



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Summer Term 1

Dear Parents & Carers

Despite the bad weather we have had a good start to the Summer term.

The pupils have completed their versions of the London Marathon and had a lovely day out enjoying the sites and the fun of the event.

We have had a very successful art exhibition at Downham, displaying all our pupils' art work on the theme of Spring. We had lots of visitors and also delivered training for our mainstream colleagues.

We are looking forward to some better weather next term and sharing with you all our wonderful activities for the Summer.

Have a lovely half term and thank you for all the support you give to your children.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary....

Friday, 24 May

Last day of term

School will close at normal time

Monday, 3 June

INSET Day

Pupils will not attend school on this day

Tuesday, 4 June

Pupils first day of term

Friday, 5 July

INSET Day

Pupils will not attend school on this day

School Bus Applications

Any young people changing site or school/college will have to have a new application completed by their parents. The form is online and this is the link to the form



<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/special-educational-needs/lewisham-travel-assistance-form>

Very late applications (those arriving in or after the last two weeks of August) will not be looked at until after the start of the new academic year and with a view of if they are agreed not starting until after the October half term.



School Uniform

Please name all your children's clothing as it is difficult to locate lost clothing without some form of identification.

Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, plain white polo shirt and purple sweatshirt. If you would like to order uniform please visit www.myclothing.com and put the school name in the box, this will then take you to our page. The address is also on the school website under 'for parents'.

For swimming your child will need to bring a towel and swimsuit or costume. They will also need shorts and a T-shirt for P.E. lessons. These may be left at school, in a clearly marked bag.



Please be mindful when parking outside the school.

Please ensure that local residents' drives are not blocked and bus entrances are kept clear.

Art Exhibition

We recently held our very first Art Fair in the main hall at Downham. The artwork started in reception with a fabulous display of daffodils painted by Kevin from Galahad Class. The art continued into the hall with the theme of 'Spring' and featured a beautiful and unique piece of artwork from every student. The artwork was individually framed and displayed on the walls all around the hall. Also featured was a selection of hats created for our Hat Show in association with the British Hat Guild and the winning poster design of a competition set by the Mayor of London Sadiq | Khan. Our 3D models of Jungle animals were displayed together along with a whole wall of artwork created with dried flowers and framed in Ipod boxes and packaging, recycled art at its best.

The students artwork is still for sale so if you would like to buy your child's original artwork please let the teacher in their class know and we can arrange it. A unique opportunity to own your child's work in a frame ready to be proudly displayed in your home. The whole event was a huge success and a fantastic opportunity to view the amazing artwork created by our artistic students.



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recycled art
ipod box frames



Bikeability at Downham

At Drumbeat we all want to see our students think big, aim high and find their place in the world. This Spring KS3 students took part in the school's Bikeability program with great enthusiasm and success. This is an annual event assisted by specialist trainers and overseen by certified staff. The children learn how to recall and bike ride confidently — starting in the playground and then a selected few will then cycle ride to nearby Forster Park via Downham nature park walk route.

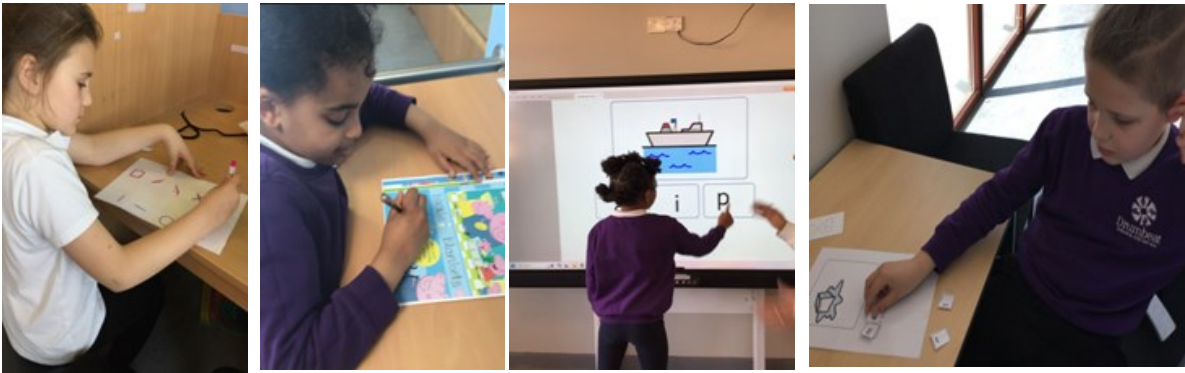
All 30+ children who participated received a certificate, booklet, and badge pin with learner riders successful for either two wheel or trike bicycle ride. An extra special thanks to Anthony and Claudia who delivered the Bikeability project to us.



