



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Summer Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I have to say goodbye to two of my leadership team. Kate Denton has been with Drumbeat since its opening and has been a stalwart ambassador for the school and students. We will all miss her terribly. Katie will take up role as the new Headteacher of Greenvale.

Richard Gillings is also leaving us. Richard has been with us for over 9 years, he has always had the interest of the students at heart and he will also be sorely missed, particularly at Brockley.

Poppy Wells will take up the post as the new Assistant Headteacher. Poppy started at Drumbeat as a TA and has worked and studied her way to being a teacher and a member of the leadership team. We are delighted to have her on board.

This term has seen wonderful events take place, such as the hat fashion event, sports day and Drumfest. They have been a great symbol of the exceptional work that the staff do at Drumbeat.

I hope that you all have a restful summer and look forward to seeing the children back on 5th September.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary...

Friday, 21 July

Last day of term
School will close at 1pm on this day

Monday, 4 September

INSET DAY

Students will NOT attend school on this day.

Tuesday, 5 September

Students back at school

Friday, 7 October

INSET DAY

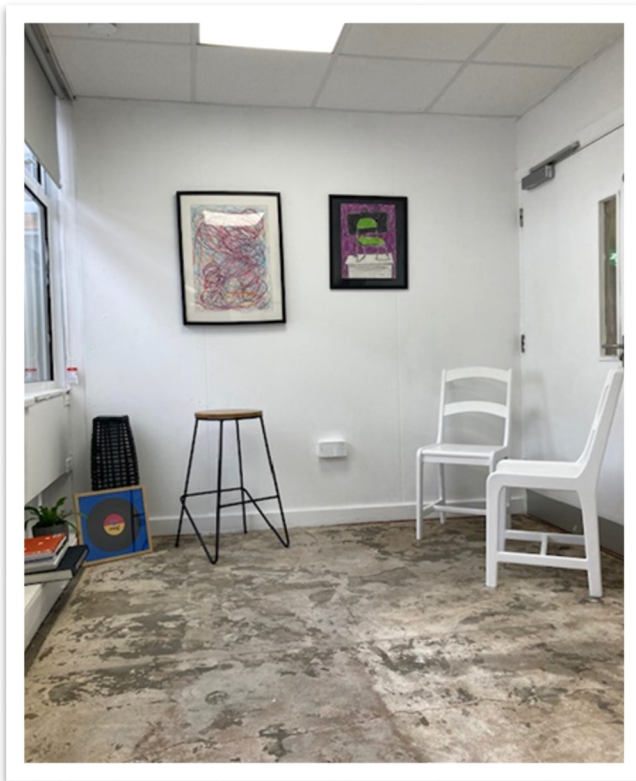
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Drumbeat Art Gallery

It took a while but we finally completed the work and the first Art Gallery at Drumbeat School is ready to share amazing art work from our students.

The project has been funded by 'Coffee' & Dreams' and a special thank you to all students that took part in the DIY Club. Here we used different skills such as painting, assembling furniture and learning how to re-use and refurnish donated furniture. At the moment we have a display art work from Kirsty and Ariella who are part of our Art Club.

Hope you appreciate our work and looking forward to display more art in our gallery.



DRUMFEST 2023!

On July 13th, students and staff at Brockley celebrated Drumfest. This is a special event for our leavers. Students enjoyed a special meal and a party. We had a local live band, The Molotovs, who played a stomping set! Our students had a wonderful time and was a great way to send off our leavers.



School Lunch

We are delighted to inform you that the Mayor of London is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London will receive free school meals for the full academic year, starting this September. This means that your child and all children in Primary will be entitled to free nutritious school meals next year.



We know families are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now and this has not been an easy decision, but due to increased food costs and the cost of providing lunch which has increased substantially over the past 18 months, we have had to increase the price of a school meal. The new price for a daily meal will be **£2.80** from 5th September for all year 7 and above.

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The Mayor knows families are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now and so has taken the decision to provide funding to expand on the Government's limited existing Free School Meals offer.

