

# DRUMBEAT SCHOOL Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It is so wonderful to see our school getting back to normal. The children have settled back into full classes very well.

We are now able to start learning outside the classroom and going on school trips again. We have increased our risk assessment for this and we have also asked you to let us know if you do **not** want your child participating. We will be running residentials again next year as long as the situation remains stable.

You can see that students and staff have been busy. I have been admiring the beautiful displays that are going up around the school.

I have been looking at lunchboxes this week and am quite concerned about what children are eating. I will be sending out a letter regarding this by the end of the week.

I hope you have a good half term and that the weather is kind to us.

Marie Neave Executive Headteacher Dates for the Diary....

Friday, 28 May Last day of Summer Term 1

Sunday, 30 May Beckenham Palace Park Community Day (see page 4 for details)

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

#### **Remembering Fiona at Drumbeat**

Students from both sites have been paying their respects to Fiona who sadly passed away recently. Students have been creating artwork linked to Fiona's passions, nature, the ocean and the Arts. Students were given the option to write a personal message for Fiona on the back of their artwork and both sites have created a long term artwork display in her honour. A big thank you to Wayne at Brockley and Roger at Downham for overseeing this project. Photos below show some of the students placing their artwork on the canvas during our special day of remembrance for Fiona who will be greatly missed by all of us here at Drumbeat.









# #LoveBeckenhamPlacePark Community Day

#### Sunday 30 May, 10.30am–4.30pm A fun day with FREE activities for all! Explore the park in new ways and come together to love our park and nature.

#### Free activities

- Paddle boarding and other sports
- 🥑 Forest School inspired craft activities
- 🥑 Bike check ups
- Adventure story telling walks in nature (11am, 1pm, 3pm, sign up on the day)
- River clean-up volunteering
- 🝯 Nordic Walking taster sessions
- 🝯 NCT walks for new parents
- Try bird watching with the RSPB
- 🝯 Discover nature, try geocaching
- Pop up recycling centre for harder to recycle items e.g. crisp packets, small electrical items, light bulbs
- Community stalls... and much more...

Visit www.beckenhamplacepark.com for more details, to book paddle boarding, river clean-up and Nordic Walking, and to sign up for park updates including the development of the east side.

#### Stay connected

📀 🗿 @beckenhamplacepark



Lewisham

#### Lewisham Foodbank Collection Points



MONDAYS 12 noon – 2 pm

07399 160854 (Monday am only) Salvation Army (Deptford) Mary Ann Gardens **Deptford** SE8 3DP

TUESDAYS 10 am - 12 noon

07399 160778 (Tuesday am only)

Salvation Army (Lewisham)

Lewisham SE13 6BT

4 Albion Way

Buses/parking: 47, 188, 386, 453 (limited parking)

Services available: Advice (housing/benefits/debt); Employment support (10-12 am)

> Buses/parking: P4, 54, 75, 108, 122, 180, 181, 199, 208, 284, 380 (no parking)

Services available: Advice (housing/benefits/debt); Spanish speaking advisor

WEDNESDAYS 12 noon - 2 pm

07828 387600 (Wednesday am only) St John the Baptist Church (opposite Homebase) 353 Bromley Road **Downham** SE6 2RP

THURSDAYS 12 noon – 2 pm

07462 615419 (Thursday am only) Perry Rise Baptist Church Perry Rise Forest Hill SE23 2QL

FRIDAYS 10 am – 12 noon

07399 160914 (Friday am only) Salvation Army (Catford) 23-25 Brownhill Road Catford SE6 2HE Buses/parking: 54, 136, 181, 208, 320 (limited parking on Beachborough Rd)

Services available: Advice (housing/benefits/debt); Clothes bank

> 75, 356 (202 & 181 are a walk away) (limited parking)

> > Services available: Advice (housing/benefits/debt)

> > > 47, 54, 75, 185, 202 (nearest Lidl/McDonalds)

Services available: Employment support; Spanish speaking advisor



www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

# **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 <u>https://eyproviders.lewisham.gov.uk/</u> <u>SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx</u> 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.







#### Inclusive Session Resumption: London

We're really excited to announce the resumption of our inclusive sessions! Please find below a list of the sessions set to resume in London.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions: **Phone:** 020 7993 9883 **Email:** <u>disability.inclusion@accesssport.co.uk</u>



All disabilities/abilities welcome Where: The Sporting Club, Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ When: Every Thursday - 5:00-6:00pm (from 6th May) Age: 6+

Cost: First session free - £3 thereafter Come and try different sports and activities!



