



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Summer Term 2

Dear Parents & Carers

What a fantastic term and year we have had. We have had a wonderful art exhibition and lots of trips out this term.

We have carried out training for schools in Sweden, University College London and Educational leaders in York. It has been a very exciting time.

I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary....

Thursday, 25 July

Last day of term

School will close at 1pm

Monday, 2 September

INSET Day

*Pupils will not attend school on
this day*

Tuesday, 3 September

Pupils first day of term

Friday, 4 October

INSET Day

*Pupils will not attend school on
this day*

School Bus

New Academic Year Travel Assistance Arrangements



1) New Starters

Any new pupils starting in September will need to complete an online travel assistance application form which 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 2024

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

You can contact the TCT team. They are available Monday – Friday 08:00 – 17:00. If you have any queries please email them at tct@lewisham.gov.uk or call on 020 8314 6363.

<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.

Just a reminder...



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.

School Meals

Please note that from 2 September the price of a child's school meal at Drumbeat will rise to £3 per day.

This applies to all pupils who do not qualify for free school meals.

I appreciate that this is an extra expense that you were not expecting, and I would urge families who are experiencing difficulties to check the Lewisham Free School Meals website to ensure they are not eligible for Free School Meals.

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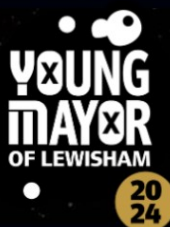


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Magpie Dance

As a school we were very fortunate to have Magpie Dance offer free dance workshops for all three sites (Downham, Brockley and Turnham). In these sessions we enjoyed exploring different music and themes. All staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed these sessions, and we hope to work with Magpie Dance in years to come.

The film project '1000 voices' which includes some of our pupils will be premiered at their full company festival 'Our Land, on Sunday 28th July, tickets are available for sale, however, if you are unable to attend, you will have the opportunity to view this film at a later date.



About Magpie Dance

We are the UK's leading dance charity for people with learning disabilities.

Through dance, our participants gain life, social and communication skills with added health and wellbeing benefits.

Find out more about our weekly dance sessions and holiday schools for dancers with learning disabilities aged 3+ on our website!



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OUR LAND

...is in your hands

A festival of dance exploring climate change and the elements

Sunday 28th July 2024

Doors 2.30pm

Langley Park Centre for Performing Arts

Langley Park School for Boys

Hawksbrooke Lane

South Eden Park Road

Beckenham

Kent

BR3 3BP

TICKETS
£8
OR 4 FOR £30



Scan for tickets



2.30pm - Doors open

We are excited to welcome you to *Our Land*



Get your interactive programme

Scan the QR codes and learn all about climate change through VR, 3D and hologram videos!



2.45pm - Take a class led by Magpie Dancers

Join dancers from our youth and adult technique classes to see what a Magpie Dance session is like



Explore the multi-sensory exhibition

Find out more information about the *Our Land* project - wear costumes, play instruments and make your pledge to the environment



3.30pm - Take your seat, it's time for the show to begin

Watch the new dance pieces and films that Magpie Dance have created this year

Film Premieres

Head to the auditorium to see our new films - '1000 Voices' created with students from local SEN schools and 'Home' created following a project with Akram Khan Company



Bike Ability

We had two fantastic weeks of Bike Ability, first at the Downham Site and then at Brockley. Like in the past it has been a remarkable success for all our students. Some students had the opportunity to learn to ride a bike and others to gain more confidence. Also, students learn the importance of being safe when riding a bike. Students that achieved Level 1 could ride the bikes outside school to local parks (Forster Park and Peckham Rye) supported by Bike Ability Instructors and Drumbeat Staff. It was so nice to see their focus and how they enjoyed this week.



