



CURRICULUM NEWS

2020 Autumn Term 1

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Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to the first curriculum newsletter of the academic year. I hope you will find the edition full of success stories and enjoy the gallery of pictures at the back highlighting some of the activities that have taken place across the school.

Last week we had our autism accreditation review, an area of strength was our curriculum which provides personalised learning pathways for each pupil. They were also impressed with the teaching and learning and delivery of the curriculum, and the effective use of strategies to engage pupils in learning.

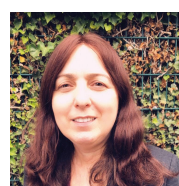
We were extremely proud to report to our Governing body the progress made by pupils last year. Pupils are making outstanding progress across the school.

This year, our emphasis will be to continue to build on this and with your support, continue the rapid progress our pupils make in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Curriculum Lead



What a pleasure it has been welcoming all our students back to school after such a long time apart.

This academic year we will be focusing on phonics and reading. Reading allows us to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past. Reading has the power to transform all our pupil's lives.

We are using a variety of phonetically based reading schemes and real books, which are designed to provide our pupils with a range of skills they can draw upon when decoding text.

We are working hard to create a genuine love of reading and an appreciation of its value, so that our pupils choose to **read for pleasure**, are able to follow personal interests, and use their research skills to extend their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Look out for parent training which we will offer over the next term.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades,
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
26th-30th October	Half Term
2nd November	INSET - No Pupils
3rd November	Pupils back to school
3rd-6th November	PLP Meetings with parents
16th November	Anti-bullying week
10th - 18th December	Hanukkah Celebrations
11th December	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
15th December	Winter Show (TBC)
15th December	SEARCH Celebration
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	End of Term



Pastoral & PSHE News-Miss Huseyin

The return to school has been very busy, it has been wonderful to see everyone in the building again. This

half term has been based on relationships and wellbeing; getting to know new pupils and seeing the return of previous ones.

I have been working with families to create a workshop programme and next month we will be trying some zoom coffee mornings with groups of ten, don't forget to bring your own tea and biscuits!

Over the coming half term, we will be introducing the new Relationship, Sex and Health Education programme. Which many of you attended the workshops for (there are two more next term). We have incorporated this into the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum. This looks at many aspects including feelings, emotions, managing conflict, personal hygiene and living in the community. To begin we will be looking at feelings and emotions. This looks different in each department. Any classes participating in sex education will have a letter explaining the programme. I am happy to discuss this with families and share lessons for that class.

I want to thank many of you for the emails, messages of support and suggestions that have come my way this term. We really value working with families and want to create working partnerships that benefit us all. Should you wish to contact me you can email me, but I am hoping to see many of you for virtual coffee mornings and workshops!

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Finally a huge thank you to everyone who celebrated **#HelloYellow** with us. We raised £60 which we donated to Young Minds, a mental health charity for young people. Please see a few "yellow photos" at the end of this newsletter!

Career News

Dear parents,

I just wanted to let you know of some changes that will be taking place across the school to do with careers, work experience and employability. In year 9 we will be introducing a document called a Vocational Profile. This will be used to support the individual student in helping to set targets for their transition to adulthood plans. I will be attending annual reviews to help answer any questions you may have about pathways and options for post 16 and 19 and meetings will be taking place over the next term with parents of students who are going to be transitioning into different key stages. Over this term Information will be given via newsletters and the website on opportunities and options for post compulsory education. Please keep checking our website as information on careers will be added to and updated in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about careers, college, work experience or options for after post compulsory education you can contact me:

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Bronja Elton

Careers lead/Head of Post 16

CLASSROOM NEWS

PRIMARY NEWS

HEAD OF PRIMARY: MR MILLS

I would like to begin by congratulating all of the pupils in the Primary Department for coming back to school and settling in so well after such a long time due to the lockdown.

We have expanded the Primary Department by adding an extra class and therefore extra staff who have also settled in magnificently over the first half term.

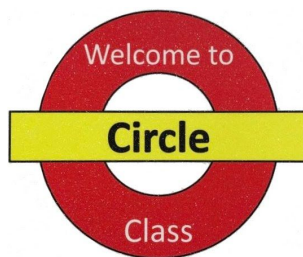
In the upcoming half term we will continue working on Nursery Rhymes and stories as part of our Pre-formal curriculum and Let's Pretend Stories as part of our Semi-formal curriculum.

