



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new year.

The children have been experiencing lots of new learning and trips out. This wee they have been celebrating Diwali, the festival of light.

We will also be celebrating Black History Month with a selection of different foods to enjoy.

The weather is now getting colder so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately.

We continue to enjoy your support for the school and aim to provide the best care and education for all our pupils.

Have a lovely half term.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary....

Friday, 24 October

Last day of term

School will finish at normal time

Monday, 3 November

First day of term

Friday, 14 November

Children in Need Day (all sites)

Friday, 21 November

Presentation Assembly (Brockley)

1:30pm

Friday, 5 December

INSET Day

Pupils will not attend school on this day

Wednesday, 10 December

Brockley Christmas Show (10am)

Thursday, 11 December

Christmas Jumper Day (all sites)

Friday, 19 December

Last day of term

School will close at 1pm on this day

Monday, 5 January

First day of term



School Hours

Start time: 8:50—9:00am

End time: 3:00 — 3:15 pm

Doors open at 8:50am for drop off and
2:50pm for collections.

Lewisham School Transport

1) New Starters or changing school site

Parents will need to complete an online travel assistance form for any new pupils or pupils who are changing school site. The form can be found on the Lewisham website [How to apply for travel assistance](#) or by calling TCT.

2) Pupils leaving or moving at end of Summer Term 2025

Pupils will not automatically qualify for transport at their new establishment, parents will need to re-apply.

TCT are available Monday – Friday 08:00 – 17:00. If you have any queries please email them at [tct@leisham.gov.uk](mailto:tct@lewisham.gov.uk) or call on 020 8314 6363.



**After School Club Now Available at
Bubbly Nursery
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
3:15-6:00pm.**



Bubbly Nursery is now offering After School Club for children aged between 4-9 years old

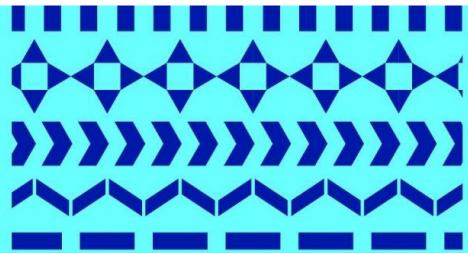
Mini Bus will be available to pick up children from Drumbeat and Watergate school to Bubbly. If you are interested please complete the registration form on our website or contact us on:
www.bubblyspecialneedsnursery.co.uk
Phone: 07954 952406

Bubbly is based at London Borough of Lewisham and accepting SEN children from neighbouring boroughs



Please ensure that your contact details and address is up to date.

If you have any changes, please let the office and your local SEN know.



Dear school champion

Congratulations on achieving your TfL Travel for Life accreditation!

Thank you for being a part of the programme and working hard to reduce car use, improve safety and increase walking and cycling in the Capital. You and your school community have contributed to making our city's air cleaner and our streets safer, and your work as School Champion is inspiring the green leaders of our future.

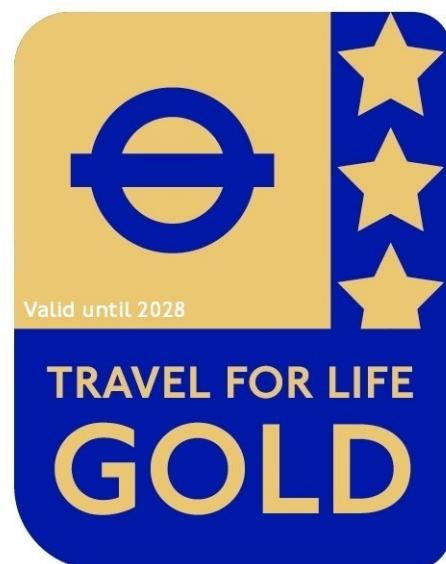
This year we have reached the amazing milestone of 1000 gold accredited schools in London. This means that a third of all schools in our city have now achieved gold.

Your school is part of a growing partnership improving the daily lives of over 600,000 children and their communities. Together, we're enhancing air quality, supporting biodiversity, and making streets safer for everyone.

As the new academic year begins, there are plenty of free events and resources to support your continued efforts. Visit travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk to find out more.