All pupils will be offered a nutritious and delicious meal during the school day, at no cost to you. Every child deserves the chance to be able to grow up healthy and thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. We believe that this initiative will not only enhance our students' wellbeing but also foster a strong sense of inclusivity and community within our school.

All children in primary school can now access a meal either funded through this scheme or through Universal Infant Free School Meals or means tested Free School Meals. So that we can identify which fund will support your child's lunch you will need to register at <https://forms.office.com/e/ArZuK5GdCX> or by picking up a registration form at reception. You must register by **Monday 4 September 2023**. Your information will keep strictly confidential will be used only to check your eligibility for free school meals against information held by the DWP. It's also really important to still apply for free school meals in case your child is eligible for extra funding for our school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. In addition, if you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive vouchers for food during the school holidays. These are to be funded by the Household Support Fund until March 2024 and you will be offered vouchers to the value of £90 per child for the Summer, £15 per child for October & February half terms and £30 at Christmas. The registration process is straightforward and confidential. Further information about registration can be found on <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>.

If you have any difficulty with the process and think you may be eligible, please send an email to n.allen@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk or s.aitcheson-labarr@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk and they will be in contact at the start of the new school year.

We are very grateful to the Mayor of London for providing this funding and we will continue to provide more details as we prepare for September. More information can also be found on the Mayor's [families hub](#).

Kind Regards
Charlotte Finch
School Business Director

Hat Fashion Show

This term the whole school got involved in a very different and exciting Art project. In association with the British Hat Guild, who donated wonderful resources for us, each student designed and made their own hat culminating in the most fantastic Hat Fashion Show where the students and staff showed off their creative head pieces. A fun time was had by all.



Coffee & Dreams

Please enjoy different moment at the Café' in Brockley providing great food and happy customers.



It's great to see students developing new skills and improving their interaction while sharing new food and happy moments together.



Drumbeat Football Team—Downham

Yes, we did it again! Second year in a row! We are the winner again of the SLD League at the South London League. So proud of our players!

They have been training so hard and improving their football skills but most important they always supported each other and they had a great behaviour during all matches.

It's been a great year for sport at Drumbeat School and we are looking forward to more after the summer holidays.



Please be mindful when parking outside the school and ensure that local residents' drives are not blocked and bus entrances are kept clear.

Yoga

The children have loved learning yoga for neurodiversity with Claire from YogaBright.

Yoga helps the children to sleep better, manage anxiety, feel calm, get balanced and stay connected.

Claire has space in her schedule for private 121 sessions with the children and young people so do contact her on claire@yogabright.info for more information.





Kangaroo Class

Wow!! The end of term already, Kangaroo have had a busy term we have learnt about Mini-beasts and read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* this half term and we went on a bear hunt the previous half term to help us see if we could remember *We're Going On A Bear Hunt*, we managed to get back to our house without getting caught by a bear so I think Kangaroo class managed to remember the story. We have also been lucky enough to go out on two trips, we visited the Horniman Museum and went strawberry picking at Stanhill Farm.

We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to catch a big one.



We're not going on a Bear hunt again!



We have explored lots of different activities about the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

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We looked for mini- beasts in the gardens at Horniman Museum and visited the aquarium.



We also picked some yummy strawberries at Stanhill Farm.



The Kangaroo class team would like to thank all of the parents and carers from this past year for all your support, we have had an amazing year with the children and wish them all a very vepay summer holiday.

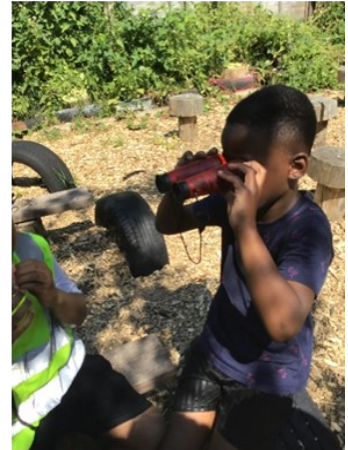


Tiger Class



I cannot believe that we are at the end of the school year and it is time to say goodbye. I am so proud of my lovely Tigers and all of the fantastic progress that they have made this year – they are all superstars.
I hope you all have a lovely, fun-filled summer!