The pupils in the Primary Department will be learning Makaton signs to a range of songs and nursery rhymes, acting out stories using puppets and using PECS and colourful semantics to comment and engage in a range of stories. Some of our pupils will even begin writing letters to characters in the stories and writing letters as characters from the stories. In Maths lessons, pupils will continue to learn about telling and understanding time as well comparing the size and length of different objects. Pupils will continue to work on recalling events and experiences from both in school and at home as part of communication activities. Also, after the half term break the primary classes

will begin to take part in off site visits and activities to a local park. This helps to develop pupils road safety skills, play skills and develop social communication skills. More information will be sent home after half term about this.

Please remember to access our online reading resources using your Bug Club log-ins where pupils will be able access a wide range of reading materials and quizzes to develop reading comprehension skills.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to another successful half term in the run up to Christmas.



CLASS NEWS

This term circle class has been focusing on Goldilocks and the three bears,

the children have been reading the story together and doing a range of different activities in english based on the story. They will end the term writing their own pretend story. In cooking, we used this theme to come up with ideas of what to cook. This term Circle class have made some great dishes, such as Goldilocks wraps, bear pancakes and delicious sandwiches for the teddy bears picnic at the end of every week. In Maths, we have been looking at number lines up to 100, adding and subtracting 10 and also telling the time through making our own clocks. In Science we have been focusing on the story Jack and the beanstalk, exploring plants and their uses in everyday life.

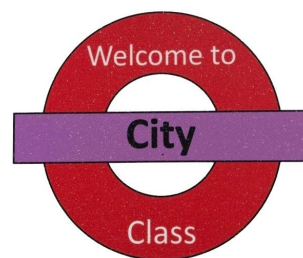
Next half term, we will be basing our learning around Hansel and Gretel in English and Aliens love underpants, in Science linking to Earth and Space.

HOME LEARNING

To help us prepare the pupils for our next theme, it would be great if you could do lots of reading at home and showing the pupils the story via youtube if you don't have access to a hard copy. Asking them some questions about what they have read would also help them to hold information about what they remember. Looking at the different planets and how day and night are created, this could be through video clips on you tube, or maybe getting them some picture books from the library.

Some creative ideas could be, to make one of the planets out of the paper mache or make gingerbread houses. Have fun and enjoy your break.

Ms Shauni



CLASS NEWS

This half term City Class have been learning about the story of The Gingerbread

Man as part of our topic 'Let's Pretend'. We have loved getting to know the story through sensory trays, using our PECS books and core language boards to practice requesting for different items in the story. We have also enjoyed Gingerbread Man themed Art lessons in which we have painted pictures and created Gingerbread Man paper plate faces.

Next term we will be learning about the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. It would be wonderful to read or listen to the story at home before coming back to school, maybe even find some Goldilocks themed songs on YouTube. We will be using the story as a basis for our lessons, working on recognising and ordering different sizes in maths. Looking at different things at home and talking about if they are big or small would be a great way to get us started! In City Class we love Storytime! We have been reading The Gruffalo, Dear Zoo and We're Going On A Bear Hunt.

HOME LEARNING

Reading at home daily is a great way to spend time together learning new words and talking about pictures in the story.

Ms Taylor



CLASS NEWS

This half term Elizabeth Class began with the Recovery

Curriculum where we focused on identifying different emotions and beginning to link the Zones of Regulation with different emotions. We also looked at different things we can do when we are feeling sad, angry, tired etc. In our English lessons we have been reading 'The Colour Monster' and 'Walking Through The Jungle'. The pupils in Elizabeth class have focused on comprehension and answering questions based on the stories. The Pupils all loved the stories and were able to answer questions on the stories based on individual abilities and levels. In Maths we

have been learning about different 2D shapes and focusing on learning and recognising different shapes within the environment. In addition, we have been learning to add 1 to numerals and finding 1 more from the current number. All the pupils have been working incredibly hard and have settled into their new class really well. In Autumn 2 we will be continuing with our Topic Themes which are 'Nursery Rhymes' and 'Let's Pretend (Stories)'.

