



CURRICULUM NEWS

2022 Autumn Term 2 - Secondary West

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Headteacher's Welcome



What a busy term and there have been so many things to showcase. My highlight was the pupils' fantastic performance in the school production of

Peter Pan. This for me exemplifies how we should never lower the ceiling of expectation and encourage pupils to aim high! I really hope those of you that managed to attend enjoyed the show!

Curriculum work this term has seen the introduction of more enrichment activities outside of the classroom to complement teaching and develop those critical life and wider social skills. We now have a full quota of subject leads in place leading the development of the academic curriculum across the school. In our review this term for English, Maths and Science all learning was never less than good with many examples of outstanding practice across the school.

Thank you to parents and carers with your continued support with attendance. Our school average has risen to 91% which is fantastic. This has had a positive impact on progress across the school.

Wishing you all a peaceful and healthy holiday. All good wishes for 2023!

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

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We are fast approaching the end of term and we have a lot of excited pupils and needless to say staff ready for the festive break!

Our pupils continue to amaze me in so many different ways, they have all worked so hard this term. On Pupils Progressed Day, we looked at the progress made by each individual pupil in the different areas across the curriculum. I was overwhelmed by the progress they are making.

Our pupils' performance in Peter Pan is another incredible achievement, we have a number of inspiring actors within our mists.

Class teachers and Head of Departments are now busy with planning for the Spring Term to continue this way.

You will find in this edition a lot of updates about what has been happening in your child's class this term and some suggestions and useful links to help you when working at home with your child.

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support and we hope you have a restful Christmas break and a happy new year!

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
3rd January	INSET - No Pupils
4th January	Pupils back to school
16th January	Family Workshop Session 1
24th January	Family Workshop Session 2
26th January	Grove Governor Meeting
30th January	Family Workshop Session 3
2nd February	Family Workshop Session 4
3rd February	Family Workshop Session 5
6th February	Family Workshop Session 6
10th February	Break Up for Half Term
13th-17th February	Half Term
20th February	INSET Day - No Pupils
21st February	Pupils Back to School
22nd February	Family Workshop Session 7
1st March	Family Workshop Session 8



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Thank you to parents / families who have attended the coffee morning this term. We will get some more dates for Spring booked in and we will be holding these in the Sixth form cafe.

The dates for parent workshops in the new year have been sent home in a letter and are listed in this newsletter.

Many of you might not know that we have a facebook group! This is a group for parents / carers with pupils at The Grove. It has been created to enable our families to share local information about events, share ideas, arrange meet ups or to even give away old uniforms. I am the admin for the group, please feel free to join us!

Children's Mental Health Week and Stand Up to Bullying return in February and departments will continue their work for PSHE across the term.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and a happy new year.

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead

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I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at The Grove. There have been some real success stories across the school and a number of pupils have made significant steps in terms of behaviour and engagement this term. We are continuing to work on supporting all students to develop positive self-regulation and communication strategies.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the family workshop sessions that will be starting next term. I personally am really looking forward to meeting some of you!

I hope you all have a great holiday! Best wishes, Louis Maunder (Senior Leader for Pastoral Lead and Behaviour)

Careers and enrichment

Thanks again everyone for all your support with trips and workshops this term. It has been a busy term for Careers and Enrichment and there have been some fantastic on and off site trips and activities. We are already planning more exciting events for 2023, including **Careers Week (6th - 10th March)** and the return of our **Careers and Next Steps Fair**.

Also coming up:

- Divergent Thinking / Mobile Film Making workshops
- More Kentish Town City Farm visits / Work experience
- Early morning explorers / London Transport Museum
- London Law Courts
- Pet Club
- Scope
- African Drumming
- NHS Cadets
- Groundswell Arts Communication Pod

It is an exciting time for Careers at The Grove and you can now find out more information on the website in our new "Sixth Form and Careers" section.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions around careers or options for post 16 and beyond:

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Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

SECONDARY WEST NEWS

HEAD OF SECONDARY WEST

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our families! I hope that you are all continuing to keep healthy over this cold but busy period and that you get to enjoy some special moments with your child during this holiday time.