Bike Club

Bike club has started last September. All students from ks3 have been learning how to ride a bike safely, developing their awareness of risks and their motor skills. They have also been learning about road safety such as signalling, traffic lights and roundabouts. Students have been cycling using a perfect snake formation that they have been practising for a while, demonstrating great awareness and attention to another cyclist. Well to everyone for the great achievement and we will carry on with more training as we believe that cycling is an import skill that will allow independence and boost confidence.



Visit to Millwall Football Club

Students from Drumbeat Brockley had the fantastic opportunity to play on the Millwall Stadium pitch. Also, they had the chance to see the original 'Premier League Cup' that was at the stadium for the day. We were all so thrilled to play on the 'Den's pitch.'

It is important to mention the constant relation with the Millwall Community Trust that enables our students to have those opportunities.



Sports Update

Last term we attended different sports events including a Panathlon Boccia tournament at Crystal Palace and a friendly football match at the Millwall Community Trust vs the Millwall Pan disability Team. In both events our students gave their best and enjoyed themselves while putting into practice what we have been learning during PE and Football sessions. At the Boccia tournament we won 2 matches out of 3 but we did not have enough points to qualify for the final stage. A bit disappointing but great performances from our players. At Millwall the Drumbeat football team drew 4-4 showing once again their love for football and great team work.





Kangaroo Class

We have had the most amazing year in Kangaroo class and have so much fun, all of the children have grown so much and the team have enjoyed going on the journey with them. This term especially the children have been very keen to learn about the environment and what we can do help it.

During Environmental week we took part in lots of different activities that encouraged us to use all of our senses.

We used recyclable and natural materials to create a whale...



We sorted rubbish into the correct piles for recycling...

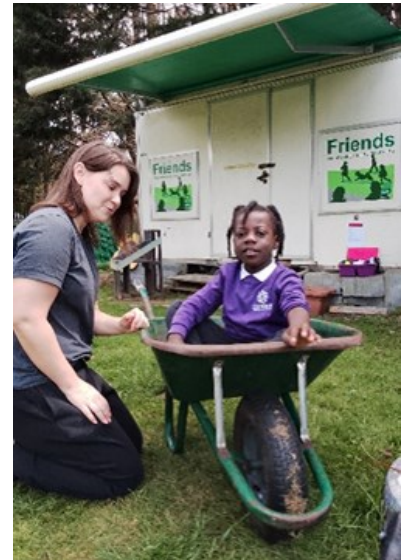


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We even made our own paper....



The week was then topped off with an amazing trip to Forest school ...



We even made a new friend...



We will be sad to finish this year with our wonderful little Roo's but we will be happy to see them continue their journey at Drumbeat and look forward to a saying hello to them all in September.

Tiger Class News



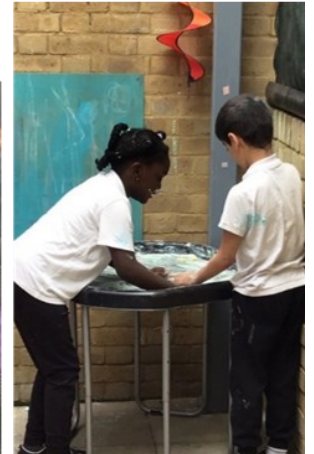
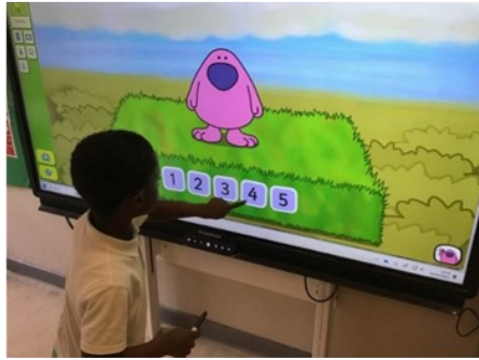
I cannot believe that we are at the end of the school year, and it is time to say goodbye. We are so proud of our lovely Tigers and all of the fantastic progress that they have made this year – they are all superstars.

I hope you all have a lovely, fun-filled summer!