HOME LEARNING

Reading is instrumental in helping children learn new vocabulary and improve their memory and comprehension. Therefore when listening to your child read or when you are reading to your child, it is important to ask questions to see how much they have understood. For example, 'Who is it', 'What are they doing?', 'Where are they?' 'What has happened' etc.



CLASS NEWS

It's great to see how well all the pupils in Victoria class have settled into a new school year. Our topic for this term is Nursery Rhymes and this half term we have been focusing on 'The wheels on the bus', 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'Five currant buns'. We have been listening to the songs, singing and using the Makaton signs and actions. The pupils have learnt to label pictures, sequence pictures from the songs and match sentences to the

pictures as well as colour in pictures and make artwork using different materials. In phonics and reading they have learnt to match identical pictures and letters and use letters to make short words as well as take turns to identify common everyday and animal sounds. In maths we have continued to post, sort and count out coins to pay. The pupils have used 2D shapes to fit in puzzles and to create pictures. They have been working on one-to-one correspondence and matching number to quantity. In PSHE the pupils have continued to learn about the Zones of Regulation, identifying emotions and facial expressions while everyday skills have been focused on handwashing as well as using the individual picture schedules more independently.

HOME LEARNING

Next half term we will continue to learn around nursery rhymes and stories. Learning activities you can do at home include:

1. Read the books on Bug Club together
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
2. Fine motor activities: e.g tear and stick tissue paper, knead and roll playdough, cut cardboard, fasten clothes pegs and buttons
3. Listen to and sign, sing along to the nursery rhymes:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0peZ5AN5vs8&list=PLjT4XhijakZiqAV_QjFd-8nV5CuO5Rpnz
4. Maths activities:

Five Currant Buns - practise coin recognition and handing over one or more coins to 'buy' snack e.g. 'Five round rice cakes on a yellow

plate, along came X with 10p/£1, bought a rice cake and took it away'

Ten Green Bottles - sequence numbers by using a ball to roll over bottles with numbers on them in the correct order

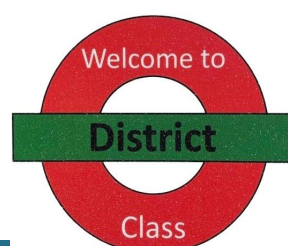
Five Speckled Frogs and Five Little Ducks - practise taking away 1 and counting how many are left by having five ducks or frogs in a water tray and taking away one at a time while singing.

Ms Charlotta

SECONDARY EAST NEWS

ASSISTANT HEAD: MR WOODS

This term Secondary East welcomed 7 new students to the department, almost doubling our size. COVID didn't help our transition process for the new pupils but they have settled in really well and made some excellent friendship groups. Pupils have got to experience a full secondary timetable with different class teachers. After half term we will be taking a slightly different approach as we have been putting new class teams together based on how the Autumn Term has gone. A lot of thought has gone into it and we really think this approach will support the progress the pupils are making, both academically and towards their own individual outcomes. We hope you have a welcome break and look forward to a fresh start for the rest of the autumn term.



FORM NEWS

District class has focused on the Recovery

Curriculum for this half term, which relates with the school topic of support. We have been learning about bullying, how to support each other in various situations, and safe use of the internet. Food tech has been very exciting, the pupils picked the topic China. In lessons we have made Noodles, Sweet and Sour Chicken and Ice Cream, as well as learning how to write our names in Mandarin. Life skills and RSHE have been focused on our school topic of Support, and we have also had a focus on the Zones of Regulation. The class have settled in really well to the new academic year, building new friendships and relationships with new staff members.

Art: District class have been learning about Pop Art this half term. They researched Andy Warhol, and have been working hard to create their own prints in his style. I am really pleased with their progress this half term!

English: In English this half term pupils have been studying a book called Stone Cold by Robert Swindells. Pupils have been involved in group discussions, paired work, and individual tasks around the themes surrounding the novel: homelessness, friendships, support. They have been developing their reading and inference skills by looking at different characters, discussing the author's purpose and thinking about the different ways that the novel is making people think about homelessness and the issues surrounding it.

History: District class have been studying the Civil Rights Movement with links to today in History. Pupils have analysed a range of sources, started to complete written work in a formal question structure and participated in thought-provoking class discussions.