Delivered in line with COVID-19 Guidelines Sign up now to attend!

€ 020 7993 9883 ignite@accesssport.co.uk
<u>www.bit.ly/CrayInclusiveClub-signup</u>









**Cost:** £3 - members/ £5 - non-members/ £40 - membership

Siblings attend FREE for moral support

Any Questions? Want to Register? Email Adam Thomas:

> adamjt99@hotmail.com mobile: 07840528587





# **Reception at Downham**

We're going to march to the beat of a different drum We do that left right left to our own rhythm And we'll keep on moving because we're not afraid to stand out



Thank you to Roger and students for the fantastic art display.



Squidz Club is an evening for young people (aged 10-25) with learning disabilities and autistic people plus their families and friends.

# Friday 11 June

HEART N SOUL

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# 7pm – 9.30pm Free online house party!

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/93799086260 Meeting ID: 937 9908 6260

#### For more information:

- Call: 020 8694 1632
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#### **EYFS News**



We have been working hard in EYFS and it has been so nice to see how are the children have been progressing. We have been enjoying learning about the Weather and our RE topics Eid & Versak.

We hope you have been enjoying the cooking we have been sending home. The children love these sessions and develop so many skills including communication, maths, literacy, fine motor, expressive arts and design and understanding the world. Big Welcome to Ahlam who has now joined us in Kanagroos.





# Key Stage 1 News

Welcome back to a hopefully more normal Summer Term! Key Stage 1 are working on their topic of 'Animals on the Farm and Beyond.' We have had fun learning about farm animals and mini-beasts.

Here is some of the fantastic work that the children in Key Stage 1 have produced. A special thank you to Roger, who has planned lots of Art activities for us all.



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#### May 2021



We are all looking forward to taking the children out of school and into the local area. Let's hope the weather improves soon! Becky H (KS1 Lead)

## **Tiger Class**

The children have been enjoying our topic 'Animals on the farm and Beyond.' We have been listening to and engaging with stories, 'Aaaargh Spider!' and 'What the Ladybird Heard.' We have also been enjoying our cooking sessions with Angela and art with Roger.





#### **Zebras Newsletter**



Hello from Zebra Class, we have been very busy this half term. Our topic for this summer term is animals, we have been learning facts about them and their habitats. In English, we have read the story 'There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly' and have enjoyed completing a range of activities relating to our story. In maths, the focus has been; sorting groups of objects/animals, prepositions and differentiated number work. We are very much looking forward to the rest of the term especially going on our first ever class trip, more information to follow.

Small worlds and play



#### English Writing: Dough Disco, Funky Fingers, and Writing Carousel. Communication; Colourful Semantics, AA and W<u>hat's in the box.</u>











Maths; Shape; prepositions Number; quantity to number, addition, more or less. Using and Applying: sorting and grouping









**Crocodile Class News** 



What a great term back. The children have settled very well and been working very hard. To tie in with our topic 'Animals', this half term we have been learning about the story 'Argh Spider' and 'What the Ladybird Heard'. We have been cooking some delicious food, creating some beautiful artwork and doing lots of dancing.



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#### **Lions** Class

We have already had a busy start to the summer term and we've only been back at school for a few weeks. The children came back after Easter ready to learn and they have already made some amazing progress including eating new food, reading and writing as well as playing together.

Our new topic is Animals. The children have been practicing their story telling using the story of 'There was an old woman who swallowed a fly'.

We have also started making some animal habitats and will look at where certain animals live and why. In phonics we have continued to learn sounds to help us read and write as well as matching animals sounds to the correct animal.

An exciting experience is coming to Drumbeat on Monday 7th June. We are going to be looking after some ducklings! We will watch them hatch and grow for 10 days before they return to their farm.

We are also trying to book some trips for later in the term so please keep an eye out for any letters.









### **Penguin Class**

During Computing sessions we have been leaning how to use our new laptops. We have been developing our skills of using the mouse pad/keyboard.



#### Flamingo Class

This half term we have been enjoying our topic 'growing and change' and have been learning all about life cycles. We have used the story 'The very hungry caterpillar' to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and I have been SO impressed with the work produced and the knowledge that the children have acquired. It has been a



real joy to see the children engaging in role-play and re-enacting the story with each other.



