

Friday 22nd January 2016



Message from the head

You will have noticed that there was no Friday Tea in the first two weeks of term. This is because Janet has been ill, I am sure you will join with us in wishing her a speedy recovery. Years 5 and 6 provided the refreshments this week and it will be the turn of Year 4 next Friday (29th). Please try to send in a contribution when it is your child's year group. Although we do encourage healthy snacks we also allow ourselves the occasional treat! All cakes and biscuits, as well as fruit and vegetable based snacks will be greatly appreciated. Did you know that the money raised at Friday Tea is used directly to provide additional resources for **your** children's classes?

Winter has finally arrived! Please make sure that your children are adequately prepared for the cold weather and that they are wearing enough layers and a warm coat, top and footwear. Thank you.



Junior Wac Arts

Junior Wac Arts provides a wide range of classes in the arts for children and young people aged from 5-14 years old. Classes run on Saturdays for twenty-six weeks from September to May throughout the school year and range from £1.50-£2.50 per class.

What happens at Junior Wac Arts?

Students are given the chance to gain confidence, explore their creative potential and, most importantly, to have FUN! We aim to develop and encourage an appreciation of the arts for young people from an early age and children progress through different levels in their chosen subjects.

Classes on offer?

Classes are offered in ballet, drama, movement and dance, music, music technology, percussion, singing, video production and digital animation. In addition to these group classes, we also offer individual or paired instrumental lessons in drum kit, guitar, keyboards and saxophone.

They are based in Haverstock Hill and currently have places for Year 1-3! Give them a call for more information on 0207 692 5800 or look on their website at

www.wacarts.co.uk

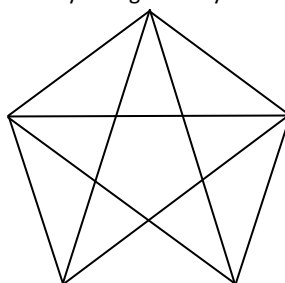
Dates for your calendar

1st February	Year 5 to the Royal Observatory
10th February	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre
10th February	Tahiti Class to CLC
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
3rd March	Jamaica Class to CLC
4th March	Cuba Class to CLC
8th March	Year 1 to Unicorn Theatre
24th March	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
25th Mar-8th Apr	Easter Holidays
11th April	School Opens—children back
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
30th May-3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

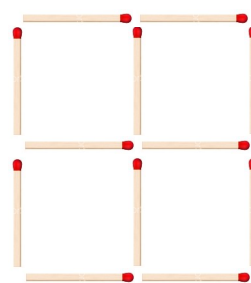
Maths Puzzle—Can you solve it?

In case you missed last weeks maths puzzle here it is again. Answers in next weeks newsletter so if your child wants to earn a merit for these get answers to Don or Henry before next Friday!

PUZZLE 1: Look at the shape below. How many triangles can you find?



PUZZLE 2: Can you move just TWO matchsticks and create SEVEN squares?



Date for your diary—Sports Day 2016

We have booked this years Sports Day so put the date in your diary now if you want to come along and cheer on the children. We will again be up on Hampstead Heath. It will take place on Monday the 4th July. We hope you will be able to come along.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

11th-15th January

Attendance KS1: **Mull—98.97%**

Attendance KS2: **Corsica—99.07%**

Early Bird: **Sumatra Class—0 lates**



Don't forget about the prize draw at the end of the term to win an iPad mini for the children with 100% attendance. Lots of them are talking about it and we're already seeing an improvement in some children's attendance!

Uniform and Cold Weather

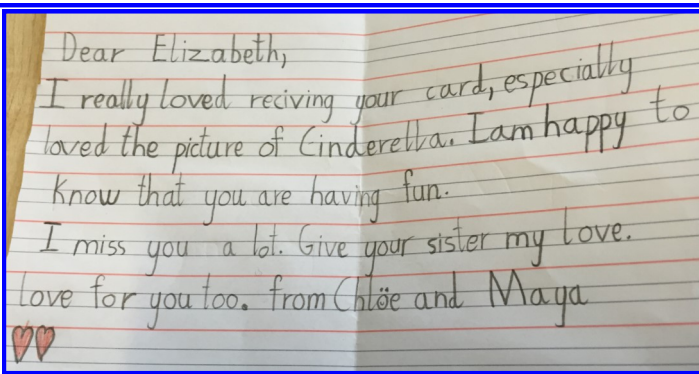
As it is now getting so much colder children will need to be wearing sweatshirts, jumpers or fleeces in class. These need to all follow the school uniform policy.

- Gold polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- Navy blue sweat shirt, preferably with school logo
- Navy blue fleece, preferably with school logo
- Checked or striped yellow dresses
- Plain navy blue trousers or track suit bottoms, skirts, pinafores, jeans, jeans skirts
- Plain white T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls for P.E.
- Plain navy blue or gold hijab

All children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours as stated in the School Uniform Policy. We have also had a large number of unnamed jumpers and coats left behind in the playground over that last few days. This lost property pile is now in the side room off the corridor in the dinner hall, please do look there if there is something you are missing.