Tiger class have enjoyed spending their final term learning about construction and enjoying some enrichment activities such as swimming and horse riding. We have participated in lots of fun activities, such as art and music sessions. We have visited lots of places outside of school, including Greenwich Park and a soft play arena. We have loved our year together and have learnt so much.





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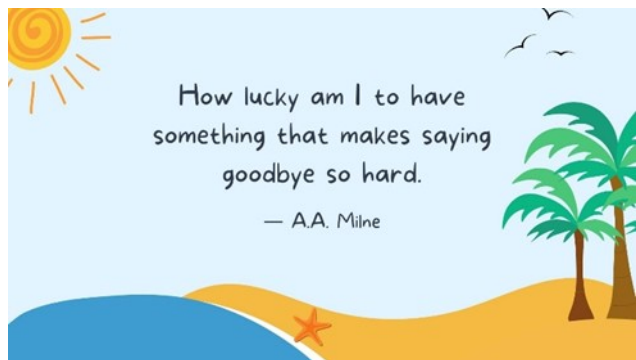
We enjoyed our trip to a soft play arena ...



We had fun at sports day...



Once again, I would just like to reiterate how much I have enjoyed teaching all of your wonderful children this year and how proud I am of each and every one of them. I wish them all the best next year and I have no doubt that they will continue to shine.





Crocodile Class News

Wow what a year! I cannot believe it is the end of the summer term already. We have had a very busy term, from careers week, trips and sports day.

In English this term, the children have been focusing on 'construction', reading a variety of books from The Three Little Pigs to construction information books. We have identified characters, answered questions and sequenced the story.



In Maths, the children have been working on a variety of skills, different ways of counting, continuing their money knowledge, different forms of data and positional language.



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This term, we have also been on some exciting trip. We went to Tower Bridge, the Cloud Cable Cars and shopping in Co-Op as well as having weekly music lessons.



From myself and the Crocodiles team we want to thank you for a wonderful year, the children have worked really hard in all aspects of their learning and we couldn't be prouder of them. We will miss them a lot!

Wishing you all a fantastic, well-earned, summer break!



Zebra Class News

This Summer Term, we have been fortunate enough to attend Horse Riding sessions and have had so much fun learning a new skill. We have continued to work hard in maths and English and have made excellent progress in our phonics and maths lessons. As part of Careers Week we looked at construction workers and participated in a selection of activities relating to building, we all were very excited when a firefighter visited us in class and love role playing with him. We had lots of fun participating in Sport Day this year and even a bit of rain did not stop us jumping, running and throwing. We really enjoyed walking down the catwalk in our 'Hat fashion show', and hope you enjoyed watching too.

Thank you for a busy, but very rewarding year we will miss you all. Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.



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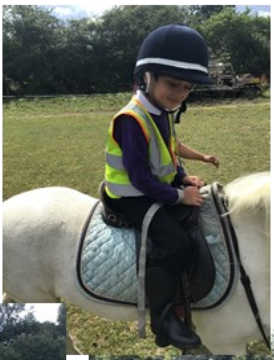
Careers Week



Sports Day



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Horse Riding





Giraffe Class News

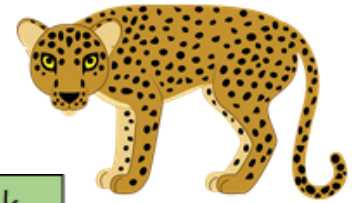
What a wonderful year we have had! We have had so much fun learning together! In this last term, we have been on lots of trips and had exciting learning outside of the classroom opportunities including Forest School and trampolining. We also enjoyed our topic of Building and Construction and created some amazing work surrounding this. From everybody in Giraffe Class, we hope you have an amazing and restful summer and wish you all the best for the new school year in September! We have had a blast!



