at some of our work we have been doing this half term.

Leopards Class



Wow – this term has gone very quickly! We are almost nearing the final term of the year. It has been an amazingly busy term in leopard class with so much learning and personal growth. I am a very proud teacher –every child has made fantastic progress with their individualised targets! We have been travelling with our 'transport' topic and now, we have been 'Growing and Changing' with our summer topic.

Last term we were learning about different types of transport. We enjoyed 'Going on a Journey to Grandpa's House' whilst learning about the different types of transport and how each mode of transport works. We wrote labels, captions and stories about various vehicles.

This term as part of our 'Growing and Changing' topic, we have been busy growing courgette, onions, runner beans, perpetual spinach and many other vegetables!! We have already eaten some of our spring onions and have used them within our cooking sessions. We have been learning how to plant and re-pot plants when they become bigger.



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Have a wonderful half term break and see you on Tuesday 7th June for the final few weeks of our first year together- can't wait!! Jane and the leopards



Lion Class Newsletter

Our topic this term is 'Growing and Change' and Lion Class have been making some impressive changes to an area of the school which was looking a bit neglected. We are in the process of transforming two empty planters and a small patch of green space into an allotment where we are growing runner beans, sweetcorn, pumpkins, tomatoes and sunflowers.



After assessing the area and making a shopping list of things we needed, some of the class went to Homebase to buy the equipment and resources. We learned how to follow a shopping list, who we could ask for help when we couldn't find what we needed and what to do and say when we wanted to pay for our items.



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We then got to work!



We will post an update in the summer school newsletter to show you how the allotment has changed.

Lancelot Class

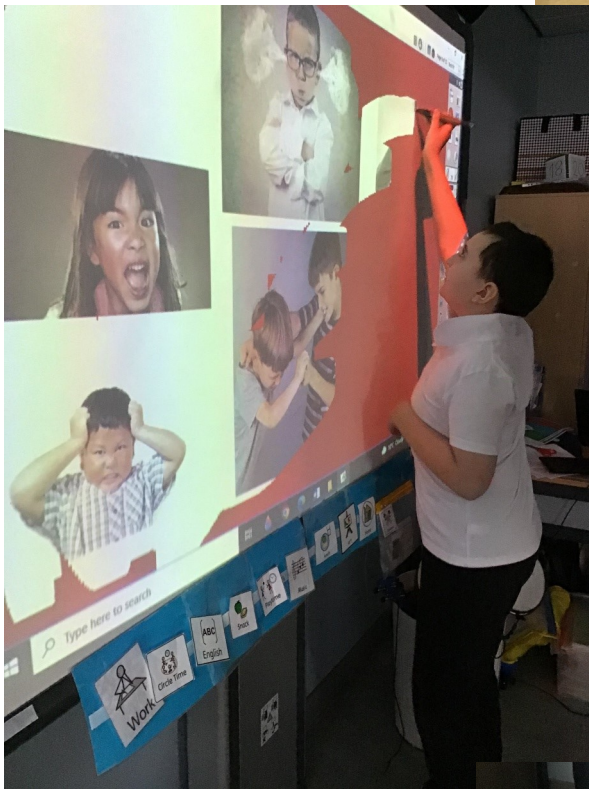
Lancelot class have been learning about different countries in the world. They enjoyed playing the piñata game when learning about Mexico and they did some aboriginal painting during the lesson about Australia.

Everyone enjoyed the visit to the Brockley site. The students bought some snacks and drinks at the Brockley cafe and they enjoyed using the exercise equipment in the big playground. Some of the students have been regularly visiting the younger classes for the reading sessions. They showed great confidence when reading stories to different class groups.

In class the students engaged in a range of activities designed to help them understand the zones of regulation.



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Galahad Class

This term Galahad class has been very active, working hard inside and outside of the classroom. Some highlights include:

We visited Drumbeat at Brockley by bus. We had lunch with the older students, visited the facilities, played together on the playground and went to the garden where the Brockley students grow their own plants. We also went to the authentic Italian café, where we paid for our own items!

