



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very exciting term. We have had the renowned author Craig Randall visit us from America, to train us in a new system for teaching and learning. It was an amazing week and we are going to roll out Trust Based Observations after half term. Please take time to read Craig's impressions of Drumbeat as it will warm your heart.

Classes have been able to get out and about again so there has been lots of trips to swimming, horse riding and visits by the police. We have careers week coming up next half term where we have lots of local employers visiting to hear and see what our children can offer to their workplace. It is a great opportunity for our children to show off their varied skills.

Students at Downham have also won first prize for their poster design to drink more water. They will be involved with the company in London to produce the final product. Well done everyone and thank you to Roger who coordinated the entry.

Please note the added holiday for Jubilee day in June. I hope you have a good break and thank you for your continuing support.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary....

Friday, 11 February

Dress to Express Day
Children's' Mental Health
Week

Friday, 11 February

Last day of term

Monday, 21 February

First day of term

Thursday, 3 March

World Book Day

Monday, 7 March

National Careers Week

Friday, 18 March

Red Nose Day

Friday, 1 April

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

Tuesday, 19 April

First day of term

**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.

Trust-Based OBSERVATIONS

1 February, 2022

Dear Marie,

I wanted to take a minute to share some thoughts on Drumbeat School and my time spent working with you and everyone I came into contact with during the Trust-Based Observations training.

I start by sharing that the week spent at Drumbeat has been without a doubt one of the most impactful, rewarding weeks of my professional career. I have repeatedly witnessed the most gloriously amazing teaching and care at Drumbeat. Watching your teachers and assistants has truly filled my heart with joy! It's so clear that every single human being in these buildings is here because they care about making a difference with each student in both schools.

Seeing them in action, assistants and teachers alike, passionately committed to supporting, encouraging, cajoling, and pushing each student to their individual next steps growth, be it academic or personal, stirs so much in me. It brought back that all so important understanding and celebration of the glorious uniqueness of each individual human being, no matter the challenges in front of them. Additionally, the level of differentiated teaching practice is absolutely the best I have ever seen. The perfection of it absolutely blows me away. I honestly found myself on the verge of tears of wonderment and awe multiple times over the course of the week because it is so powerful. Drumbeat is the living epitome of care and differentiation excellence.

It is important to me to add that the work of the leadership team over the course of the week was absolutely outstanding as well. You are clearly a fluid and connected team who possess the same gigantic caring hearts as your teachers. You are all about support and growth. All of the leadership team picked up TBO so quickly; I can't wait to hear about the further growth it helps build at Drumbeat. I'm in awe of you and amazed by all of you and your school.

Thank you for an amazing week. You and your team are so ready; you are definitively going to crush TBO.

Sincerely,

Craig Randall

Drumbeat School
48 – 78 Revelon Road
London
SE4 2PR

7th January 2022

Dear Vincenzo,

CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2021

On behalf of Voluntary Services Lewisham we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all children, parents and staff at your school for the many items of food and gifts that you collected for our Christmas Project 2021. We are very grateful for your support and send our very best wishes for 2022 to you all. Christmas can be an especially challenging time for many, particularly in the current climate and your donations help to provide support for some of the most isolated individuals in Lewisham.

Without the help of schools and the whole community, we would not be able to run this project. Your donations supported us to pack hampers and toys that go out to vulnerable people in the community and help make Christmas a brighter and happier time for all recipients.

With very best wishes to you all for 2022.

Joe Sánchez

Christmas Project Support

Lewisham Central Community Hub,
Ground Floor, Leemore Centre,
29-39 Clarendon Rise, SE13 5ES.
T: 020 8291 1747 E: info@vslonline.org.uk W: www.vslonline.org.uk
Registered Charity no: 266585 Registered in England no: 1131214



New parent governor appointments

As you'll know we recently asked for nominations for parent governors. We had two vacancies, as Michelle Charlesworth and Claire Seiler had reached the end of their 4-year terms. We received two nominations, so we are able to appoint both nominees to the governing body without an election. The new parent governors are:

Nazerinne Udo (Josiah's mum)

Nicola Clitheroe (Preston's mum)

I am delighted to welcome Nazerinne and Nicola to the governing body, and thank them for putting themselves forward for this important role. They join Anastasia Oikonomou, our third parent governor, who was elected last year. I am pleased to say that Claire and Michelle have also agreed to stay on the board as co-opted governors, so that we can continue to benefit from their expertise.

