



CURRICULUM NEWS

2023 Summer Term 2 - Secondary West

*Inspire Excellence
Challenge Potential
Empower Learning*

Headteacher's Welcome



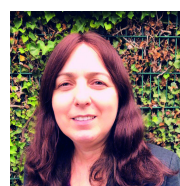
As I write this edition, I am reflecting on this past year. I am really proud of our enrichment offer. Every pupil has had enrichment this year and an opportunity to take part in activities that compliment their learning. This has strengthened the learning across the school and strengthened our curriculum offer. Of course, we were immensely proud of our Ofsted outstanding and this has given us a fantastic platform to plan and build our curriculum further so that it gets even better! Next year we embark on our first cohort of GCSE students, we are also looking to extend the accreditation pathways for those following entry levels and AQA awards.

Our alumni students joined us for Prom night last Saturday. It was fantastic to hear about their successes since leaving and how they shared their achievements with pride.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support, it has been a fantastic year full of celebrations and highlights and I am so proud to be part of this wonderful school and its community. Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday.

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



Welcome to the latest edition of our curriculum newsletter, I would like to start by highlighting the remarkable progress our pupils have made throughout this academic year. The recent Pupil Progress Day was a resounding success, as we witnessed the incredible progress our pupils made. I am thrilled to announce that all pupils who were entered for various examinations, ranging from AQA awards, Functional skills, Entry levels and BETC were successful. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are immensely proud of them all.

Curriculum development has been a key focus throughout this year, our dedicated team of subject leads have worked hard to provide a wider breadth of coverage and learning opportunities for our pupils. By continuously improving our curriculum, we aim to equip our pupils with the knowledge and skills for their future success.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4th September	INSET - No Pupils
5th September	Pupils back to school
20th October	Break up for Half Term
30th October	INSET - No Pupils
31st October	Pupils back to school
31st October	Halloween



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Thank you all for yet another productive year!

Please find here some information for services that you can use while school is closed for summer:

If you have a safeguarding concern please use the numbers below to contact staff at Haringey's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for advice:

Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 5pm;
Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm Tel: 020 8489 4470

Out of office hours, including weekends the Emergency Duty Team Tel: 020 8489 0000

If you need to speak to the CAMHS crisis team please contact:

CAMHS crisis number: 0800 151 0023.

You can call this number to get help or advice in a crisis from trained mental health advisors and clinicians, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Career News

It's been a phenomenal year for Careers and Enrichment throughout the school. The pupils have achieved so much and we are very proud of everything they have been part of. There have been so many highlights but I think seeing all of the pupils enjoying the Fire Engine visit and being part of the Communication Pod experience have definitely been two of my favourites. There is already lots in place for September and I look forward to seeing our pupils taking up even more of the opportunities on offer.

Have a great summer and as always please contact me if you have any questions around careers and next steps.

bronja.elton@thegroveschool.co.uk or on 020 3876 6555

Bronja Elton

Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead



SECONDARY WEST NEWS

HEAD OF SECONDARY WEST

It's been a very short but busy term in Secondary West and I can't believe that the academic year is at an end! What a fantastic year it has been.

In Key Stage 3 our overall theme has been Health and Leisure and our Search value theme has been Honesty. In literacy, pupils have continued their author studies by Rob Hodgson, Janet & Allan Ahlberg and Anthony Browne. Next term they will explore myths and legends in their literacy lessons. In maths pupils have been learning how to multiply, divide, or consolidate their knowledge in number whilst also learning about time. In science they have been learning about rocks and the solar system whilst in PSHE we have been celebrating diversity and what makes us unique. In life skills our focus has been on growing our safety awareness at home and when near roads. Our cultural focus this term has been Turkish Culture.

In Key Stage 4 our overall theme has been Careers and pupils have completed "working citizen" modules for their AQA awards. They have explored the search value of honesty throughout the term and also worked on further developing their independence skills during life skills sessions. We celebrate that Jubilee class have had successful enterprise projects this term and look forward to seeing what they do with their hard earned money.

As always, Piccadilly and Bakerloo class have continued to enjoy 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 have looked forward to their weekly sessions.

Next term we look forward to welcoming Miss Mel as teacher of Jubilee Class, whilst Miss Jude moves to Central class and Mr Tom moves to Northern class. I'm also looking forward to welcoming some of the pupils from our primary department who will start their secondary school journey with us.

I hope you all have a safe, restful and fun summer break. I'm already looking forward to seeing all our pupils back with us again in September.

Best Wishes

Miss Jac



CLASS NEWS

English:

The focus this half term was on the works of the specific author Allan Ahlberg. Throughout the term, pupils delved into Ahlberg's books, such as "Burglar Bill," "Mrs Lather's Laundry," and "Mrs Wobble the Waitress." They explored the characters, settings, and appearances within these stories. Pupils developed their writing skills by constructing simple and descriptive sentences about the characters, settings, and appearances they encountered in the books.