Penguin Class News



Penguin class have had a busy start to the summer term, and we have all been working hard on our individual learning maps. In the pictures you can see we have been working on phonics reading and writing targets. We have also been busy learning about number and capacity through messy play and water play. We have been learning to work together, choosing who to play with and learning about our emotions and feelings. Well done, Penguin class! Keep up the amazing work!



Our amazing artwork



Turtle Class News

Wow, what a great start to the summer term, we have had in Turtle class. The children enjoyed a trip to our Turnham site for their soft play session. We have enjoyed sensory play using our feet to explore rough and smooth surfaces. We have gone straight into learning and have been working hard on our individual targets for this term.





Leopard Class News



Hello from Leopard Class!

We have been busy this term, doing lots of fun learning and being good friends to each other. We created a 'Belonging Tree' featuring compliments that we all wrote to each other to remind us that we all belong at Drumbeat, and that we are all welcome and celebrated in Leopard Class.

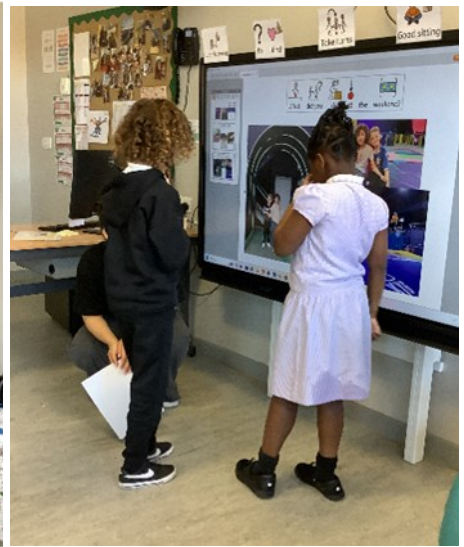


We've also been enjoying doing more of our learning outside the classroom as the weather has been warmer!



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We have been developing our communication and presenting skills by sharing our weekend news every week, describing our experiences using adjectives and have been answering questions from our peers using words and visuals.



We have also enjoyed trampolining this term and all the children have developed their jumping and listening skills!



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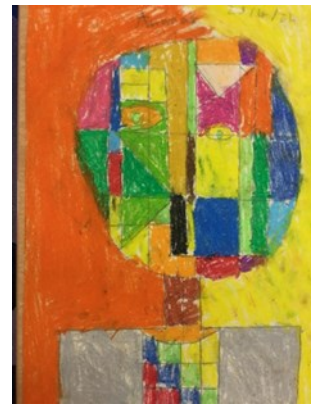
We've also focused on developing our play with each other, practising turn taking, sharing toys and interacting with each other during games.

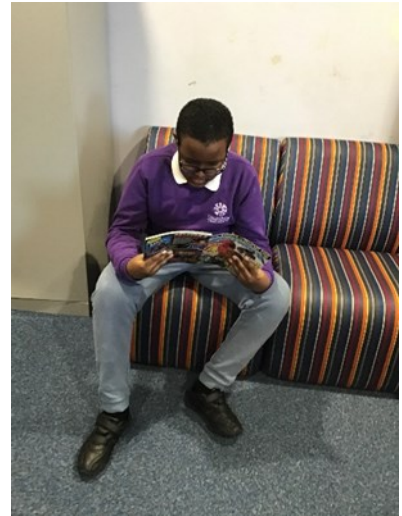


We are wishing everyone a lovely, restful Half Term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back for our final term.
We will be ready to make some more great memories in the sunshine.

Telegraph Hill

Telegraph Hill class have made some self portraits inspired by Paul Klee.





The students have been enjoying a variety of PE activities including learning to throwing beanbags.