Madeleine Gabriel
Chair of Governors



Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday which falls within May half term, schools are able to take an extra day of holiday. Drumbeat will be closed Monday, June 6th 2022 and will reopen Tuesday, June 7th 2022.

Inclusive Sessions: What's On



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We're really excited to share lots of disability inclusive activities and brand new sessions taking place this year.

Covid-19 guidance is adhered to across all of the activities.

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

Phone: 020 7993 9883

Email: Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.co.uk

Below are some of the activities available. Please email or visit website for more activities or to sign up.

Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club Inclusive Tennis

All disabilities/abilities welcome
Starting Sunday 16th January 2022

Where: Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club, Burbage Road, SE24 9HP
When: Sundays 11am - 12 pm
Age: 6-11 years old
Cost: First session free, £3 thereafter!
Delivered in line with Covid-19 guidance



Register here:
bit.ly/dulwichtennis

Or scan the QR code to register



020 7993 9883

ignite@accesssport.co.uk

Supported by:



*Brand New - Inclusive Tennis

- Sundays - 11am - 12pm
 - Age 6 - 11 years
 - Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club, Burbage Road, SE24 9HP
- First session free, £3 thereafter

Aquila Taekwondo

Disability inclusive sessions for d/Deaf and disabled children and young people. All abilities and disabilities welcome!

Build confidence, develop coordination, have fun!



Time
Wednesdays
5:15-6:15 pm

Location
Prendergast School
SE4 1LE

Age
6-16

Cost
First Session free
£5 thereafter

Want to Join in?
To Register:

[Bit.ly/AquilaInclusive](https://bit.ly/AquilaInclusive)

or scan the QR code!



Delivered in line with Covid-19 guidance

Got a question?

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*Brand New - Aquila Taekwondo

- Wednesdays - 5:15pm - 6:15pm
 - Age 6 - 16 years
 - Prendergast School, SE4 1LE
- First session free, £5 thereafter

Cray Wanderers Disability Inclusive Multi Sports Club



Multi Sports sessions for D/deaf and disabled children
Sessions are designed for all disabilities/abilities
Come and learn new sports, keep fit and play fun games

Key Information

- The Sporting Club Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ
- Thursdays 5 - 6pm in the studio (from Feb 3rd)
- 6-16
- First session free - £4 thereafter
- Delivered in line with Covid-19 Guidance

Book Here

bit.ly/CrayWInclusiveMS



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admin@craywandscs.com

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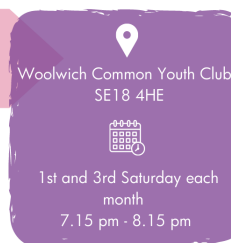
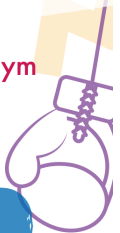


Autistic Inclusive Meets - Inclusive Boxing with Power Mobile Gym

- 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month - 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
 - Age 9-17
- Woolwich Common Youth Club, SE18 4HE
 - First session free, £3 thereafter!
- Parents/Carers must be in the building at all times

Autistic Inclusive Meets Inclusive Boxing with Power Mobile Gym

For autistic children ages 9-17 years
Undiagnosed welcome
Parents/carers must be in the building at all times



Delivered in line with Covid-19 Guidelines
For more information please call or email

autisticinclusivemeets@gmail.com
07311 291024 / 07464 614137



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COVID-19 & schools

08.02.2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As there have been several recent changes, we are writing to summarise NHS and Department for Education guidance on testing and self-isolation and what you need to know about your child attending school. This information is correct at the time of publication and may, of course, be subject to change in the future. More details can be found in [NHS guidance](#).

Asymptomatic testing

Regular testing is still very important. All adults and secondary aged children/young people are strongly encouraged to take twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) tests at home (if they are able) and [report results to NHS](#), including people who have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days and have completed the isolation period. We are still advising schools to ask all visitors (including parents/carers) to do a LFD test before coming on site, to help protect children and adults in school.

When to self-isolate

Symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature; new, continuous cough; loss/change to smell or taste) even if they are mild, they should stay at home and get a PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. You should tell your school and your child must not attend school while waiting for the results.

Contacts

People living with, or who have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, should self-isolate unless they are:

- under 18 years old;
- fully vaccinated – 14 days have passed since their final dose of an approved vaccine;
- part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial;
- not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Adults and children (between the ages of five and 18) who are contacts should do LFD tests every day for seven days, if they are able to and [report results to NHS](#). They should follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#) and consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#).

If tests are negative, your child can continue to attend school. If any of the tests are positive, they should self-isolate. If they are unable to test for any reason, please discuss this with the school to consider the best approach to your child attending school.