Maths:

The main area of focus in the Maths curriculum was multiplication. Pupils actively engaged in learning multiplication by practising counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. They developed a solid foundation in understanding and applying multiplication concepts. The pupils were encouraged to solve multiplication problems using various strategies and gained confidence in their mathematical abilities through interactive and hands-on activities.

Within the **Life Skills** curriculum, pupils participated in a weekly walking trip to the local supermarket. During these trips, they acquired essential skills related to road safety and navigating their way safely to the supermarket. Pupils were taught how to follow traffic rules, identify pedestrian crossings, and understand traffic signals. Inside the supermarket, they learned

practical skills such as comparing prices and understanding food labels.

In the **Science** curriculum, the focus this half term was on rocks. Pupils engaged in various activities and investigations related to rocks and their properties.

Pupils learned how to observe and classify rocks based on their characteristics such as colour, texture, and hardness. Another area of exploration was the use of filtration and separation techniques. This hands-on experience allowed them to develop their scientific inquiry skills and fostered an appreciation for the natural world.

HOME LEARNING

- Making ice cream - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ke9xVNRX-xI>
- 'Bug Club' - Please read daily with/to your child
- This can also be done digitally via <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

-



CLASS NEWS

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would first like to commend and congratulate the whole of Central Class for all their hard work across

the curriculum. Over the year, we have enjoyed exploring and learning together and celebrated our progress. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with each pupil in Central Class during my first year at The Grove, thank you to my incredible pupils!

Over Summer term two, we continued our author study on Rob Hodgson, this term delving into the text 'When Cloud became a cloud'. This lovely story provided plentiful opportunities to develop new vocabulary and extend writing through retelling the water cycle in a playful and personified manner.

Maths this term broached some challenging concepts including; multiplication, division and time. Pupils developed their rote counting in 2's and 5's before moving onto making groups of two and sharing into two's through a range of practical, concrete experiences. Time was explored through the identification of activities occurring in the morning compared to those which fall in the afternoon, as well as ordering and sorting the days of the week.

Finally, science brought a topic that was thoroughly enjoyed by all, planets! In order to develop an understanding of the properties of each planet in our solar system, Central Class took a hands-on approach and made sensory trays linked to each planet. Pupils explored metallic Mercury and dusty Mars along with every other celestial body, before describing each of them to further develop their extended writing skills.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parent/carers of Central class pupils, for your support with home

learning, continued engagement with communication strategies and interaction with home communication books throughout the year. The progress I have seen in each pupil has been incredibly heartwarming! Have a lovely summer.

HOME LEARNING

Please continue to read with your child, on sight vocabulary will support their reading moving forward so focus on words such as: **and, of, he, she, to, for, by**. When reading, highlight key vocabulary for sentence building such as **characters, verbs, objects** and **places**.

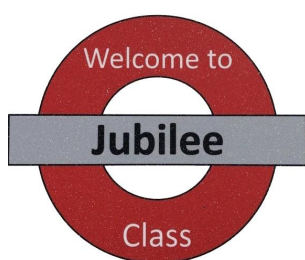
In addition, communication is always a priority and finding time to incorporate communication where possible will continue development. Core-vocabulary boards and Makaton can be used at home as well as the classroom. Singing hands is a great way to improve both your child's and your own Makaton: <https://www.youtube.com/@SingingHandSUK>

Form settings. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

It has been a pleasure teaching every single one of my pupils this year and it has been wonderful to see them learn and achieve. We have all enjoyed some lovely events over the last few weeks - Sports Day, International Day, musical performances - and the class will have earned a well deserved summer break by the end of July.

During this last half term, we have completed a final speaking and listening module in English, working on greetings and conversation skills as well social skills more generally. In Maths, we have been working on statistics in detail and have covered tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. In Science, we have been learning about rocks, Earth and space and have been looking at different uses for different kinds of rocks as well as exploring fossils more recently.

In our non-core subjects, some of our pupils have been able to finish their Forest School module, going to Lordship Recreation Ground to take part in lots of fun and interactive activities outside in nature. In PSHE we have been learning about how exercise and fitness can support our health and wellbeing making sure we undertake a movement activity every single day in class. Pupils have continued to enjoy our careers and work related learning focus in our thematic afternoons this half term. We have completed another functional ICT module and have also completed another product design module creating fabric painted item which we will be sending home. We are wrapping up our focus on Turkish culture which we have incorporated into



CLASS NEWS

Well done everyone. We have come to the end of a successful year in Key Stage 4. Pupils

have all worked hard to achieve their AQA awards and their Entry Level qualifications. We will sadly be saying goodbye to three members of our class this year as they move on to their new 6th

our circle time each day. Our final SEARCH value this half term has been 'honesty' and it has been lovely celebrating times where pupils have demonstrated integrity and fairness.