In maths, we have been learning about money and the value of coins. The children have enjoyed creating their own shop and taking turns to be the shopkeeper, pricing items up and handling coins to pay one another.



In PE we have been practising our throwing and catching skills. The children have worked so well collaboratively and have really enjoyed these sessions. Please continue to practice these skills at home with your child if you can.



#### **Seahorse Class**

This half term in Seahorse class we have been exploring the topic of growing and changing. We have been looking at 'The very hungry caterpillar' book and learning about the life cycle of butterflies. In Maths we have been working on our number recognition, number formation and rote counting skills. We have also explored 3D shapes and compared heavy and light objects.



We have also enjoyed taking part in Roger's weekly art sessions and Angela's weekly cooking!







#### Panda Class

In Pandas we have been learning about money; sorting and matching coins, working on lots of activities on the interactive whiteboard and playing shopping games in class. We have also been reading the Very Hungry Caterpillar and created lots of artwork relating to the story. Pandas have also been learning about parts of a plant and next half term we will be planting lots of seeds and watching them grow. Pandas have been enjoying doing puzzles in class and working on their weekly targets. Well done Pandas!



#### **Giraffe Class**



We are thoroughly enjoying our topic of 'growing' this half term in Giraffe class. We have been reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have also welcomed some live caterpillars to the class which we have been observing as they change. We've completed some lovely Art and Attention Autism activities linked to the story.



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tasks

In PE, we are working on following 2 or 3 step instructions and practising our dance moves!



We have completed some lovely Art activities this half term too.



#### Lancelot Class

Hello from Lancelot class!

We've had a busy and fun term so far. We enjoyed getting messy when celebrating the Holi festival in the playground. We marked the Earth day by learning about recycling! The students continue to work hard on their weekly targets and they are making amazing progress.

We are looking forward to some warmer weather so we can go out and about exploring in the coming weeks.



#### Merlin Class

In Merlin class we have been working on our maths skills in practice, learning to read measures. We have also been learning some multiplication and division strategies to help us with larger numbers.





In Science we have been learning to plant and grow our own beans. We are keeping a diary each day to see how these are growing and changing.

In writing we have been learning to write a letter. We wrote a letter to the Headteacher to persuade her to do different things. We then created business plans to show why this was a good idea and how much it would cost.





# Sports Update

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May students from across the Brockley site took part in the National Junior indoor rowing championships. This was run virtually this year and involved each of the students rowing on the indoor machine for 2 minutes each to see how far they could row. The results are currently being confirmed as it is a national competition but the provisional results for Drumbeat are below.

Name	Position	Name	Position
Year 10 Girls		Year 10 Boys	
Ariella	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zenah	5 <sup>th</sup>
Ye	ar 11 Girls	Dorian	7 <sup>th</sup>
Kedisia	8 <sup>th</sup>	Omar	8 <sup>th</sup>
Ye	ar 12 Girls	Kalen-Reece	9 <sup>th</sup>
Kirsty	] st	Harry	10 <sup>th</sup>
Ejiro	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Baran	ן th
Juliana	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Boys	
Oviya	5 <sup>th</sup>	Tyrese	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Johanna	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jemiah	6 <sup>th</sup>
Claudia	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan	8 <sup>th</sup>
Year 13 Girls		Samad	15 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth	] st	Elijah-Blu	16 <sup>th</sup>
Taylor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ibrahim	17 <sup>th</sup>
Kerrel	6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Boys	
Christabell	7 <sup>th</sup>	Kane	] st
		Sageevan	2nd
		George	3rd
		Nithu	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Ben	5 <sup>th</sup>
		Jay	6 <sup>th</sup>
		Steves	7 <sup>th</sup>
		Rami	8 <sup>th</sup>
		Tremaine	9 <sup>th</sup>
		Year 13 Boys	
		Blessing	] st
		Kieron	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Donte	3rd
		Kai	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Oswaldo	5 <sup>th</sup>
		Jordan	7 <sup>th</sup>
		Matthew	8 <sup>th</sup>
		Jason	9 <sup>th</sup>
		Steve	10 <sup>th</sup>
		Denis	]]th
		Michael	12 <sup>th</sup>



















#### Italian @ Brockley

As part of the Asdan Course, sttudents from 6<sup>th</sup> form are developing the knowledge of the Italian language. Students are now confident in greeting and able to express their feelings. In this term we have been learning to discuss the weather, days of the week and to learn about Italian culture. Bravi, bravi, bravi!