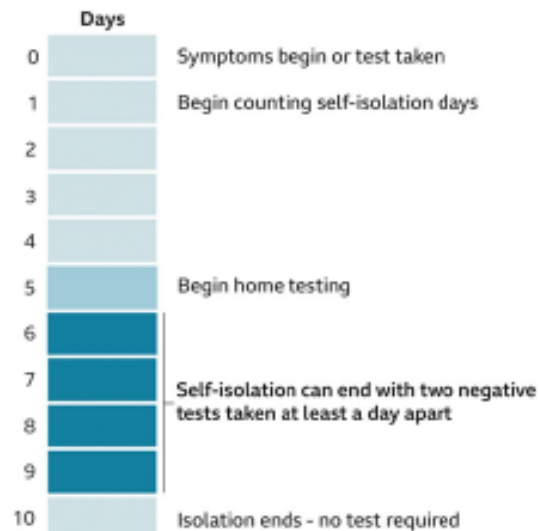
Testing positive

For adults and children who test positive (on a PCR or LFD test), the self-isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day of the positive test, if you have no symptoms) and the next 10 full days. After five full days (i.e. on day six) you may be able to stop self-isolating if you do an LFD test on days five and six and:

- both tests are negative
- you did both tests at least 24 hours apart
- you do not have a high temperature

You can stop self-isolating after the 10 days if either you do not have any symptoms or you just have a cough or changes to your sense of smell or taste– these can last for weeks after the infection has gone. If you have a high temperature after the 10 days, or are feeling unwell, keep self-isolating and seek medical advice.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Returning to school before the end of 10-day self-isolation period

For anyone ending self-isolation on day six, it's important to [take steps to reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 to others](#). Schools have infection control measures in place, including enhanced cleaning, ventilation and regular asymptomatic testing programme for staff (and students in secondary schools) that help to reduce the risk of transmission.

If your child is ending self-isolation before the end of the 10 days, please contact the school before your child returns so that they can put in place any extra plans, if necessary.

Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccination is now available free to everyone aged 12 years and over, unless they are medically exempt. You can find national and local details of where to get vaccinated [here](#).

The government recognise that good school attendance and face to face learning are incredibly important for children and young people's education and wellbeing. As always, our schools are doing an amazing job in keeping children and adults in school as safely as possible. There may be times when extra COVID-19 measures are needed if there are high numbers of COVID-19 cases or action taken if there are staff shortages. Your school will inform you of these as early as possible.