Thank you
The TfL Travel for Life team

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Flamingo Class

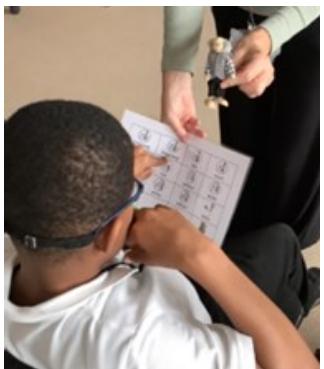
It's been a busy and exciting start to the Autumn term, and we're so proud of how our pupils have been engaging with all areas of learning. Here's a look at what we've been exploring together over the past few weeks:



We've introduced **interoception sessions**, helping pupils to build awareness of their bodies and internal sensations. Our current focus is on **hands** – noticing how our hands feel and developing calm and alert strategies using sensory tools. These sessions help pupils connect with their own emotions and physical needs.



Pupils have been developing their **attention and engagement skills** through **Attention Autism**. We've had some exciting "bucket" sessions filled with fun and surprise, and our focus has been on building shared attention and developing turn taking skills. Everyone has enjoyed the visual, engaging activities that support turn-taking and listening in a structured and supportive way.



In **RSE**, we've been learning about **families** – what they are, who is in them, and how every family is special and unique. Pupils explored different family structures using stories, photos, and role play. We focused on recognising and naming family members and understanding the love and care that family members provide.



We've had fun investigating **light and sound** in Science! Pupils explored the senses we use, identifying where lights and sounds come from. Lots of lovely engagement and sensory participation here!



In Maths, we've introduced simple **coin exchanges**, giving pupils hands-on experience in recognising different coins and using them in real-life contexts such as buying items in a role-play shop.

We're incredibly proud of the progress each pupil is making. Thank you for your ongoing support!



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Seahorse Class News 2025



2025 2026



We have had great start to the 2025-2026 academic year.



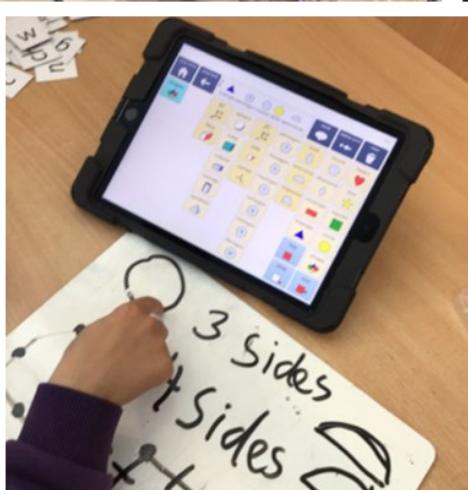
We have been learning to follow daily routines and we have been building



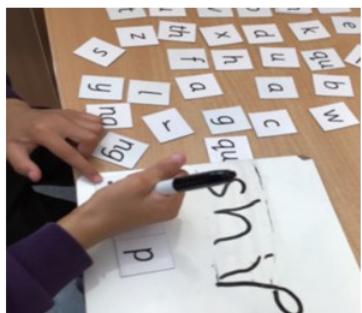
relationships with our class team. We hope you enjoy the photos which



highlight some of the learning that has been going in our class.



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Lynx Class

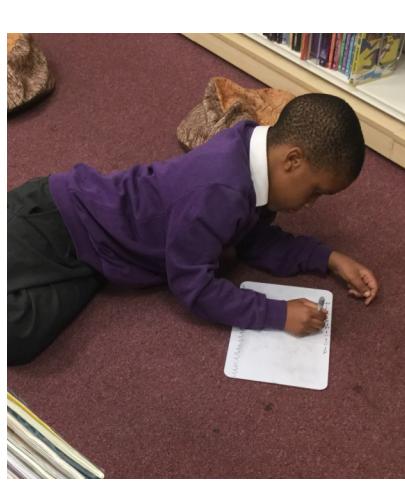
Lynx Class have had a fantastic start to the new school year! We have enjoyed exploring and celebrating the diverse cultures that we have in Lynx Class.

The children had the opportunity to taste a variety of foods and drinks including; plantain, pounded yam, byrek, lumpia and calamansi tea. They even had a go at rolling their own lumpia!



We were all very excited in Lynx Class, for our trips to Grove Vale Library, this half term. The children helped to plan the journey there and were all fantastic while on the bus! They made all adults in Lynx Class glow with pride!