Maths: In maths we have been revisiting a variety of different topics in order to ensure that the pupils have a strong and secure foundation to build on new maths skills for future qualifications. Some of this has been done through the medium of song and all lessons have an educational song to start the lesson. As all of district pupils have a love of the strange and interesting things you can find on youtube this is something that they have been enjoying.

Computing: In computing we have been learning about how computers work. We have opened up PCs and laptops and got behind what makes them work. Looked at what a motherboard and a CPU are. They have also looked at the history of old technology looking at walkmans, portable CD players and floppy disks.

Science: This half term we have been completing a unit on 'fooling the senses'. Pupils have been able to identify their own senses and the parts of the reflex arc. We have completed organ dissections and practicals based on our nerve impulses.

HOME LEARNING

Ideas for Home Learning:

Touch Typing using Dance Mat Typing on BBC Bitesize

Times Table Rockstars

Bug Club / reading books

Nature Scavenger Hunt



FORM NEWS

This half term the pupils have settled in well.

We have been looking at Italy, Italian culture and food for our modern foreign language theme. We have made fresh pizza, pasta and other delicious dishes from scratch. This has been a great success and has been enjoyed by all. One pupil even quoted *"this is the best pasta I have ever eaten"*!

Docklands have also had some mature and thought provoking discussions on topics such as black history, volunteering, body image and other relevant topics in our votes for schools and RHSE curriculum.

Computing: The pupils have been working on a project that will go towards their INGOts qualification. They have been tasked with creating a document for prospective pupils and parents informing them about life at the Grove School.

Maths: We have been revisiting a variety of different topics in order to ensure that the pupils have a strong and secure foundation to build on new maths skills for future qualifications.

History: Docklands have made an outstanding start in History this academic year and have been studying Medieval England. Docklands have started to answer Point-Example-Explain and comparison questions using picture sources and their own knowledge. Keep up the fantastic work!

English: In English this half term the pupils have all been preparing for a speaking and listening presentation on a topic of their choice that is linked to one of their hobbies or favourite activities. All pupils have watched a selection of different speeches as part of the Jack Petchy award scheme and they have taken part in

different speaking activities as part of the class in pairs and group work. It has been exciting seeing how the work has progressed over this half term as they have researched their topics to prepare for their presentations. Seeing the pupils evaluate their own work and adding additional information has been great. Next half term they will be looking at different types of non-fiction, using reading skills, skimming, scanning and finding information alongside evaluating the purpose of the texts.

Science: This half term Docklands have started their Entry Level qualification. The topic has been on Cells in the body. We have used microscopes and looked at various organs and dissected these. Pupils have really engaged well with the new course and the practical work

Art: Docklands class have been learning about Pop Art this half term. They researched Andy Warhol, and have been working hard to create their own prints in his style. I am really pleased with their progress this half term!

HOME LEARNING

Ideas for Home Learning

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FORM NEWS

Metropolitan have made a wonderful start at The Grove

this academic year. We have enjoyed a range of lessons and activities including: focussing on our first SEARCH value-Support; lots of baking, decorating and cooking in Food Tech; Yoga and Dance for active starts; growing plants for our classroom; and discovering activities in the Life Skills flat.

Pupils have been working hard in a variety of subjects including:

Maths: In Maths Metropolitan have been revisiting a variety of different topics in different formats. Using items to show numbers and place value and completing some difficult sums. They also have been enjoying an online maths site Numbots that they can access anywhere. There have been some record breaking scores this term, with all pupils achieving incredibly well.

English: Metropolitan class has made a fantastic start in English this term. They have been completing creative writing tasks, using powerful adjectives and writing stories. All the pupils have really enjoyed describing characters and writing stories and have produced some great pieces of writing. They will be continuing to build on their skills next term by developing their sentences further to include metaphors, similes and adverbs.

Science: This half term Metropolitan have been doing an introduction to living things. We have looked at and dissected lots of different organs, used microscopes and have started on our basic lab practical safety and skills.

History: Metropolitan have been studying castles and the Feudal System. Pupils have completed a range of activities including: making knight shields and armour; creating their very own castle models from clay; completing a written account of medieval punishments from sources.