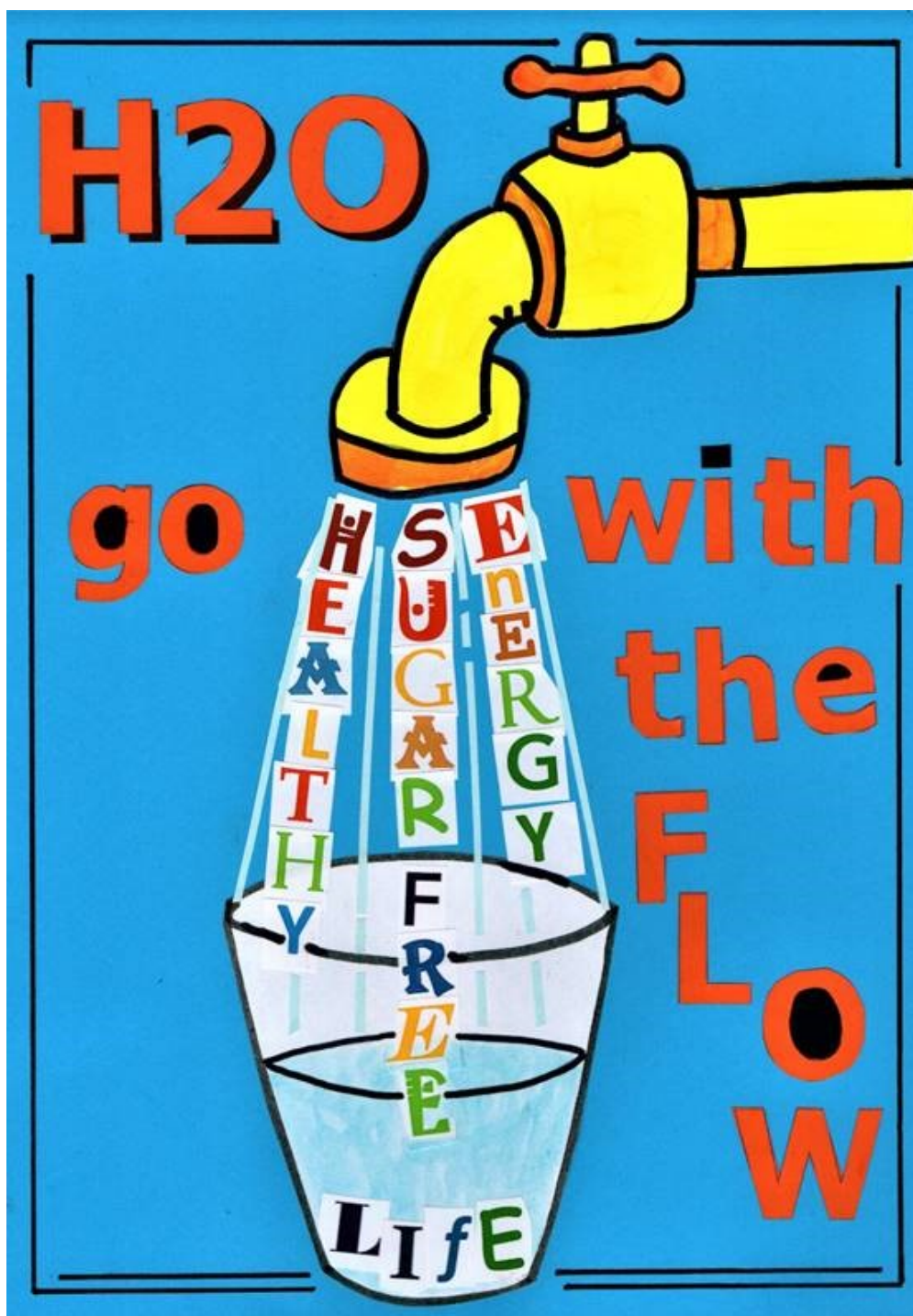
Thank you for your cooperation.

Angela Scattergood
Director of Education
Lewisham Council

Dr Catherine Mbema
Director of Public Health
Lewisham Council

Art Competition

We are really happy to announce that we have won another prestigious Art competition. The theme of the competition was to promote drinking water as a healthy option to soft drinks such as Coca Cola etc. and was organised by the Greater London Authority. Three of our talented students worked on creating the design with Roger in the Art Room. The prize is for the three winning students to work with the design team at Havas, a large PR company based in King's Cross. The winning design will be converted into a poster which will then be printed and distributed to all major medical centres and schools. Huge congratulations to Kevin, Andrew and Jayden. Here is the winning design.





EYFS News

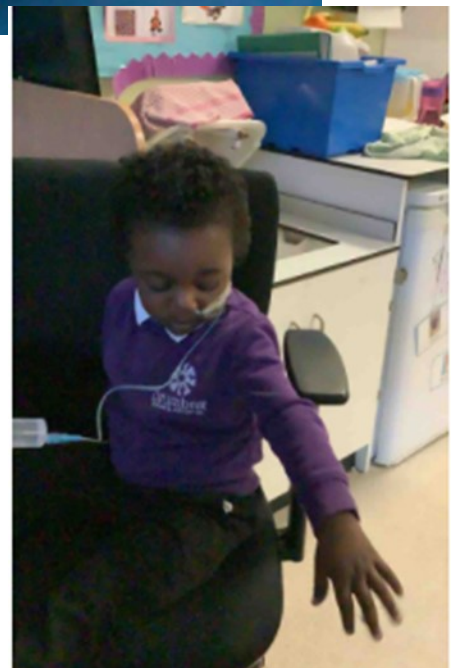


We have had a brilliant start to the new term and we all have been enjoying being back at school. This term our topic is Animals and we have been doing lots of fun activities including: reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears in Literacy, exploring all different types of animals during child-initiated play and creating our own animals using play dough during Art.

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



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Learning in Roots

This term Roots have been learning about 'Cars, Boats and Planes' through child-initiated play sessions, sensory sessions exploring water & sand and local walks looking at different transport on the roads and paths.



Turtles WOW Moment

Karis was able to look through 'Journey home from Grandpa's' and name the different vehicles and match their picture when looking at the book.



Tigers WOW Moment

David really enjoyed practicing brushing teeth during our Life Skills sessions.



Crocodiles WOW Moment

Matvey has settled in so well, he is now sitting for snack and using his PECS book to request (which he had never previously used before).