While we were there we checked out (and returned) some books that captured our interest and enjoyed listening to poetry.

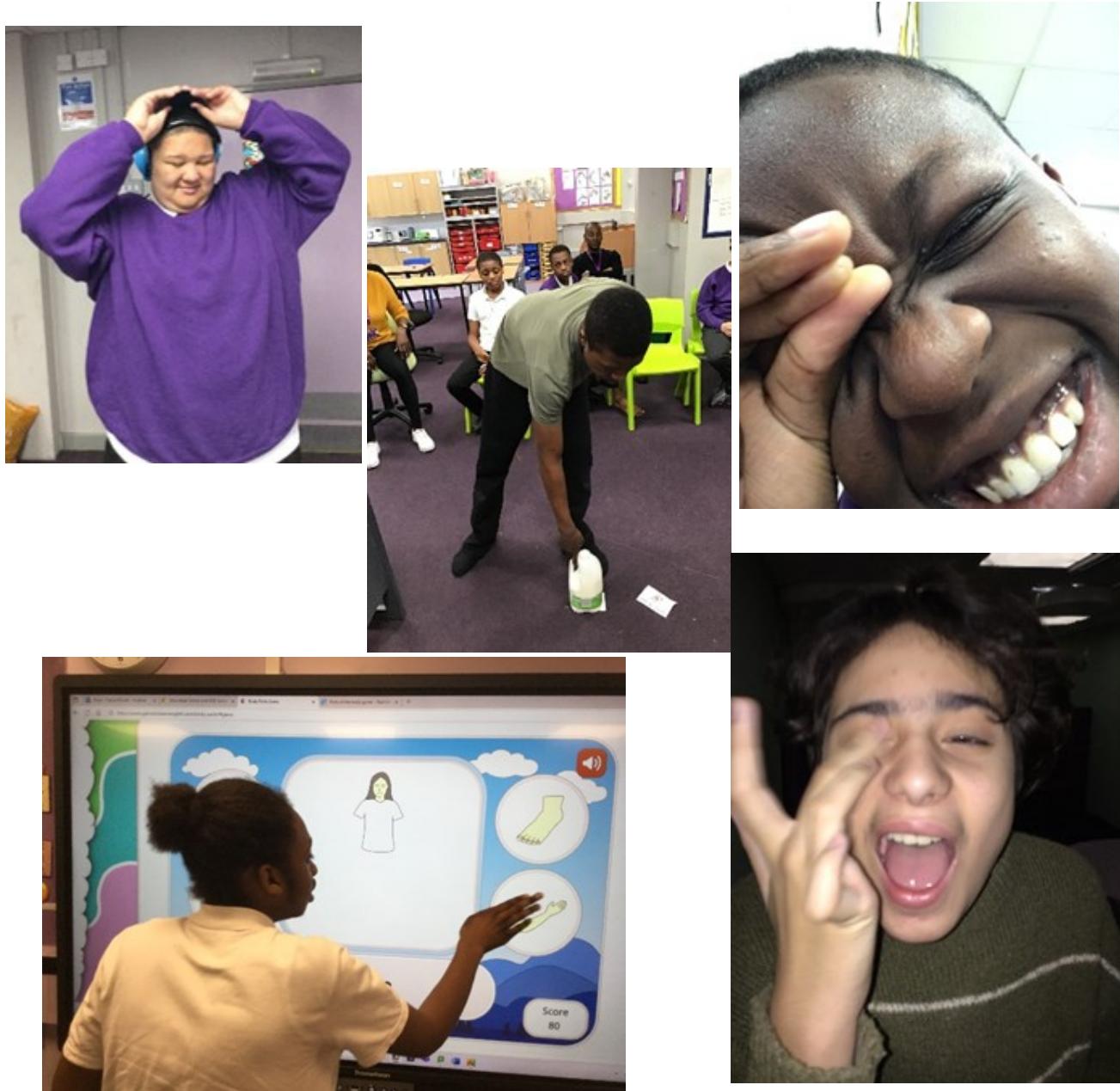


Telegraph Hill Newsletter

Telegraph Hill have had an amazing start to the year! Everyone has settled in really well and have made good progress on their AQAs on their English, Maths and ICT.

English

For English this term, the class have been exploring identifying different items of clothing, finding the vocabulary for food and drink items, exploring different body parts and matching them, and identifying their own features such as eye and hair colour.