Computing: In computing we have been learning all about the school Chromebooks and google classroom. Pupils have also started making their own game using google slides. Pupils have been incredibly motivated and have produced some really fun and exciting work.

Art: In art, Metropolitan class have been learning about colour. Focussing on the work of Wassily Kandinsky and creating replicas of his work. Pupils have worked extremely hard, well done Metropolitan!

HOME LEARNING

Metropolitan class can prepare for next term by reading books set for them on Bug Club (Miss Macleod will ensure all parents/ carers know logins). These books will relate to our next topic- Myths and Legends!

Pupils can also prepare for our Space topic by watching 'Out of this World' for free on BBC IPlayer.

All pupils can continue building their Maths skills by logging into Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots (Miss Macleod will ensure all parents/ carers know logins)

Miss Macleod will send home recipes for pupils to practise their cooking skills!

SECONDARY WEST NEWS

**HEAD OF SECONDARY WEST:
MS COLHOUN**

Dear families, I hope you are all well? We have had a great start to our new school year in Secondary West and I've been

impressed with how quickly pupils have adapted and fitted into their new classes and routines.

There have been a few changes this year to our department, firstly we have welcomed new students to Year 7 and some new staff members too. Secondly we have introduced an enrichment programme on a Tuesday afternoon; this is where pupils have chosen to attend one of 3 clubs which most interests them and supports their learning. This term the choice of clubs are drama, sport and craft. It has been fantastic to see pupils enjoying the sessions and also interacting with peers from different classes within the department. I look forward to seeing them showcase their work at the end of next half term. The third development has been the creation of an allotment in the green space within our playground. We have teamed up with a company called OrganicLea who are preparing to give us weekly gardening and outdoor craft lessons. After half term some of Bakerloo and Northern class pupils will enjoy visiting OrganicLea's nursery in Chingford every other Thursday for the whole day and I'm excited to see what skills they learn and develop there, perhaps it will inspire some budding horticulturists within the department.

I hope that you have a great half term break next week and that even in these uncertain times you get the opportunity to have time to be together, explore the world around you more and generally make great memories together.



CLASS NEWS

It has been lovely having everyone back in school this academic year

after such a long period at home. Bakerloo class have had a great start to the year and have coped well with the new routines, structures and systems. Everyone has tried really hard with their learning so far this term which has been amazing to see.

Our theme this term has been 'Special Events'. In English, the pupils have enjoyed learning all about Harvest Festival, they participated well with the sensory story and have done some lovely writing about it, with a focus on sentence structure and punctuation. As part of this topic, we managed to collect lots of food to deliver to a local foodbank - thank you so much for your donations!

In maths, we have been learning about money. Pupils have been working on identifying and adding coins and making different amounts using coins and notes. We have also been consolidating and practicing mental arithmetic such as times tables, number bonds and counting and sequencing numbers.

In science, we have been learning about Earth and Space. We have been working on identifying and labelling different parts of the solar system, as well as making some beautiful pieces of artwork to represent what they have learned.

Next half term, we will continue learning about special events, with a focus on Diwali, bonfire night and christmas. We will be preparing food linked to these events and learning about traditions in different cultures. Our SEARCH value this term has been 'support' and I can honestly say that the pupils have done really well with supporting each other as we settle into this new year together, well done Bakerloo!

HOME LEARNING

With regards to home learning, can I please encourage you to continue reading at home, regular practice really helps with phonic understanding and sentence structure. Regular practice with number sequencing and times tables would also be hugely beneficial.

Ms Molly



CLASS NEWS

During the first week of this half term Central class student has been working on

the Recovery Curriculum, where we have given our pupils time to familiarize themselves with the school, the new routine, their new classmates and members of the staff. These weeks have helped us to create a bond with the pupils which helps us on a daily basis to support them in the best possible way.

This term topic is Myths and Legends, Central class has focused our learning on the book "The smartest giant in town". We have based and linked the different lessons (English, Mathematics, PSHE and Art) on this book.

Our SEARCH value was Support, we have learned about the importance of being kind and helping others. Every Friday a pupil was giving a special crown for being "The kindest child in class". Well done to all of them!