HOME LEARNING

- During the summer break, keep reading together whenever you can. It is very important and remember it doesn't always have to be a book - so always look for any print in the environment together. Please also continue to encourage independence with self-care skills as much as possible e.g. getting dressed and undressed, making snacks, zipping up coats etc.
- Some fun home learning activities for the summer break:
- Practising typing skills [here](#) and a range of maths games available to explore [here](#). Some useful activities to practise punctuation can be found [here](#). As we are coming to the end of the year and the final year at The Grove or Secondary West for some of our pupils, there is some useful information [here](#) and [here](#) to read about transitions.

had a fantastic year in Northern class and are very proud to look back and reflect on all the progress that the pupils have made over the year.

In literacy this term we have been reading a book called "When cloud became a cloud". It was our first chapter book and Northern class enjoyed looking at the pictures and making comments on what is happening in each section. Using colourful semantics sentences we have worked hard on including descriptive words within our writing.

In mathematics this term we have been learning about time, through schedules. Northern class were able to make a schedule of their day from when they awake in the morning until they go to bed at night. They have become confident at recognising activities that happen in the morning, afternoon and evening. We have also continued to build confidence around our number skills by learning to make groups of 2,4,5 or 10 items.

In science this term we have been learning about earth, the moon and the sun. We enjoyed exploring their properties through sensory trays. We also explored the names of the other planets in the solar system. Our humanities theme this term has been natural disasters, pupils enjoyed the interactive elements of learning about earthquakes, flooding and volcanoes. In PSHE we have celebrated our differences and diversity, thinking about what makes us unique.

HOME LEARNING

Prioritise rest and relaxation this summer holiday, however here are some



CLASS NEWS

Dear Families, I can't believe it is the end of term! We've

suggestions for activities you may like to do.

- Visit a local library and spend time reading some books. Northern class are becoming great at guiding adults to read different texts to them.
- Go on a nature walk, count how many trees, flowers, animals etc you see.
- Make some simple snacks together, Northern class are now expert cereal, sandwich and squash makers - challenge them to do more!
- Go for regular walks to practice our road safety awareness.
- Listen to some of your favourite songs and have a dance.

Have a lovely summer holiday, it has been a pleasure to teach each and every member of Northern class this year.

Miss Jac & Miss Molly.



CLASS NEWS

Piccadilly have worked really hard and had lots of fun this half term. This term in maths, we have been working on multiplication and division. We have focused on multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. We have now moved on to telling the time and have been focusing on o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. The children have really enjoyed showing different times on model clocks.

In English, Piccadilly class have been

continuing their author study on Anthony Browne. We have been reading Zoo and Changes and have been writing creatively based on these stories including writing diary entries and descriptions. We have also written a biography about Anthony Browne and as part of this we completed some research to find out some facts about him. We found out that he has written 50 books and that he was once bitten by a gorilla!

In geography, Piccadilly class has been learning about natural disasters. As part of this, we have been looking at floods, earthquakes and volcanoes. They have enjoyed exploring these practically and also writing about them. We have completed some really detailed pieces of extended writing on floods that happened in England and Wales and earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

In Science, the topic has been Earth and Space. Piccadilly class have explored the solar system, researching the rocky planets and the gas planets. They have also learnt about the movements of the Earth and moon in relation to the sun. I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm around this topic!

Well done on another wonderful half term Piccadilly Class, as well as an absolutely fantastic year!

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 ICT we have been using 'Scratch Junior' to code simple animations. You may like to download this app onto a device at home for your child to continue exploring.

PE News with Mr Proctor

Secondary West pupils focus on specific gross motor skills every half term during PE lessons. This half term pupils have focused on developing their running technique, jumping with two feet, balancing on one leg and throwing and catching.

Pupils have also explored tennis and athletics events this half term. Pupils have developed their hand eye coordination skills through tennis games where pupils have to balance and bounce tennis balls on their tennis racket before progressing onto hitting a moving tennis ball. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed preparing for Sports Day by taking part in athletics events such as javelin throwing, jumping over hurdles and running races.

Pupils across Secondary West have enjoyed weekly dance lessons every Friday with our Step Into Dance Instructor and many pupils have continued to work with the Rugby Works sports coaches every Thursday to develop their sports leadership skills.

Performing Arts News with Ms Dydymaska

Bakerloo

In music, pupils have been focussing on playing and moving in time to music, using a variety of percussion instruments to play along with a variety of different pieces. We've also been singing songs together and learning about how different instruments sound.

In drama, we've been exploring masks and make up and the pupils have enjoyed trying out different characters and ideas with the face paints.

Northern & Central

In music, pupils have been focussing on playing and moving in time to music. They have used tuned and untuned percussion instruments to play along with a variety of different pieces. We've also been singing and playing familiar songs together and learning about how different instruments sound.

In drama we've been focussing on face painting through exploring different characters and stories and the pupils have enjoyed trying these out in their lessons.

The Grove Summer Concert

On Tuesday 4th July the first ever music concert took place at the Grove. Pupils from across the school showcased their musical talents through class performances and whole school ensembles. The concert featured Samba, Class Bands, a Ukulele Ensemble and a fabulous piano solo from Callum Dunne. In addition, the school choir made their