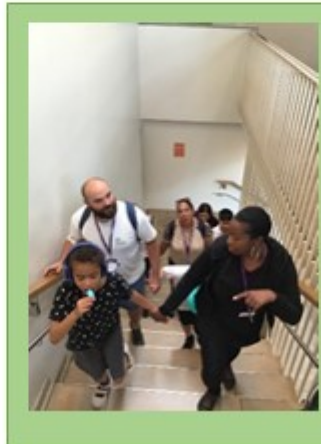
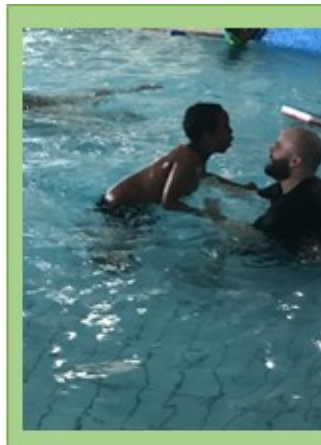
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Leopard Class News

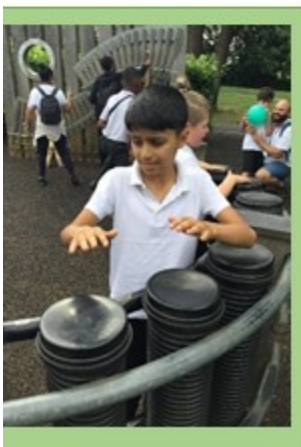
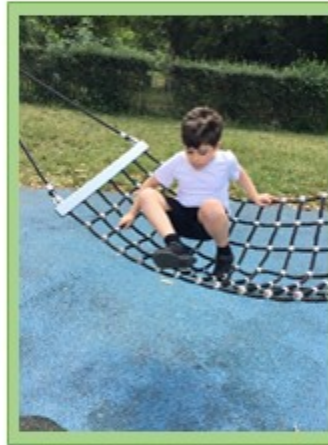
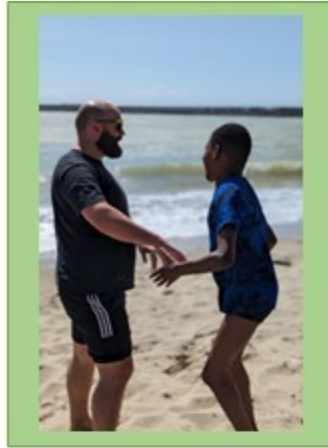


What a year it has been! I wanted to say a huge thank you to all parents for your continuous support throughout the year. We have had a fantastic year full of laughter and learning. The children have made some excellent progress and have worked so hard! I am so very proud of each of them.



Leopard Class have enjoyed their final term learning about construction, exploring different materials, water play, music and art lessons. We have been lucky enough to visit the Horniman Museum, where we got to see the aquarium and explore the museums exhibits. We had a fantastic day at Sunny Sands Beach

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It has been my absolute joy to work with your children and see them laugh, play and learn this year. As a class we have not stopped laughing this year, the joy and happiness each of your children has brought to our classroom will leave us with fond memories for years to come!

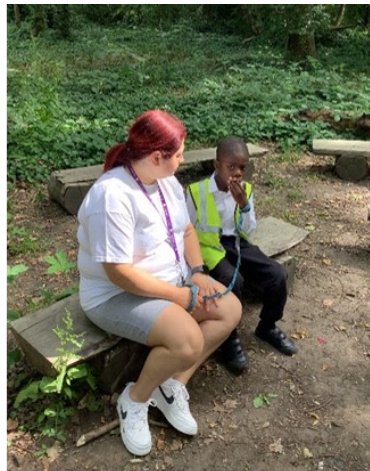


Panda Class Summer Newsletter



Panda class has been very busy this term completing all their targets. They have enjoyed going for their weekly walk to the nature reserve, we did some train spotting and explored the environment. We looked at some wild flowers and listened to the birds singing. Our Topic work was construction, we looked at different vehicles that builders would use and made our own dumper truck. We used the dumper truck during role play when we pretended to be builders!

We also had a great time taking part in sports day doing different activities. Wishing all our panda pupils & families a very happy summer and all the best for September!