In Key Stage Three our termly topic continued to be "Supermarket Sweep" and we have been exploring all things food related in our lessons. In Key Stage Four, Jubilee class have continued to make progress towards their AQA awards; they have focussed this term on Humanities, Cultural Studies, RE and Citizenship.

This term Piccadilly and Bakerloo class have enjoyed going to Rugby Works sessions and Northern, Jubilee and Piccadilly have continued to enjoy dance lessons through Step into Dance. All classes in Secondary West continued to engage with forest school sessions and look forward to their weekly sessions. One of the highlights from this term is when a selection of pupils participated in a work experience programme at the city farm, where they learned how to look after different animals. This term we have also put a huge amount of effort into preparing for the Christmas Show. We hope that you enjoyed watching all our hard work, it was a pleasure to do.

I hope you all have a fantastic winter holiday with your children and your families. See you in the New Year, Miss Jac



CLASS NEWS

Maths:

The main focus across maths in Autumn 2 has been around 'number'. It's always important to support pupils' number knowledge and help make it secure. With this in mind, lessons were taught around the different ways of making 5's, 10's and for some up to 50! Pupils were able to add two small sets together and recognise the total, write a variety of number sentences as well as begin to use the column method for simple calculations. Bakerloo will finish the term learning around 'measure' - Identify short/long on request and end by measuring using cm

English:

Bakerloo continued with the book *How to Feed Your Parents* and increased their ability to write about as well as answer questions related to the text.

There has been a focus on supporting pupils with their handwriting, ensuring that they write from left to right and from top to bottom of the page. Adults also supported pupils to continue to form regular sized and shaped letters as well as regular spacing between letters and words as it's so important for our pupils writing to be as legible as possible.

Next half term Bakerloo class will be learning about the story of *Frankenstein*.

As part of **independence and life skills**, Bakerloo class went on a whole class trip to Downhills park. It was a great opportunity to practice our road safety

with a playtime reward after at Downhills playground.

In addition, we continued to use the food tech room once a week, reading adapted, pupil-friendly recipes linked with French cuisine and have followed step-by-step instructions to cook dishes such as French toast, French onion soup and French crepes.

HOME LEARNING

- **Home Learning:**

Please read daily with/to your child - Can also be done digitally via our 'BugClub' -

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Practice number bonds, addition and subtraction with access to our fun, friendly 'Numbots'

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

CLASS NEWS



The second half of Autumn has been thoroughly enjoyable for Central Class with the theme of Supermarket

Sweep carrying on throughout the term. Central Class have continued to explore the theme of food linked to both English and Maths in a range of contexts.

Alongside preparing for the Winter Show, tie-dying t-shirts and making props, Central class pupils have explored the SEARCH value of 'Empathy' through identifying emotions and participating in circle time activities in expressing their feelings daily.

Pupils engaged in a new sensory story, 'How to feed your parents' through requesting physical props and acting out chosen actions and repeating speech verbally and through talking tiles. To finish the term pupils explored nonfiction through recipe books and furthered their vocabulary by finding key ingredients upon request.

In Maths we explored the concept of 0 through a range of practical activities, culminating in the understanding that 0 means nothing or none. Furthermore, we continued to develop 1:1 correspondence by counting objects to 10, building our own number bonds and practised taking one through nursery rhymes and actions. Finally, the Central class developed vocabulary and understanding around measurement, specifically 'big' & 'small' and 'long' & 'short'.