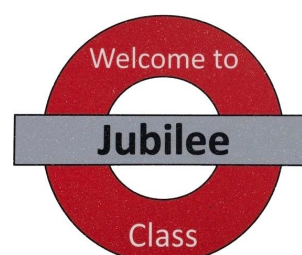
HOME LEARNING

All our team wishes you a restful half term. It will be a great start if you could

keep reading books at home and commenting on what happened or pointing out the pictures.

It would be a good idea if pupils could practice different life skills in order to become more independent, such as preparing snacks (they all know how to make sandwiches independently as we have made them every Thursday during this half term), washing dishes, cleaning and tidying after themselves.

Ms Carolina



CLASS NEWS

Jubilee class pupils have been so excited to be back in school and have shown

great resilience and enthusiasm. They have started forming some lovely friendships and the older pupils have been extremely welcoming and supportive to their new peers. We have been using the 4 Zones of Regulation to understand our emotions and choose mechanisms to help us cope with difficult situations.

Our topic in English is Myths and Legends and we have read, explored and discussed Greek, African, Viking and Hindu ancient stories. Pupils had to describe different characters, write summaries and complete reading comprehension tasks. In Phonics we practised our spelling and did loads of reading this term.

Moreover, in Maths we looked at some 2D shapes and their properties, place value, addition and subtraction using the written column method. We have also started using money to develop our numeracy skills even further and eventually be able to apply mental arithmetic in our daily lives.

In addition, in Science we have been learning about the Earth and Space and explored our solar system. We looked at the relationship between the Sun, Earth and Moon and why we have day/night but also the four seasons.

Jubilee class team is so proud of all our pupils who worked diligently every day to complete their tasks and have already shown progress in both their academics and emotional regulation.

HOME LEARNING

During the half term holiday, please continue to do some reading at home. The pupils can also use their BugClub account to do online reading and Sumdog/Timetables Rockstar accounts for online Maths. It would be amazing if you could also use 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins and motivate pupils to practise their money addition skills. You could have a snack box from where they will have to choose and buy a snack using real coins.

There are some great online videos for exercise (Joe Wicks) and yoga (Cosmic Kids) but you could also encourage them to go for a walk, cycle or play some football.

Moreover, I will be sending home some recipes for you to try with them: i.e. making a sandwich, fruit kebab/pizza, baking biscuits, carving a pumpkin.

Lastly, in order to support them to develop their life skills, give them some daily chores such as washing the dishes, making their bed, folding some clothes or cleaning their room.

Ms Eleni



CLASS NEWS

It has been a joy welcoming back everyone in school this

academic year after the long break this summer.

Northern class have had a good start to the half term, they all have adapted well to the new class, routine and teachers, which is great to see.

Our theme this term is 'Special Events'. During the first half term the pupils have been learning about the Harvest Festival. All pupils participated and enjoyed our sensory stories, exploring events within the festival and what it represents. We have had a focus on writing and speaking skills, learning to structure sentences and label and identify new vocabulary. As part of this topic, we looked at different foods and explored them through "messy food play" and "Just one taste" activities, where the pupils had a chance to try new and old foods, building their tolerance to different textures and tastes.

In maths, we have been learning about counting, sequencing with pupils moving onto addition and subtraction. We have also been consolidating the knowledge of coins, and practicing recognizing different coins and notes and adding them together.

In science, we have been learning about Earth and Space. We have been working on identifying and labelling different parts of the solar system, as well as making

some beautiful pieces of artwork to represent what they have learned.

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HOME LEARNING

With regards to home learning, it would be beneficial for all pupils to continue to practice reading. This can be done by sitting together and looking at the pictures in a book, reading to your child or supporting them to read aloud if possible. This really helps with phonic understanding and sentence structure.

Our SEARCH value this half term has been "Support" during Northern class assembly the pupils shared their work on The zones of regulation to the whole Secondary West department. Well done Northern class!



CLASS NEWS

It has been hugely impressive how well the pupils in Piccadilly class

have re-settled into school life, even more so, our 3 new pupils, who have seamlessly slotted into life at The Grove. A true testament to all of them, their resilience and willingness to learn.

It's great to watch genuine relationships form and see how the pupils positively respond and engage with one another

during activities such as our morning and afternoon circle time.