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TOPIC WORK



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SPORTS DAY 2023





Seahorse Class Newsletter

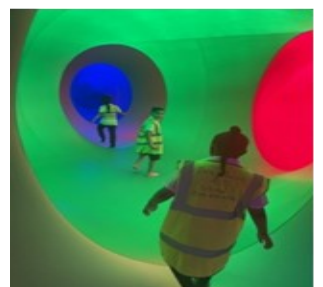
Wow! The children in Seahorse class have been super busy this half term! We got to spend a day at 'Colourscape', an interactive colour experience inside a huge bubble tent. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring all the different tunnels with their peers. During careers week, the children spent time running their own class café, which we invited crocodiles to come and explore. We also had a visit from a hairdresser and a fireman and got to try on his fire jacket!

In our learning we have been working hard on our personalised targets and have really exceeded in lots of areas. We spent time exploring data, such as grouping similar objects and creating pictograms with data collected from our peers. When collecting data about our favourite food, there is no surprise to say it was mainly McDonalds and pizza!!! We have also been working on number facts and the children have been exploring the different operations in a range of ways.

The children have continued to work very hard on their daily phonic lessons, which has really supported each and every child with their reading and writing. We have spent time re-telling stories using colourful semantics and adding in adjectives to make it exciting! In addition, we have looked at different buildings around the world and compared their features.

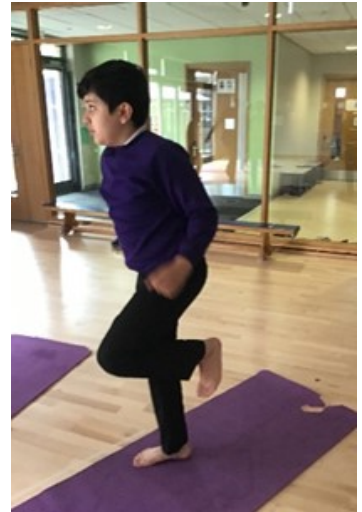
From the Seahorses team and myself, have a wonderful summer break and we thank you for all your co-operation and support over this year!

Shauna

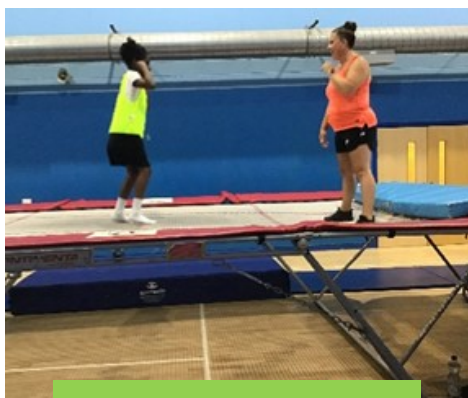


Penguin Class

This term we have enjoyed our Learning Outside the Classroom Activities.