HOME LEARNING

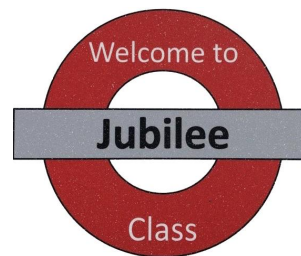
Continue to encourage independence around the home, particularly when dressing and getting ready for school. Any opportunities to count objects and groups of objects can be explored

Pupils should be encouraged to listen to an adult reading a preferred story as frequently as possible. We will be reading [Frankenstein](#) next term and engaging in sensory activities around the story. This

video [Frankenstein](#) will support prior knowledge.

For Maths we will be focussing on subtraction so nursery rhymes around subtracting e.g. [10 Fat Sausages](#) will support counting and subtracting.

Have a lovely Christmas from the Central Class Team!



CLASS NEWS

Well done to everyone in Jubilee for a wonderful Autumn Term and we hope you enjoy

a well earned rest over the holidays. We have been making a great start to our pre-entry and entry level qualifications this term. In English, we have just finished a writing focus with some of us creating leaflets about healthy eating and others writing recipes, letters and postcards. In Maths we have just finished a focus on geometry and fractions with everyone making great progress, particularly with 3D shapes. In History we have been focussing on learning about the history of transport in which we have spent time studying the invention of aeroplanes, cars and trains. In Science we have just finished looking at climate and adaptations. In PSHE we have covered lots of important topics this half term including anti-bullying and black history month. In RE we have been working on a module looking at art within religion and students have enjoyed creating their own artistic responses to what they have learnt. We have also been cooking French food as part of our Cultural Studies learning. Next term we'll be looking at

Italian culture. Our SEARCH value this half term has been 'empathy' and we have been celebrating kindness and understanding in the classroom. Next half term our value will be 'acceptance'. Looking ahead to Spring in more detail, we will be moving to a new 'citizen' focus within our KS4 learning. We will be starting a reading focus in English, number facts in Maths, animals including humans, evolution and inheritance in Science and the changing adolescent body in PSHE. In our other pre-entry and entry level learning, we will be choosing modules from Art, DT and Technology. Lots to look forward to!

HOME LEARNING

- At home, please continue to find the time to enjoy reading together whenever you can. Reading at home can help language acquisition and understanding as well as a multitude of other skills!
- To keep learning, try playing some number fact games [here](#). There are some free downloadable resources about animals for science [here](#) and you'll find some useful videos and information from the BBC [here](#). Have a read [here](#) about some of our PSHE topics. This [game](#) will combine English comprehension with some of our Science learning so have a go!
- We all hope you have a lovely winter holiday.
- Miss Jude and the Jubilee Class team



CLASS NEWS

Dear families, what a busy and fun term we have had in Northern Class!

Pupils continued to settle into their familiar routines and began to show a lot of growth in engagement and confidence.

Our Search value this term has been empathy and the team have been completely overwhelmed by the amount of understanding our pupils have of this value and how they have demonstrated it across the term. It has been lovely to see our pupils showing concern for others and demonstrating a growing understanding of emotions.

Our overall theme to learning this term has continued to be called "supermarket sweep" and therefore our lessons have continued to take on a food related theme. In English we enjoyed a story called "How to feed your parents" by Ryan Millar, through the story we were introduced to some basic cooking skills and we explored new foods. This also gave us the opportunity to learn about recipe books and how they can help us. In maths we have been focusing on number bonds, addition and length. In science we have been learning about different types of habitats and what animals live there. Finally in humanities, we have been learning about our local environment in geography, Christianity in RE and French culture in Cultural studies.

HOME LEARNING

- Please continue to read frequently with your child, we recommend 5 minutes every day. Pupils will continue to bring their reading book home each weekend, which they have worked on throughout the week in class. You can also access [bug club](#) for additional books.
- Where possible involve your child in helping to prepare food and drinks, they thoroughly enjoyed the cooking elements of stories this term and it would be great to continue to build on these skills.
- Go for walks regularly in the community to practise road safety and danger awareness.
- Involve pupils in shopping where possible, we will be learning about money next term, it would be good for them to understand about paying for items.