Tiger Class



Tiger class have had an exciting half term, exploring two new interventions: Write Dance and Fun Before Food. Write Dance is an intervention that supports gross and fine motor skills, and the children are developing their gross motor skills to be able to move with independence, up and down, side to side and round and round, with the emphasis on arm movements that will eventually move onto mark making practice. Fun Before Food has had the children exploring the idea of growing and learning about our bones and teeth. We have also been exploring our topic Transport through sensory experiences and matching tasks.



Seahorse Class

This half term Seahorse class have dusted off their passports and as part of our Geography lessons have been jetting off all over the world to visit and learn about different countries. So far we have been to the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil, Visited a restaurant in Russia, mummified ourselves in Egypt and celebrated Chinese New Year in China! Our next stop is to Italy where we will try our hand at making pizzas and we are all so excited!



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We had so much fun on our trip to the science museum. We got to look at different types of transport from cars to space travel!

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We have been working on our football skills in P.E this half term. We have learnt to warm up and stretch, how to stop the ball and have worked on our penalty shots!



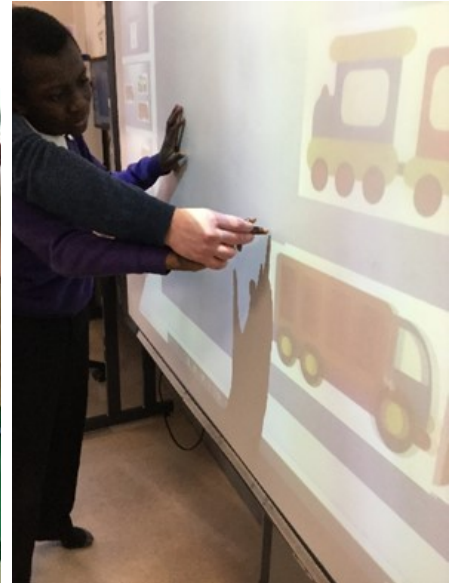
We have also had so much fun at swimming this half term!

Turtle Class



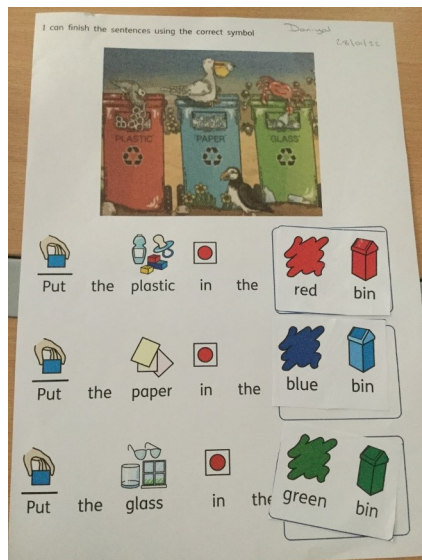
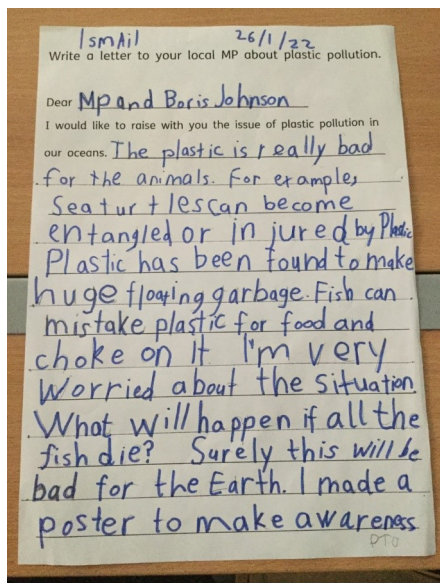
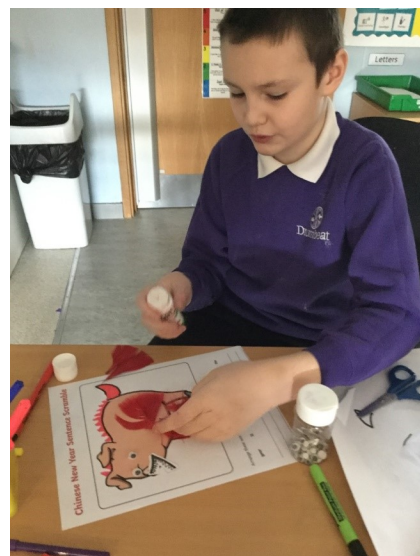
Turtle class have continued to explore sensory activities this term. We have been working on our communication skills so that we can request our favourite toys and activities.