Tiger class have enjoyed spending their final term learning about international arts and exploring our local parks. We have participated in lots of fun activities, such as Forest School and cooking sessions. We have visited lots of places outside of school, including Kelsey Park and the beach. We have loved our year together and have learnt so much.



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We enjoyed our trip to Kelsey Park ...



We enjoyed cooking lots of different foods...



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 shine.





Penguin Class News

This term Penguin class has been focusing on athletics. We had lots of fun in the hall practicing our athletics skills, getting ready for our Sports Day. Everyone has done so well and really enjoyed their lessons. Well done Penguin class.



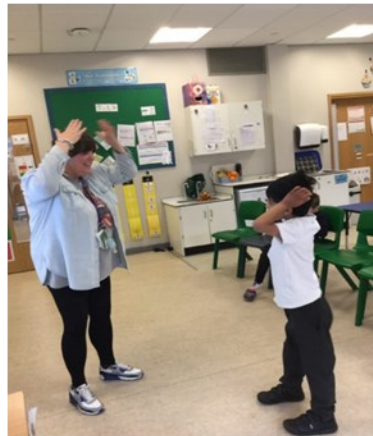
Giraffe Class News



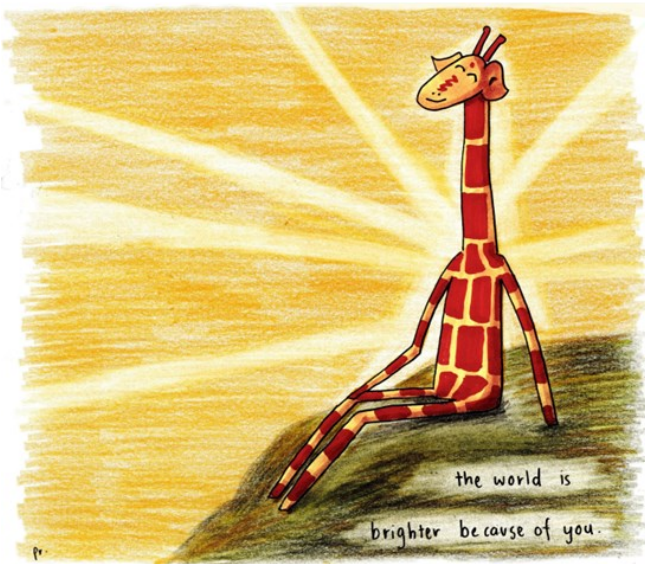
What a year it has been! I cannot believe we are already at the end of what has been, an incredible year. We have had the best time working with each and every member of Giraffe Class and have been honoured to be a part of their learning journey. We are sad to see you go but are so excited to see you spread your wings and fly to your next class!



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We've enjoyed exploring our international arts topic as well as Environment Week where we went on a trip to the planetarium! We have also enjoyed swimming and horse riding this term. We've worked on developing our English and maths skills as well as independence and motor skills. We have smiled, laughed, danced, and bonded our way through this year. It has been fun filled and jam packed!



Thank you again for all your support this year! It has been a pleasure teaching your child!

Hello from Zebra Class!

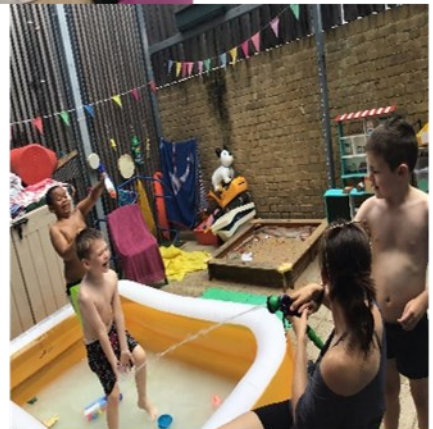
This Summer Term we have all really enjoyed participating in new and exciting learning opportunities. We attended Forest School; whilst there we played in the mud kitchen, made lavender bouquets, had wheel borrow races, mowed the lawn, data collected (minibeast hunt), rolled down hills, picked fruit, collected snails and planted flowers. We want to say a big thank you to Victoria for making our sessions so much fun.