Yoga with Claire



Trampolining



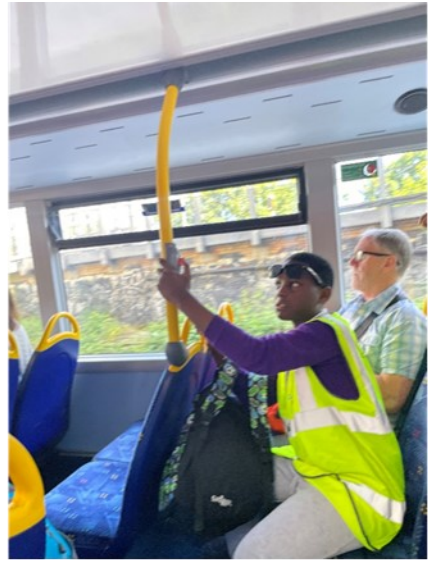
Forest School



Lions Class

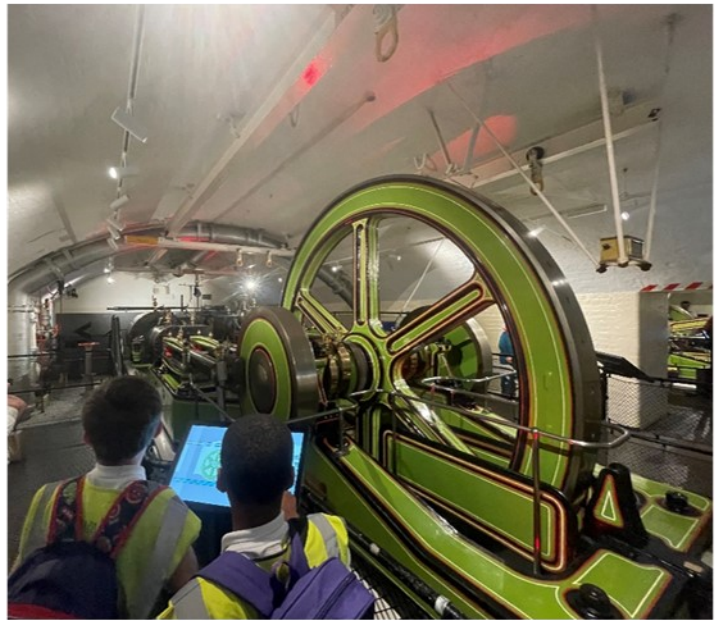
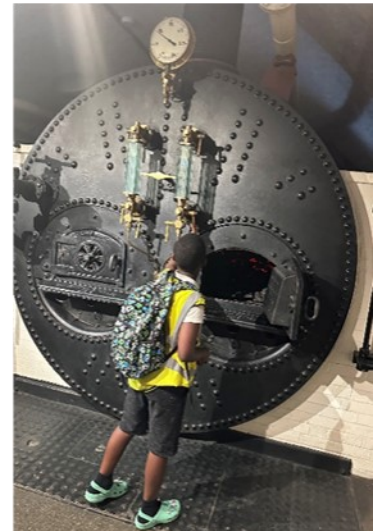
Lion class have had the busiest term but also had the most fun! We have been on some incredible trips, formed some life-long friendships and come together as a team to create some lasting memories.

The year 6 pupils completed the Key Stage 2 SATs and achieved some amazing results which we are all very proud of.



The children learned how to plan a journey and how to navigate public transport with increased independence. They can also now navigate a map. We went on some lovely trips to Greenwich Park, the Painted Hall and Tower Bridge. The children worked with Roger, the school's art teacher, to develop their drawing skills and try new techniques.

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Each week we spent time with Flo the dog from Pets as Therapy. Lion class have taken part in Forest School sessions this term. They have tried pond dipping, planting, picking and eating blackberries and have learned a lot.

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From myself and the Lions class team we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We have really enjoyed teaching them and are very proud of the progress they have made both academically and holistically.

Wishing you all a fantastic, well-earned summer break!



Drumbeat School Council



KS3 School Council

This term Drumbeat School Council have been learning about Safeguarding – what it is, and how we can get involved. After discussing what is important to us in order to feel safe in our school, we conducted a 'safe place audit' – finding places where we feel safe/unsafe. As a team, we came up with some possible solutions on how to make our school safer. We also learnt about 'safe people', sharing who our safe people are inside and outside school. Finally, we interviewed one of the DSL's, Bryony, and quizzed her about how she and the rest of the staff at Drumbeat will tackle the safeguarding challenges that we identified.

This year's achievements for School council include school recycling projects, helping to develop the curriculum, planning events for careers week, and charity work.

Congratulations to all members of KS3 School Council for another fantastic year!
Julia (Instructor)



Merlin Class



We have lots of fun in Merlin class this term engaging with activities such as Bikability, sports day and the hat fashion show.



Lancelot Class

It's been a busy and fun term for Lancelot class. The students took part in a range of activities during the careers week. They particularly enjoyed engaging in the travel agent/ cabin crew role play and pretending we are all going on a holiday. The highlights of this term were the Bike ability week, the Hat parade, sports day and our weekly Live music sessions with two visiting professional musicians. We also went on trips to Greenwich and Scotney castle this term and they were both lovely days out for everyone. We hope you all have a great summer holiday!