We have been looking at transport this term. We have worked well completing vehicle puzzles, exploring vehicle toys and reading stories about vehicles. There are lots of different types of vehicles out there and we have enjoyed finding out about them!

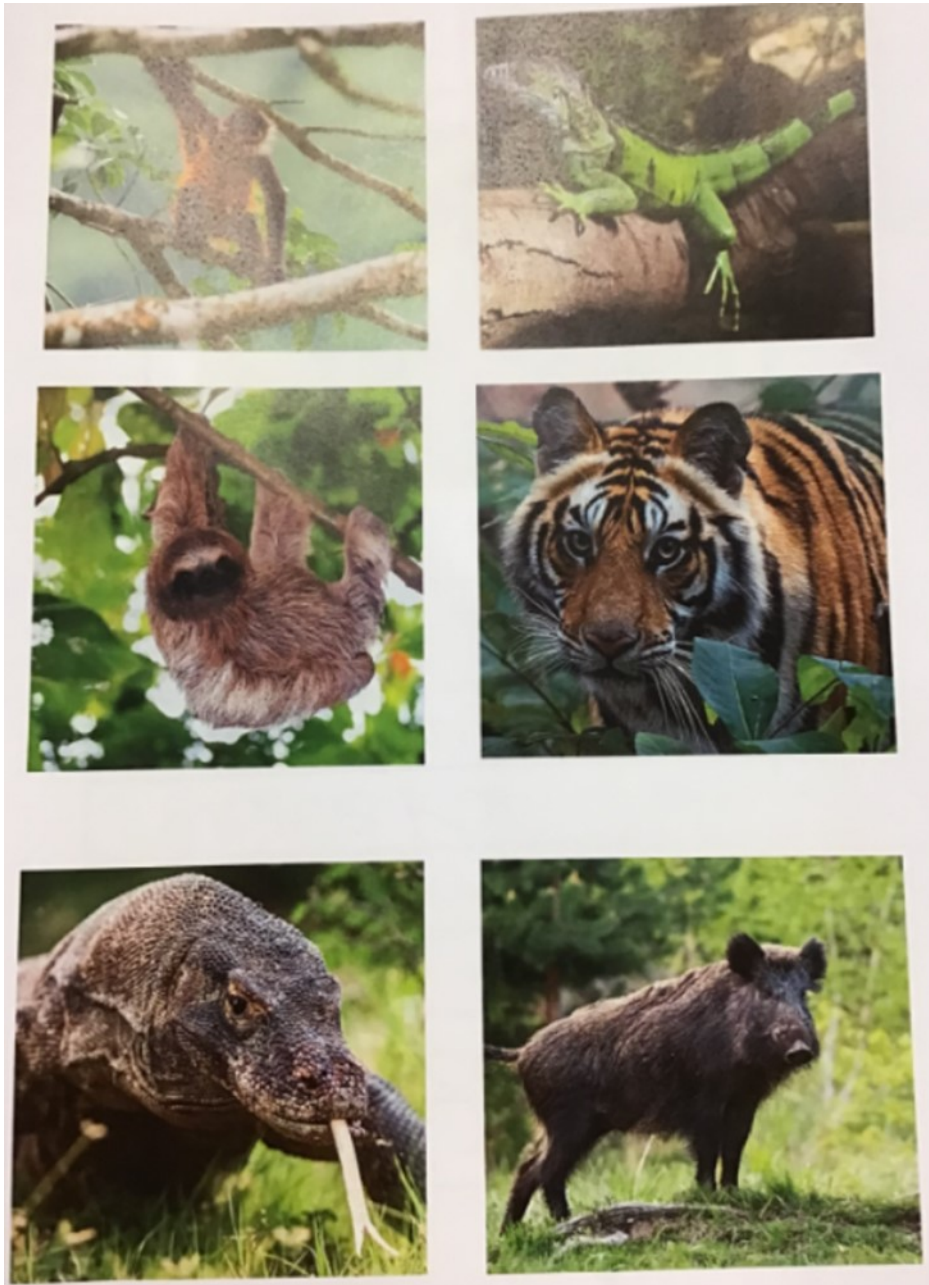


Lancelot Class

Lancelot class had a great half term. Our topic this term was habitats, and the students enjoyed learning about climate and animals in different parts of the world. We talked about the importance of looking after our planet, and things we could do to keep our environment clean. The students engaged in a range of activities to mark the Chinese New year celebrations, and they particularly enjoyed the Chinese food tasting session. We saw some impressive chopstick skills in Lancelot. This term our class had music sessions with Vincenzo, and all the students engaged really well and showed some good listening skills.