They take part in daily reading for pleasure, conversations skills and self regulation activities.

They have been putting their road safety lessons into practice in the local community and have been involved in the steps, working towards shopping independently.

Brockill Class

In this term, Brockill class engaged in Functional Skills lesson around the theme of gardening and planting. The class learnt about different gardening activities from the story "Jasper and the Beanstalk" and reflected on the gardening activities they like and dislike. Students also explored different types of spring flowers and plants and will be visiting a garden in the community to take photographs of the flowers and plants they learnt about. What's more, students had a go at planting sunflower and poppy seeds and have been taking good care of them by watering them and keeping a record of the germination process in their plant diaries.



Kudos to Kalen-Reece for his successful start of his work experience at the Sue Ryder charity shop. We are proud to hear how involved and independent he was with assisting the manager in organising and sorting out the clothes





Lewisham Disability Sports Network presents:

Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival

Register Now!

A free event, accessible to all abilities, for disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25!

Register below or scan the QR code:
bit.ly/LewishamMultiSportsFestival2024

Saturday 8th June

2 pm to 4 pm

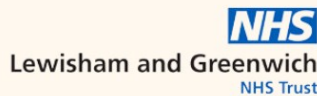
Ladywell Arena

Silvermere Rd

SE6 4QX



In Partnership with:



Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 9883



Lewisham Speaking Up People's Parliament



You are invited to join us for the Lewisham People's Parliament on



Friday 7th June 2024
10.30 am – 3.00 pm



Cafford Civic Suite, Cafford Road, SE6 4RU



We will be talking about Self Advocacy!

Why should we speak up for ourselves?

What does self advocacy mean for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD)?

What does it mean to be an elected representative?

What do we want the future of self advocacy to be?



Guests: Entelechy Arts, Lewisham councillors Edison Huynh and Jacq Paschoud, Lewisham Wellbeing Hub



There will be sandwiches and drinks for lunch.

There will be a raffle and 'open mic' after lunch.



If you would like to come, call us on 020 8692 1862 or email: ellie.spirrett@lsup.org.uk

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES — 2023/24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Autumn Term 1 **Monday 4 September – INSET day**
Tuesday 5 September – Students first day of term
Friday 20 October - Last day of term
Half Term Holiday Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Term 2 **Monday 30 October – INSET day**
Tuesday 31 October – Students first day of term
Friday 8 December – INSET day
Wednesday 20 December – Last day of term*
Christmas Holiday Thursday 21 December – Friday 5 January

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring Term 1 **Monday 8 January – First day of term**
Friday 9 February – Last day of term
Half Term Holiday Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Spring Term 2 **Monday 19 February – First day of term**
Thursday 28 March – Last day of term*
Easter Holiday Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April
(Easter weekend 29 March – 1 April)

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term 1 **Monday 15 April – First day of term**
Friday 24 May — Last day of term
(May Day Bank Holiday on 6 May)
Half Term Holiday Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 27 May)

Summer Term 2 **Monday 3 June – INSET day**
Tuesday 4 June - Students first day of term
Friday 5 July – INSET day
Thursday 25 July – Last day of term*

**School will close at 1pm on the last day of the full term.
INSET days = Staff Training days. Pupils do not attend school on these days.*

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES—2024/25

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Autumn Term 1 **Monday 2 September – INSET DAY**
Tuesday 3 September – Pupils first day of term
Friday 4 October – INSET DAY
Friday 25 October – Last day of term

Half Term Holiday Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Autumn Term 2 **Monday 4 November – First day of term**
Friday 6 December – INSET DAY
Friday 20 December – Last day of term*

Christmas Holiday Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2025

Spring Term 1 **Monday 6 January – First day of term**
Friday 14 February – Last day of term

Half Term Holiday Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Spring Term 2 **Monday 24 February – First day of term**
Friday 14 March – INSET DAY
Friday 4 April – Last day of term*

Easter Holiday Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April
(Easter weekend 18 – 21 April)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Summer Term 1 **Tuesday 22 April – First day of term**
Monday 5 May – Early May Bank Holiday
Friday 23 May – Last day of term

Half Term Holiday Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 26 May)

Summer Term 2 **Monday 2 June – First day of term**
Friday 4 July – INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 July – Last day of term*

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