It has been a pleasure to teach in Northern Class this term, we hope you all have a great holiday.

Miss Jac & Miss Molly



CLASS NEWS

This term in maths, our main focus has been on addition. Pupils have focused on lots of skills including number bonds, adding three 1-digit numbers together and adding two

2-digit numbers together. Piccadilly class have been working really hard on presenting their work neatly using the squared paper in their maths books. We are now beginning to look at length and height and will be doing lots of measuring and comparing. In January, we will be moving on to look at subtraction and shape.

In English, Piccadilly class have been exploring recipes and instructions. As in autumn 1, this has again linked to our overall autumn topic, 'Supermarket Sweep'. Pupils have been working hard on identifying and using time connectives, verbs and bullet points and are working towards writing their own creative sandwich recipes. We are looking forward to January's English lessons which will focus on Frankenstein!

In Geography, Piccadilly class have been learning about cities with a particular focus on London. As part of this, they have been looking at London landmarks, jobs that are available in London and identifying human features of cities.

In Science, the topic has been 'living things and their habitats'. The pupils have been exploring habitats such as deserts, the Arctic, rainforests and the ocean. They have described the habitats and the things that live there and have begun to explain adaptations that allow the living things to survive. Next term, we will focus further on animals, including humans.

I am really proud of the class for how well they have managed with the changes that are leading up to the Winter Break. Lots of exciting activities means that the children's usual schedules have been interrupted at times but they have done

really well.

Well done on another wonderful half term Piccadilly Class. Have a great half term break.

Miss Amy

HOME LEARNING

- Please read daily with your child and ask them questions about what they have read to check that they understand.
- In computing, we have been using word processors. If possible, your child may like to practise this at home on microsoft word or google docs.
- In preparation for next term's maths focus, some fun subtraction games can be found [here](#).
- In preparation for next term's science, please find some [videos and games](#) related to animals including humans.

PE News with Mr Proctor

It has been a very busy half term within the PE department with many exciting events and trips happening across the school.

Each half term pupils focus on developing specific sports skills during PE lessons. The sports change each half term and we are trying to expose pupils to as many different sports as possible. This half term pupils have been developing their football, table tennis and curling skills.

Primary and Secondary West classes have shown great progress this term developing their gross motor skills and linking skills together. A special mention goes to Jubilee class and Bakerloo class for showing great football dribbling skills and teamwork. A special mention also goes to City class pupils who are enjoying completing obstacle courses and are learning to take turns in PE lessons.

This half term we also launched a new PE Gifted and Talented programme across the school for pupils that show great attitude, enthusiasm and ability within PE lessons. PE Gifted and Talented sessions take place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre where pupils get the opportunity to take part in athletics sessions taught by an athletics instructor in an amazing facility. Staff at Lee Valley have been amazing with our pupils and we even got to meet a Team GB sprinter!

Pupils have enjoyed following the football world cup with the whole school watching the first England game against Iran. All pupils had the opportunity to watch this game with class teachers organising world cup themed lessons and parties on the day.

Performing Arts News with Ms Dydymka

Piccadilly, Bakerloo & Jubilee

In music pupils have been composing their own melodies using Glockenspiels. pupils used 5 notes to create their melodies which they wrote down before performing to the class. We've also been singing songs together and learning about how different instruments sound.

In drama we've been focussing on role play and story-telling through dressing up, making props and costumes and practising our parts for the Christmas Show.

Northern & Central

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The Winter Show 2022 - 'Peter Pan'

All the pupils and staff worked hard to get ready for the Christmas Show. Pupils took on all the roles involved in a production - acting, singing, playing instruments, making props and puppets and stage crewing - and did an incredible job to get the performance ready. It was fantastic to see so many families and friends at the performance to celebrate the pupils' achievements and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of theatre together. We look forward to seeing you at future performances in 2023.