Pupils have enjoyed the active aspect to our maths lessons by being creative in exploring the elements of 'time'; completing activities fast or slow - as well as sequencing days of the week and months of the year - in handling and sorting the appropriate clothing to match the seasons.

In Science we have been consolidating learning through identifying the Earth, Sun & Moon. Pupils took great enjoyment in going outside in the Autumnal sun to work with their peers and use their bodies to cast shadows on the playground, taking turns drawing around one another's shadow.

As part of independence and life skills, we have enjoyed using the Food Technology room weekly. Pupils have had the opportunity to practice and develop their skills in food preparation. A big favourite was definitely the vegetable curry (cross-curricular links to Modern Foreign Language in Indian cultures).

HOME LEARNING

In regards to Home Learning - please read daily with/to your child, sequence numbers/days of the week/months of the year and if outside - play and make shadows against the walls on the floor.

Mr Mike

POST 16 NEWS

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of half term after such a long time off due to lock down. It has

been amazing to see how well all of the pupils in Post 16 have settled back into their learning and their day to day structures and routines.

There have been some changes this year to the curriculum and the way it is delivered in Post 16 as we now have three teachers and two classes this year. This is an exciting development as it means all pupils have access to a range of courses to suit their needs and levels. All pupils in Post 16 are continuing to follow a functional skills programme of study that is focused on preparation for life after compulsory education looking at developing work skills and skills for life and careers after compulsory education. All pupils have made a fantastic start this term in all their subjects: Maths, English and ICT and OCR Life Skills.

Throughout this term there will also be a clear focus on providing advice and guidance for pupils about the world of work and how to prepare for this. We will be working on raising achievement by encouraging the students to develop high aspirations for their futures. We will provide opportunities for pupils to gain and develop skills in the workplace and prepare for upcoming transitions, especially for our year 14 pupils.

Upcoming Workshops will be offered to parents around next steps and choices for after year 14 so please look out for this information.

Bronja Elton
Careers lead/Head of Post 16

Post 16 - 1 CLASS NEWS

This term Post 16-1 have spent time getting to know one another. They have enjoyed social skills lessons such as making a chicken in a cup, marshmallow and spaghetti towers and carrying out some great collaborative communication tasks. It's been great watching the students to get to know one another in which they seem to have bonded very quickly as a class.

This half term the schools SEARCH value is "support". Each morning the pupils set themselves a personal target linked to how they will support themselves or others in the school community. This is proving to be very successful and is reflected in their daily merits as well as during assembly where their peers, teachers and head of department nominate them for a certificate – well done team!

In Maths and ICT we've spent this first half term revisiting basic knowledge and skills as a refresher after the long lockdown. The pupils have worked extremely hard and this is evident in the past papers they all completed earlier on this term. In ICT we covered E-safety, and passwords where they are becoming quickly confident with the use of Google Suite.

Each week we have Work Related Learning where we identify our strengths, areas for development and interests. We then use this to discuss jobs that may interest us. On Tuesday afternoons the pupils actively take part in Votes for Schools which is where they have their voice and opinion on current affairs topics. So far we have covered topics such as "should all pupils wear masks in school?", "should everyone volunteer in their community?" They have enjoyed group discussions and look forward to voting each week.

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We continue our theme of "My Community" in our learning next half term. In Maths we aim to look at money/shopping/keeping a budget, directions and compass use in the community, fractions and divisions. In ICT we will move on to recognising digital items we use in everyday life and how ICT can support/inform travel. They will also begin to learn the skills for creating publicity materials such as posters, flyers and presentations. In Work Related Learning we will progress on to using technology to help us find a job, looking at jobs online as well as how to apply for them.

Have a great half term!

HOME LEARNING

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Post 16 - 2 CLASS NEWS

It was wonderful to welcome existing and new Post 16 pupils back to school. They were happy to see their peers and teachers.

Both Year 14 and Year 12 pupils have settled into their new form class. They have continued to work hard in all of their subjects and it has been a pleasure to see how well they have settled back into their learning after such a long time away. They have all shown enthusiasm and resilience over this half term.