Excalibur Class



In Excalibur class, we finally completed our learning about some amazing animals that shares the planet with us!

We are now compiling a fact-book on our findings on some of these animals and their habitats. Some live in the jungle, some in water while others live in the cities (like the Leopards in India).

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Jaguar

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Jaguar lives in the jungle. They protect their lands and where they hunt. The female will go into water when she is looking for food. She needs to be quiet so she can surprise her prey. She hides in the leaves so she can get close enough to pounce and

Komodo dragon



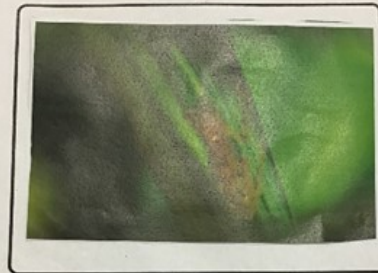
A Komodo dragon is a lizard and reptile. They live in the island of Indonesia. They have dry scaly skin. They are cold blooded. They don't need to eat very often. There are over 2000 Komodo dragons

The Langur monkey



In Jodhpur India lives the Langur monkey. The monkeys have to fight to be in charge. This is called being the alpha male. If they win then they get to win the girls.

The glass frog



The streams in Costa Rica are home to an animal that is great at camouflage. It is a glass frog. It is the same size as your fingernail. That is very small. Its body is see through so he blends into the leaves.

Khamoati

Brockley News

One of our pupils had his first learning outside the classroom visit to the chip shop. This is part of learning the safe places to cross the road, how to wait patiently at a bus stop and how to order your own lunch using PECs. Although this was a new and exciting experience for him he was very attentive and followed instructing beyond expectations. Well done!



MET Police Visit Brockley

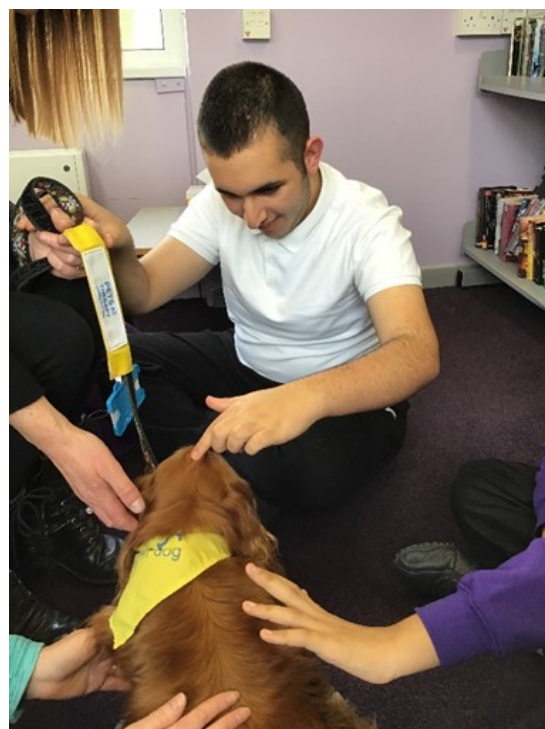
Brockley 6th formers have been lucky to receive a visit from the MET police youth engagement team who delivered a talk on child exploitation, staying safe in the community and the rules of consent. Darren from the MET and his team were very complimentary about our students and commented on attentive and polite they were. The MET team will be returning again soon to deliver more talks in the near future.



Pets as Therapy

We have a new member to our team at Drumbeat Brockley!

Cooper the dog is providing a service for us as part of the Pets as therapy charity scheme. Cooper is a very gentle King Charles spaniel who is visiting us with his owner Lisa, every Friday afternoon. Our students are enjoying meeting Cooper and making a fuss of him. Cooper's visits are helping our students with their social communication, well-being and confidence. Some students are doing some work about Cooper such as Literacy and Art. We look forward to our visits from Cooper!