In our maths lessons we collected, sorted and interpreted data using pictograms to record certain findings, which snack/colour is most popular in class or recording how many different minibeast found on our minibeast hunt. We continued working on understanding and executing directional language when engaging in PE and computing session and can input steps into a bee bot to carry out required actions. In our phonics lessons we have made exceeding progress, we were able to use our sound knowledge for our phonics screening test with excellent results. As a class team we are very proud of all the progress Zebra class have made this year and will be sad to see some of you go. We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.



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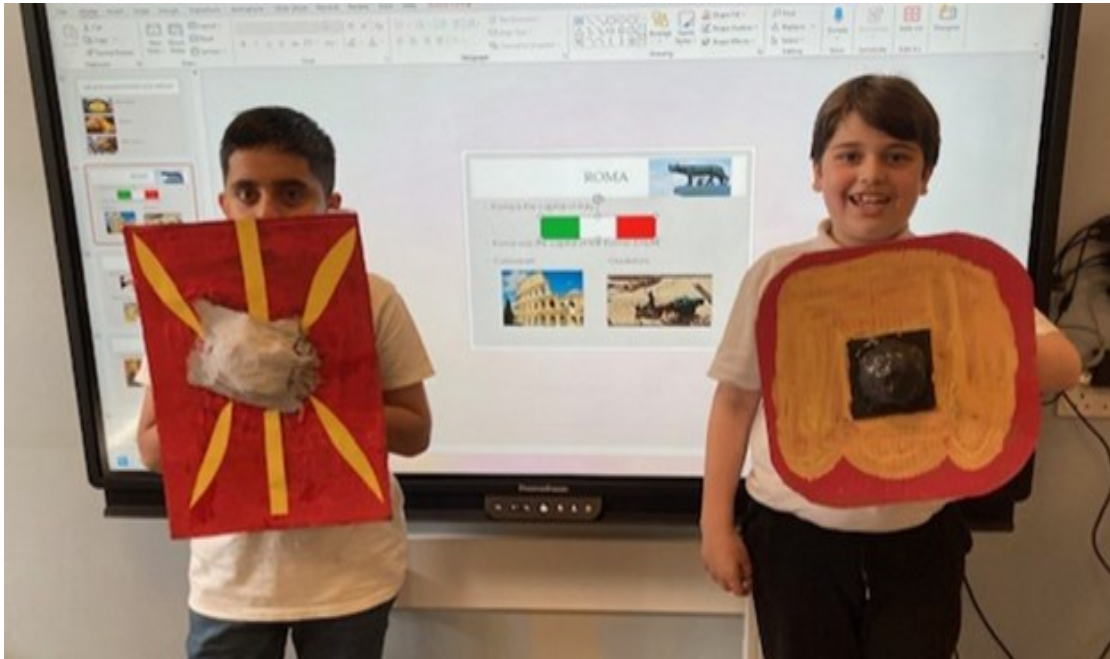




Excalibur & Lancelot Class

Roma and the Romans

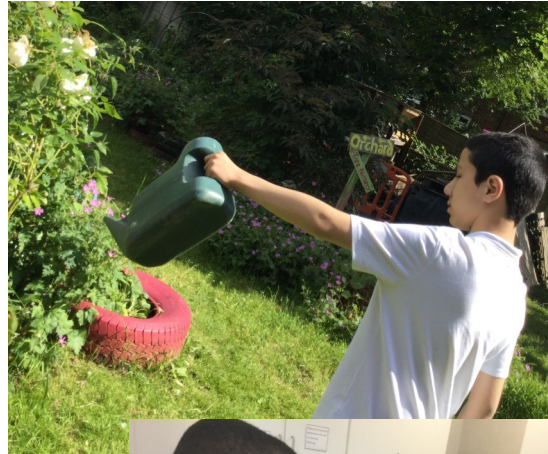
Excalibur and Lancelot classes students have been learning about Roma and the Romans. We learnt the origins of the Roman Empire and how much they conquered. We learnt about the life of Roman soldiers and used recycled material to build Roman shields. Students also learnt different facts about the capital of the Roman Empire including art, monuments and we had a taste of Roman cuisine cooking 'Pasta alla Carbonara'.