#### Art Project @ Brockley



Fantastic artwork from all classes that used different styles and techniques but with the same aim to bring happiness with positive and colourful artwork.

As part of the project, their artwork will be delivered to people who have been shielding at home, to the Lewisham hospital and other charities such as the Lewisham Food Bank that have worked non stop during this pandemic to help the most vulnerable.

Finally we'll have staff of different emergency forces that will visit the site to collect it and meet our artists.



#### Interventions Group Art & Music

Students from Shard, Battersea and Meridian class each week have been taking part at fun art and music sessions. Each session is supported by visuals and relaxing music that support their learning and creativity. In music they have been learning the difference between classical and rock music recognising different instrument and learning to play on the piano songs like ' we will rock you' and ' fur Eliza' by Beethoven.



In art it's all about our students being master of creation! Sessions are guided by visual but students are able to create freely using different combination of shapes and colours.








## Weekly whole school PE sessions – COPY ME!

Every Friday Drumbeat students have benefitted from a weekly whole school PE session led by Adam. The sessions take place outside in social distanced bubble areas in the Brockley playground and classes from Downham have also joined via zoom. Each week Adam asks each class to share a warm up exercise or movement that the rest of the school copy for 30 seconds (HIIT). There has also been some free style dancing to the music too!

The sessions have been lots of fun and, while these sessions focus on the physical and mental wellbeing of our students it also enables classes to see each other again, interact, share ownership of the sessions and collaborate with other bubbles. We also have student sports coach Asad on his whistle to indicate the end of each 30 sec movement, thank you Asad!

A big thank you to Adam for setting up and leading on these very worthwhile sessions and we look forward to more fun sessions in the near future.



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## **Olympic Class**

All the students have been developing their knowledge of shapes in maths. Pathway three are creating a portfolio of work on Geometry and learing about clockwise and anti-clockwise turns.

They have also been shopping in the classroom as we can not currently visit the local shops. Pathway two found the prices from a price list and paid for their purchases with real coins.



Pathway one made shopping lists, and selected the correct items. This linked in with our cooking sessions that we do every week.







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Pathway two have also been writing their own stories and creating covers for their books as well as reading a selection of different stories.

All the students enjoy sensory sessions in their own ways:





Our classroom display created from the student's art work

Olympic Class took part in the spread smile and hope art project.

First we looked at art work by Jackson Pollock (1912-1956), an American artist whose paintings expressed his feelings.

All the children in Olympic Class painted their backgrounds and then flicked the paint across the canvas to produce the finished art work.

We used our practice paintings to create a colourful display for the classroom.

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Well done Olympic Class for creating such great work.



















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## Wimbledon Class

We have had an enjoyable term as we are starting to get back to some of our normal routines and activities. We have spent time taking part in a range of domestic activities and linking these to maths and English skills. This has included measuring during cooking activities and practicing using technology such as the washing machine, microwave and the oven.

We have also spent some time practicing road safety and preparing to spend time in the community over the next half term. This has gone really well and we are looking forward to getting out and about as the weather improves.

Finally we have been taking part in a range of sports and PE activities including cycling, rounders and badminton. We have focussed on practicing our fine motor skills in these activities and linking them with hand/eye coordination practices.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you all back for the final half term of the year.



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## **Shard Class**

Another busy term for Shard class with lots of hard work from everyone! We have had lots of fun painting around the theme of Cherry Blossom trees. We even used a piece of broccoli for our paintbrush. We are starting to get really fit now with all our gym work and bike riding. Shard class love cooking and are so pleased we can finally go into the Life skills room and we have cooked cheese and tomato pasta and a very tasty pizza.



## <u>Shard Class — Gardening</u>

Shard class students have been working on different tasks on the Brockley school garden taking care of the overgrown weed, learning about maintenance of different item and how to plant seed and learn how look after those.

Students have been learning how to use different tools by having fun, developing great team work and a result making a great difference in the school garden.



## **Battersea Class**

The class has been busy meeting challenges for the ASDAN course, including carrying out a full vehicle check on Tim's motor scooter to make sure all the lights, the brakes, the tyres and the battery were functioning properly.





Our 3 Transition students have already achieved the Silver award, by meeting their challenges and working hard.



Some of the class also paid a visit earlier this month to Beckenham Place park in order to do some work in the environment. They did extremely well and made a huge difference in a short space of time







# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES - 2020/21

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

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

### SPRING TERM 2021

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

#### SUMMER TERM 2021

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

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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)

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