Galahad Class

We can hardly believe we are at the end of the summer term. This year has flown by and what an amazing year it has been. We have lots to tell you as our summer term has been a very busy and fun packed term!

One of the highlights of the term was Careers Week. The children took part in lots of activities including learning about first aid, dealing with grazes, cuts nose bleedings, bruises and concussions. Students also learnt how to seek help and when to call 999.

The children loved all the different activities that they were able to complete and felt very proud of themselves when they received their first aider certificate. Well done Galahad class!



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Galahad students have also really enjoyed our trips to Brockley to support the transition that eight of our students will be making in September! At Brockley, Students bought snacks and drinks from the famous Italian Café over there and enjoyed visiting the facilities and interacting with the older students.



We also had a fantastic time learning outside the classroom. They all loved taking parts in the different trips we scheduled: Greenwich Park and National Maritime Museum, Swanley Park, Beckenham Park and Grove Park Nature reserve. It was wonderful to see how students were able to apply the skills learnt in class and they counted, identified people who help us and practiced crossing the road with and without support. They also had great fun in the visits!



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Alongside all these fun events, we have also managed to continue our hard work across all areas of the curriculum. Our communication lessons were on the topic of greetings, praise and complimenting others as well as using correct sentence order. In English sessions, we have been reading and writing all about the frog cycle and 'Lost', where students have made good use of their phonics and made sure they used finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Some of the students were using adjectives and conjunctions in their writing, they made inferences and even peer assessed their work.

In Maths, we have been busy learning patterns, 2D and 3D shape properties and using tally charts and bar graphs inside and outside the classroom. It has been fantastic to see how much progress Galahad students have made during the year and how much pride they take in their Maths work. All of the children should be very proud of themselves.

Finally, in our topic lessons we have been learning about different countries across the world. Students learnt key details about these countries as well as geography. They even learnt how to cook traditional dishes from Australia, Italy, Kenya, Japan and Mexico!



It really has been a fantastic year for us all in Galahad class. I would like to just finish by saying thank you to the wonderful Galahad team Marcia, Morrica and Victoria. Their help and support have been invaluable for the class and for the students' excellent progress. I would also like to thank you all for your support and cooperation; it really does make all the difference. Galahad students have come so far in just a year and now they are ready for their move up to their next adventure!

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break!
Sonia Lopez Martinez
Galahad Class teacher

KS4 Summer Term

Wembley, Wimbledon and Olympic class went on some summer trips to enrich their learning.

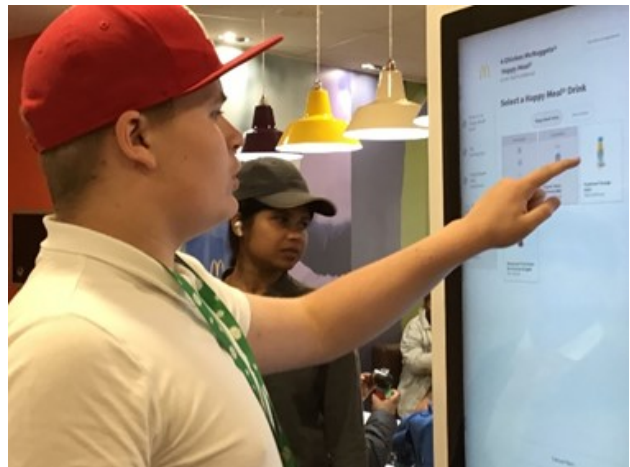
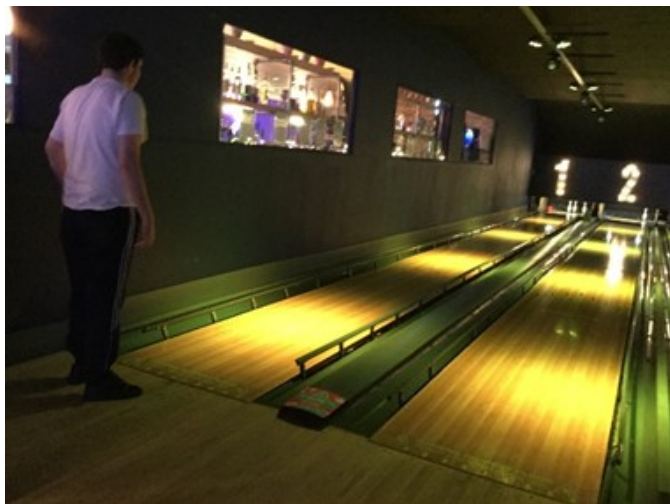