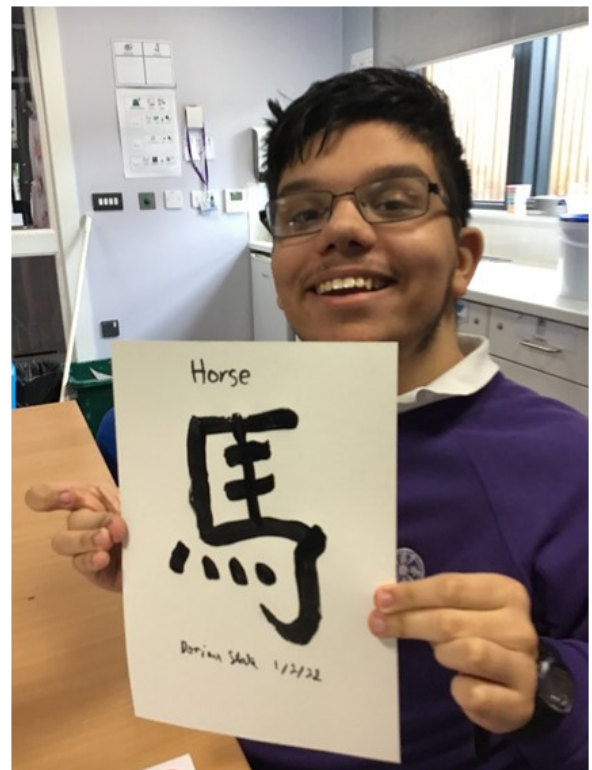


Wimbledon Class

Wimbledon class have been learning a lot about Chinese New Year and creating a wide range of artwork. Activities involved using printing techniques to make fans, painting blossom trees and also designing and decorating Chinese dragon puppets. The students learnt about the different animals in the Chinese zodiac and found out which sign they were. During this work, they used black paint and fine brushes to practice writing all the signs of the zodiac and Chinese numbers.



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Tower Class

Tower class students have continued to work enthusiastically towards a wide range of challenges and projects during the past half term.

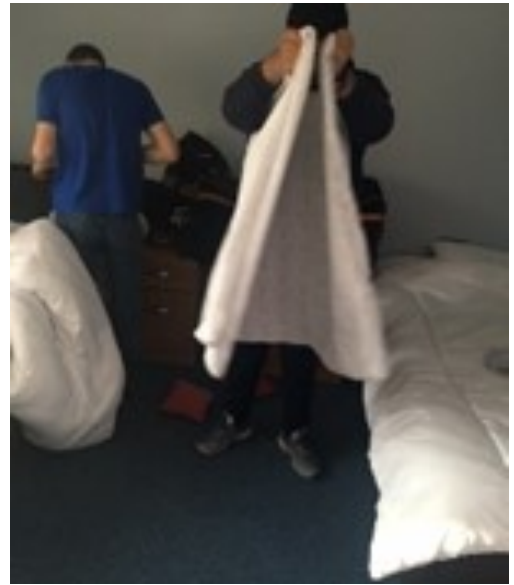
Lewisham College work placements have provided great opportunities for some of the students to continue their work in hospitality – making cakes and biscuits, as well as serving in the café.



Other successful work placements within Drumbeat have included working in Reception; setting up and putting away the dining hall tables and chairs; facilitating the school bus departures at end of the day. Each of these job roles requires a responsible and mature approach and our students have more than met these criteria in their execution of the jobs. The students have continued to engage in learning important Life Skills as part of their curriculum. These have included domestic chores, such as making beds, and also compiling and pricing a weekly shopping list using online supermarket sites.



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In January, we were pleased to welcome into the class Will Hatchett, a local journalist and poet. The students had studied a number of his poems from the *Wild About London* collection, which Will had published and so had loads of questions to ask him, as well as joining in with singing several of his poems as songs. It was a really enjoyable morning and one which we hope to repeat in the future.



Meridian Class

Meridian Class started the year with a bang making New Year posters to display in our class.



We also have had a very productive term. The class have engaged with a variety of life skill lessons that focused on topics such as healthy active lifestyle, hygiene and money. We have also continued to keep the class nice and clean by doing lots of jobs around the classroom such as hoovering, washing up and laundry.

One session that we always look forward to is doing music at the end of the week. Everyone loves to sing along and play the drums to lots of different songs and it's a great way to let loose and have some fun!



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Olympic Class

Olympic Class have been out and about exploring words and symbols in the local community as well as practising our road safety.



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We have had fun creating sensory art and exploring colours:



In photography, our students have been taking selfies and learning to use different modes on the camera:



Shard Class

This term Shard Class have continued to work hard on completing their ASDAN challenges but we have also had some fun too! We really enjoyed meeting Cooper and he inspired us to create some lovely artwork. George has been a great class rep meeting with the class to hear their views and feeding back to the school Council. We have eaten lots of lovely food at the Enterprise Coffee and Dreams Café on a Tuesday. All of the class now know how to change a duvet cover and pillow so there should be no excuses at home!



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 – 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.