In all subjects they have been working around the theme of 'Our Community'. Looking at different businesses in English lessons; writing emails and letters as well as working with money and direction skills in maths. In both English and Maths it has been great to see how well all students have worked. In maths they have been working with a new teacher and have been producing some excellent work around the topic of money, directions and fractions.

As part of life skills they have produced some amazing recipes and dinners and have enjoyed researching what to cook for lunch on Mondays.

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The SEARCH value this half term has been 'SUPPORT' and it has been really exciting seeing how many certificates the pupils have received for showing support to others in their class and around the school. Next term the SEARCH value will be 'Empathy' and I know that they will also rise to that challenge and show empathy to others.

They look forward to their weekly SMSC class debate as part of Votes for Schools and enjoy exercising their democratic right to vote by casting their ballot to choose who will receive a school search value certificate; most importantly it allows them to express their opinion on important topics taught in 'Vote for School' lessons.

Pupils continue to develop their social skills by supporting each other and their peers in school.

Well done Post 16 (2)

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PE News with Mr Proctor



Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed getting back to PE this half term and were very excited to get back playing games and sports with their friends. The main emphasis this half term

in PE was to get pupils active and back having fun in their PE lessons.

Primary pupils have been taking part in circuit style PE lessons which were designed to improve their core PE skills whilst allowing pupils to access as many different sports activities as possible. Primary pupils have really enjoyed taking part in hurdle relay races and many pupils have improved their throwing and catching skills over short distances.

Secondary East and West pupils have been taking part in many different games this half term including football, rounders and cricket. Pupils have been working on their football passing technique and this has transferred well into their matches. Pupils have also shown a great attitude when they have tried new sports such as rounders and cricket where pupils are also understanding the importance of showing

respect and communicating positively to their peers.

Post 16 pupils have been working on their rounders, tennis and cricket skills. All pupils have improved their hand eye coordination skills through these sports and have had a lot of success when playing these games. They have enjoyed playing these games competitively and are always happy to see each other do well. Pupils have loved whole class cricket games and always create a great atmosphere within lessons.

Some Post 16 pupils are starting to work towards a Sports Leaders qualification where they work on their leadership skills through helping to teach younger pupils. These pupils have been great and are amazing with the pupils that they support. Next half term, Post 16 pupils are looking forward to learning and playing tag rugby.

Many pupils across the school are also taking part in numerous sports activities at break time and lunch time supported by different staff members. A highlight of my day is seeing a number of Post 16 pupils play football with younger pupils at lunch time. The Post 16 pupils have supported these pupils every day and have been great role models. Primary pupils absolutely love the opportunity to explore and take part in sports activities each lunch time.

Well done to all pupils in PE this half term, please keep up the hard work.

Curriculum Gallery



Post 16-2 Voting on Search values



Docklands Class Fresh Pasta



Knight shields in history



Bubble Socks!



Very fun science experiments



Bakerloo Class Harvest Festival foodbank donations



Turn taking & role play with new friends



Life skills



Maths - fast and slow activities



Created models of Earth, Sun and Moon



Drawing around our shadows



City Class enjoying learning about The Gingerbread man



Exploring Day & Night



Adding coins in maths



Column method
Subtractions



Phonics combining letters
to make words



Adding coins & notes



Creating a galaxy



Exploring our solar system



Reading comprehension



Victoria Class - posting shapes



Victoria class - fitting 2D shapes

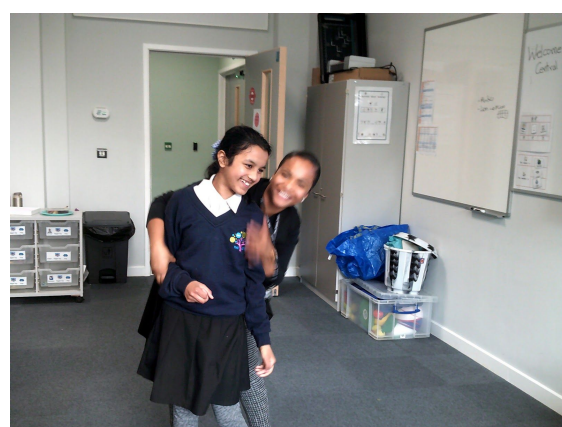


Victoria class - making 2D shapes



Northern Class

Central Class fun





Post 16-2 Social skills and communication



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