Some students went to Southend and some went to the Ecology Park.



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Some students travelled by public transport to Lewisham Lanes bowling alley and ordered using ICT in the community.





Tower Class News

Tower class learners become set designers.

This term the students in Tower class have been busy designing and creating a scene backdrop for the end of year production of Macbeth. Perspex screens were kindly donated to us from Blue Tit hair salon in Brockley for us to be able to create our scene backdrops. Firstly, they used masking tape to create shapes on Perspex screens, then mixed ready-made paint with PVA glue and applied it to six sections of the screens using a chosen colour. Each section had to be a different colour and two sections next to one another could not be the same colour. Therefore, the students had to give lots of thought and consideration to which sections should be painted in which colour. Once the masking tape was peeled off the finished designs were fantastic and looked very effective when they were used in the production. Following the production, the screens will be repurposed and used as divider screens in our school café.



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As an end of year trip, Tower class chose to spend the day at Margate beach. With thanks to Simon who drove us there and the kindness of the staff to stay beyond the school day we set off in the minibus to Margate. We had drinks in the sun, played in the sand, went in the sea and wrestled with seagulls over our packed lunches! A wonderful day was had by all, as you can see from the pictures below.





As part of our enrichment offer, a group of KS4 and 6th Form students took part in a Shakespeare project this term. This has entailed exploring the themes and characters of the play, and studying older forms of the English language. Weeks of hard work and a challenging rehearsal schedule resulted in a modernised workshop production. The final performance took place last week in front of a live audience comprising of Brockley students, staff and families. The cast did a fantastic job, and received rave reviews!

Congratulations again to all students and staff who took part, supported this project, and made it a huge success to be proud of! *Julia (Drama Instructor)*





Bank of Things
Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre
Molesworth St
London
SE13 7HB

21st June 2023

Dear Vincenzo and everyone at Drum Beat school

Thank you for your kind support of The Bank of Things Lewisham.

We loved having you visit us with your class, and we are so very grateful for the wonderful donations you brought to us last week.

The young people we support have been extremely grateful to be able to come to us and receive the items they need to participate fully in their lives, and we are hugely grateful for the on-going support you have shown us.

We will be launching our Back-to-School appeal shortly, where we will ask for donations of school uniform basics such as shirts, black and grey trousers, and skirts as well as the essential kit they need to start next term including pencil case, pens, calculator, maths set and lined A4 paper. If any of the community at DrumBeat have used uniform, they no longer need please do let them know that we would be incredibly grateful for any donations.

Please do remind your pupils and their families that we are here for them too and to come and visit us on Wednesdays or Fridays and to follow us on social media for updates on our back-to-school events in the summer holidays.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Monteith'.

Hannah Monteith
Bank of Things Coordinator



10% off in
our shop
with this
Flyer!

Family Fun Day at the Migration Museum

Saturday 29th July | 11am-3pm | FREE - Donations welcomed

Join us this summer for a fun day of free activities suitable for the whole family.

Join author Annemarie Anang for an empowering story-time with her debut children's book *I AM NEFERTITI*. Sing-a-long with her ukulele, learn about wonderful instruments and empower yourself with positive affirmations.

Or get creative in a rope coaster workshop with award-winning textile artist Alice Burnhope. Highlight your identity and heritage through embedding meaningful colours into your bespoke ropes.

No booking - drop by anytime to join in the fun.

Migration Museum
Lewisham Shopping Centre
London SE13 7HB

www.migrationmuseum.org



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.*