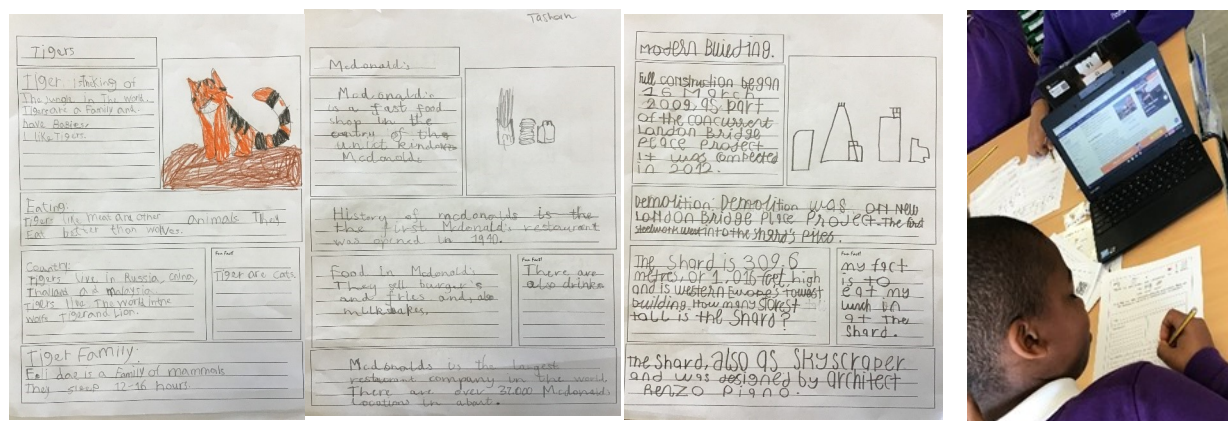


The famous Children's author Tony Bradman visited Galahad. The students had the chance to ask some questions and learn about him and his work; we also enjoyed a story reading from Mr Bradman and even received some books to keep!

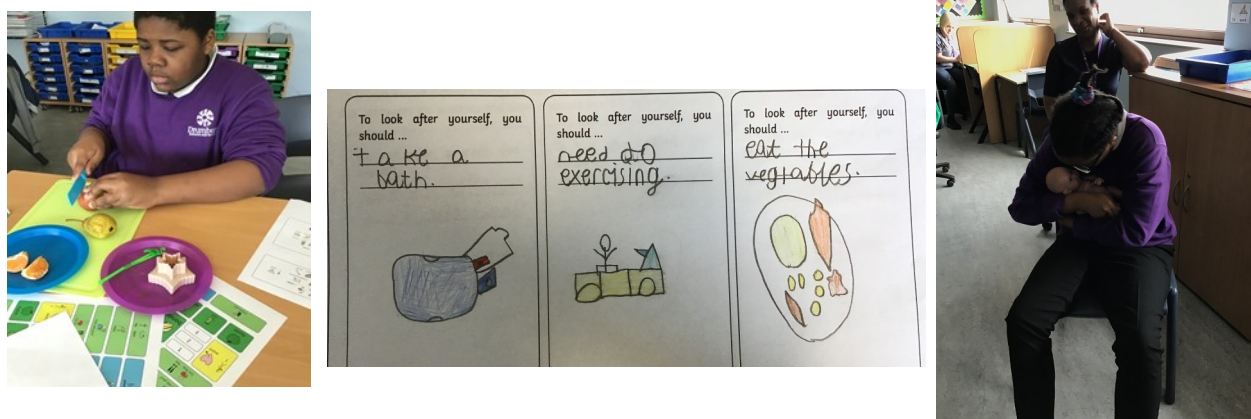
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This term Galahad class has written their own non-chronological reports. Students chose a topic of interest and wrote a fact file after researching it online. Some of the topics were: white chocolate, modern buildings, Sonic the hedgehog, tigers, Kirby, McDonalds, The Earth.



We also have been learning about health and the human life cycle. Students have learnt about healthy vs unhealthy food, how to prepare healthy recipes and how they can make healthier choices in their own diets. They have also done role-play to understand the different human life cycles and how we function in each stage of our life.



We had lots of fun this term! Everyone has put a lot of effort to make this term enjoyable and full of learning and new experiences!

Autism awareness project with MET police

In collaboration with the Lewisham youth engagement team students have been using discussion, role play, games, and acting out different scenarios that can cause distress such as interviews, being stopped by police or sudden changes in bus routes etc. Students have been discussing the best ways to handle certain situations that could occur out in the community with the aim of making them better prepared for dealing with unpredictable incidents. Part of this presentation is to inform and educate the emergency services and other community groups such as the MET police who attended the workshop on 10th May.

As part of the presentation students have explored what autism means to them, how they see themselves and what strengths and challenges they associate with autism. Students have also explored general statements about autism from the media and we have discussed whether they agree or disagree with some of the assumptions made about autism. The visit from the MET police was very positive and all officers agreed that it had helped them enhance their knowledge of autism and the challenges are students face.

In the near future we plan to take the presentation and workshops to a wider audience including students and staff from other local schools plus council workers such as the transport team, local councillors and the wider Lewisham youth engagement team.



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Different role-play scenarios



Brockley PE round up:

Panathalon Multi sport – 31st March:

Key stage 4 attended a lovely multisport event at the Crystal Palace national sports centre, all students won medals for their efforts in bowling, boccia, curling, tennis, football, basketball, golf and much more!