Friday Tea—Year 4—Friday 28th January



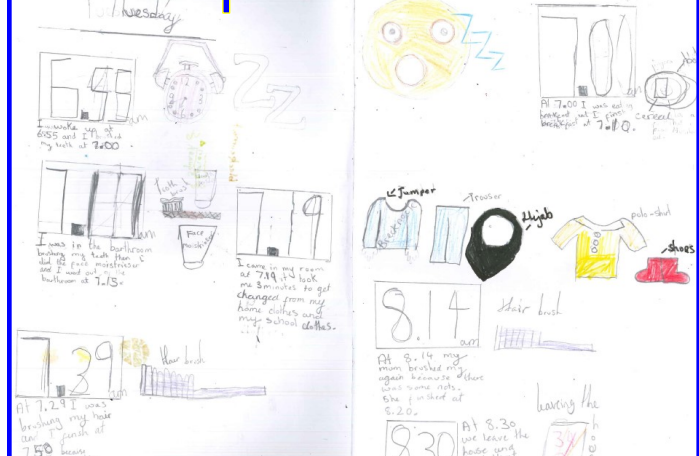


Beautiful Handwriting by Chloe

Chloe has been working on her hand writing and came in this week with this letter she had written to show Marianne. She was very proud of it and we think it is the best handwriting she has ever done. Well done Chloe and keep up the fabulous effort.



Maths Scrapbook—Great Work Sahra!



We have had some fantastic creative home learning coming in as part of the 'Count on Us' Maths project we are doing in years 1-4. This example from Sahra in Year 4 was particularly impressive. It is just one bit of a number of fantastic pieces that Sahra has completed. We loved her explanations under bit of the day showing her understanding of time.



They also did some narrative writing on creating an atmosphere and suspense. Morgan wrote this excellent piece based on the part where Michael's real adventure is about to start. The artwork to the right is by Alisa based on the same part of the story.

It was a dark, dark night. I was at the wheel. Everyone was asleep. I had no harness on to secure me to the boat but it was a calm night so I was fine. There was no stars, no moon. I felt blinded. I heard a barking. It was Stella! First I whistled to her but she didn't listen so then I shouted but she unmovable. She didn't even have her harness on. Then the first bit of lightning struck. The ferocious seas were tossing me side to side. I almost tossed me over board but I caught myself. I went to go inside but then I realised Stella was still on the deck! I ran towards her. I grabbed her but then the wave swiped me and Stella off the boat. I didn't even have time to scream for help because the salt water invaded my mouth. Before I knew it we had drifted away into the deep abyss of the ocean. I knew then we were not coming back...

You may have noticed the last couple of weeks we have not had any Friday Tea after school. This was due to the fact that Janet Dickenson, Mrs Brecknock herself, was not very well. We would all like to wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back with us soon. We miss you Janet!



Get Well Soon Janet!

Fantastic Writing by Raia & Morgan



Year 6 have been reading the fabulous 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. As part of their book study they wrote diary entries as the main character Michael on discovering that his dad had bought them a boat and they



were off around the world on an adventure. This is the fantastic diary by Raia. If you haven't read the book you should—it's amazing!

Dear Diary,

You will never believe what has just happened! Dad just showed us our new home: The Peggy Sue! We're off sailing on a two year sailing trip around the world. All of my friends are going to be jealous. I mean think about it. How often do you see an eleven year old boy and his family going on a sailing trip around the world? This is crazy awesome! Astonishing! Astounding!

What in the world is better than going to places no man has ever been to? I simply can't wait to see the wonders of the world. I know that we'll miss our friends and family but its always good to make new friends, especially if they're from another country. They can teach me their cultures, celebrations and also make me eat their delicious food. This is a once in a lifetime adventure. I don't want to stay at home in front of the TV becoming a zombie instead. I want to explore the wonders of the world. I'm the luckiest boy ever.

Not everybody like spending time their family but I do! I can't wait to enjoy all these fun experiences with them. Mom will be skipper, dad will be the handy man and I will be the ships boy. We'll play Monopoly, Battleships, Backgammon, Hang Man and all those type of board games. It's going to be so fun!

Mom might say that exploring the world is very dangerous and risky, but what's life without a bit of risk? I simply can't wait to see all the animals in the jungles! Parrots, snakes, monkeys, orang-utans and many other extraordinary animals. I'm also looking forward to feeling free from the city! The refreshing breeze in the air, trees as green as the freshly cut grass and not a cloud in the sky. I will finally be able to be part of the wild!

I can't wait to go on this phenomenal adventure around the world! To be honest, this is the best idea Dad's ever had. This is a dream come true.



Artwork by Alisa

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Maryam & Rayan—Mull, Hassan & Saniya—Skye, Sumiyah & Abdulrahman — Guernsey, Najma & Halima—Jersey, Shukri & Adam—Y3, Anna & Goldie—Y4, Moahammed A & Wesley—Y5, Phuk & Mia—Y6
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