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Maths

In maths, the class explored exploring patterns such as big and small and different colours, as well as sorting categories such as shapes.



ICT

In ICT, the class have been using devices in cooking classes such as microwaves and toasters and programming them to make food for us.



It has been a fantastic start to the year, and everyone has been happy and engaged throughout. Well done Telegraph Hill!



FREE EVENT

The SEND Local Offer Live TASTER SESSIONS!



LIVE!



From dance, football, cricket, archery, art, to sensory songs, story time, face painting, virtual gaming, and even a silent disco! Come along and join in the fun!

Thursday 30 October, 10am to 2pm



Bishop Justus School,
Magpie Hall Lane,
Bromley,
BR2 8HZ

 Please note: parents and carers remain
responsible for their children at all times.

**Register your
interest in a taster
session today! See
you there!**





Makaton Coffee Morning

Tuesday 9 December, 9:45-10:45am

You are invited to Brent Knoll School to attend our Makaton Coffee Morning on Tuesday 9 December.

The session will be tailored to the needs of those taking part. Activities may include learning and revising Makaton signs and symbols, creating Makaton resources, learning songs with signs. Whatever we do, you will be developing an understanding of how Makaton can best be used in your setting and increasing your confidence in its use. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have and meet with other Makaton partners.

Places are limited so please email me to reserve your space on g.evans@brentknollschool.co.uk

Many thanks.

Gina

(Makaton Tutor, Brent Knoll School)

Introduction to Kooth services

Q&A with Ryan from the Kooth digital mental health service for young people



Event Details:

When: 27th of October 2025

Where: Autism Hub @ First Floor. The Fellowship Inn, Randlesdown Rd, SE6 3BT

Time: 10 to 11 am

For: Lewisham residents, parents/carers of autistic children and young people from 10 to 25 years old

To book, please use the QR code below

In this upcoming Q&A session, a member of Kooth's team will be presenting the service and answering your questions about how it works.

- How to access Kooth's free, safe and anonymous online mental health support.
- The range of tools available, including self-help resources, community forums and one-to-one chats with counsellors.
- How Kooth supports young people in managing their mental health and wellbeing.
- The role of Kooth in the community and how it works alongside other local services.



Inclusive Tennis Sessions with Dulwich LTC



These fun sessions are inclusive to disabled, d/Deaf, and neurodivergent individuals aged 5 to 12. Family members are also welcome to join in the fun!



Saturday
12 pm till 1 pm



Dulwich LTC, Burbage
Road SE24 9HP

£75 for
12 sessions

Sign up using the links below:

There are two separate sessions running simultaneously

5 to 8 year olds-

<https://bit.ly/Inclusive5to8>



9 to 12 year olds-

<https://bit.ly/Inclusive9to12>



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INTRODUCING OUR BRAND NEW

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NINJA CLASSES



**JUMP, FLICK, CLIMB & TUMBLE
AT OUR WEEKLY NINJA CLASS**

**SUPPORTED AND ASSISTED COACHES
WITH OUR AWESOME SEND TEAM
(PARENT 1:1 ENCOURAGED)**

THURSDAYS

**For ages 5-10 | 6-6.30pm
Downham Health & Leisure Centre**

DELIVERED BY



**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO FIND OUT MORE**



DOWNHAM LEISURE CENTRE, BROMLEY, BR1 5EP

School term dates 2025-26

Autumn term 1

Monday 1 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 September	First day of term
Friday 10 October	INSET DAY
Friday 24 October	Last day of term

Half Term

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Autumn term 2

Monday 3 November	First day of term
Friday 5 December	INSET DAY
Friday 19 December	Last day of term*

Christmas Holiday

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January

Spring term 1

Monday 5 January	First day of term
Friday 16 January	INSET DAY
Friday 13 February	Last day of term

Half term

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Spring term 2

Monday 23 February	First day of term
Friday 27 March	Last day of term*

Easter Holiday

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

Summer term 1

Monday 13 April	First day of term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 May	Last day of term

Half term

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Summer term 2

Monday 1 June	First day of term
Monday 25 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 12 June	INSET DAY
Monday 20 July	Last day of term*

Pupils will not attend school on INSET days

***School will close at 1pm on last day of term 2**