South London Special League – Football:

21st April:

Team A: Won all their games except one, the only one we lost was to the eventual winners of the tournament. Scoring 24 goals along the way, and one from Jonathan direct from a goal kick!

Team B: Won 4 games lost 3, scored 13 goals and captained, organised and encouraged brilliantly by Jay in goal.

Tanya from our B team was also player of the tournament at this league fixture.

12th May - Shout out to both teams who won GOLD at the tournament, great performances and representing Drumbeat so well. Omar's hat trick and Tanya's solo goal stand out from the B team, the A team played as a team brilliantly. We are now in with a shout of winning the league and cup for the first time ever!

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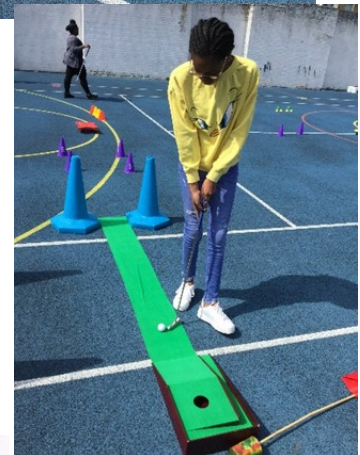
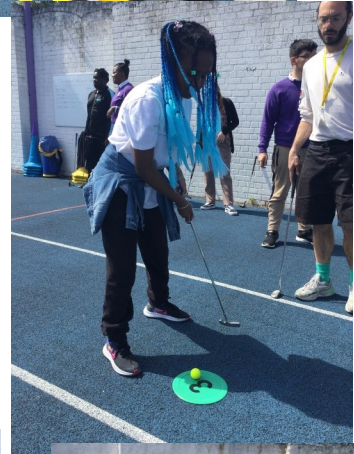


Whole school taster sessions – Skateboarding and Mini Golf:

With the appointment of Adam as new PE lead at Brockley he has introduced whole school taster sessions in an array of different sports and ones our students would not normally access. So far we have had an awesome afternoon of Skateboarding on April 29th and a lovely round of Mini Golf on 13th May all set up in our school Multi Use Games Area. Big shout out to Shard class for helping Adam design the course.



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Mini London Marathon – 20th May: The entire Brockley site took part in a Lap-A-Thon celebrating the London Marathons we missed during lockdown. All classes were tasked with running as many laps of the hall as possible in 8 minutes with Clipper class coming out victorious with over 500 laps! Well done to each and every student and staff member who pushed themselves to literally go the extra mile!



Wimbledon Class

Wimbledon class have been busy doing lots of gardening in the front of the school and learning how to use equipment such as the strimmer and the lawn mower. We have been planting seeds, mowing, weeding and collecting grass for the compost. Cooper the therapy dog has been visiting school; the students have enjoyed stroking and playing with him. Wimbledon class have really enjoyed a range of sports and exercise activities this term such as yoga, skateboarding and golf.

Yoga, golf and skateboarding



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Gardening

Pet therapy



Olympic Class

Olympic Class have been gardening, planting beans and mowing the grass. They have made excellent progress with learning the names of various tools and identifying roots, leaves and soil. The students then took photos and made their own display:



They have practised putting on gardening gloves independently and helping to maintain a growing bed.



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Pavement Art

We have enjoyed chalking outside:



They have taken part in weekly cooking lessons to develop spreading and cutting skills as well as enjoying some healthy fruit smoothies:



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 26 May — Students last day of term
Friday 27 May—INSET day
(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 2 May)

Half Term Holiday **Monday 30 May – Monday 6 June**
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 2nd June and
Platinum Jubilee will be taken on 3rd June, additional holiday
taken on 6th June).

Summer Term 2 **Tuesday 7 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 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES — 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Autumn Term 1 **Thursday 1 September & Friday 2 September – INSET days**
Monday 5 September – Students first day of term
Friday 7 October – INSET day
Friday 21 October - Last day of term

Half Term Holiday **Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October**

Autumn Term 2 **Monday 31 October – First day of term**
Friday 2 December – INSET day
Friday 16 December—Last day of term*

Christmas Holiday **Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January**

SPRING TERM 2023

Spring Term 1 **Tuesday 3 January — First day of term**
Friday 10 February – Last day of term

Half Term Holiday **Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February**

Spring Term 2 **Monday 20 February – First day of term**
Friday 31 March – Last day of term*

Easter Holiday **Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April**
(Easter weekend 7-10 April)

SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer Term 1 **Monday 17 April – First day of term**
Friday 26 May — Last day of term
(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 1 May)

Half Term Holiday **Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June**
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 29 May)

Summer Term 2 **Monday 5 June—INSET day**
Tuesday 6 June—Students first day of term
Friday 21 July – Last day of term*

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