Lancelot Class

Lancelot class enjoyed their trip to the seaside. We were lucky to have a glorious sunny day. The students engaged in seaside activities, and they were excited to buy some treats at a cafe!

It's been a busy and fun summer term! We visited the Forest school as part of the Environmental week, and in the classroom the students enjoyed taking part in weekly music, art and cooking sessions. We wish everyone a fantastic summer holiday!



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Drumbeat Turnham Sports Day

Drumbeat Turnham celebrated our first school sports day on Wednesday 3rd July. Pupils took part in a circuit of activity stations around the school. All pupils participated in the day, and we were so proud of all their achievements. We were also supported by 6th form pupils from Drumbeat Brockley who were did exceptional job at leading stations and supporting younger pupils to participate.



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Brockley – Family Fun Day and Drumfest

Summer celebrations have bloomed at Brockley with the Family Fun Day on the 12th July and Drumfest on the 18th.

For the Family Fun Day, Brockley students turned the playground into a festival with market stalls and games. Classes sold plants, herbs, popcorn, ice cream and hosted games like tin can alley, penalty shootout and bean bag toss. Parents and new students starting in September were invited along, creating a real community atmosphere – a lot of fun was had by all!

The upcoming Drumfest is a celebration for our sixth form leavers! The beautifully decorated hall will host a special lunch for the leavers, then turn into a gig with a band and a DJ set playing. We will miss all our leavers, best of luck to you all!



Revelon Class Enjoys Exciting Day Out Thanks to Teaching Assistant Gary

The students in Revelon Class at Drumbeat School recently had the unforgettable experience of a fun-filled day out, all expenses paid, thanks to their dedicated teaching assistant, Gary. Gary secured the necessary funding for this adventure after receiving the prestigious Jack Petchey Award for his outstanding contribution to the students.

After much excitement and unanimous voting, the students decided on an itinerary packed with thrilling activities. Their day began with a scenic journey down the Thames on the Uber Clipper boat, followed by an exhilarating indoor skydiving session at the iFLY centre at the O2. To top it all off, they enjoyed a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet lunch at Jimmy's at the O2.

The adventure began with a train ride from Brockley to London Bridge. From there, they boarded the Thames Uber boat, which they had all to themselves. The boat ride provided a unique view of London from the water, setting the tone for the day's excitement. Upon arriving at the O2, the students were ready to face their fears and embrace the challenge of indoor skydiving.

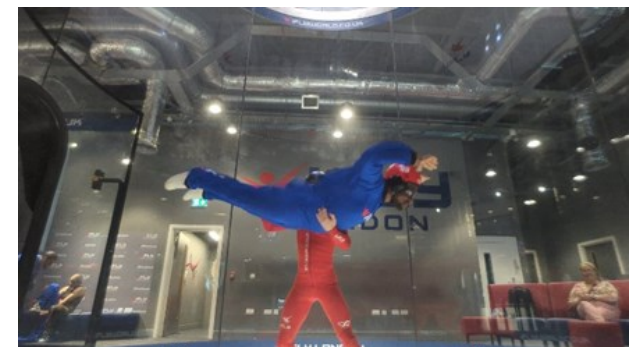
Under the guidance of their brilliant instructor, Ryan, the students learned essential hand signals for the skydiving experience, such as straight legs, chin up, relax, ok, and not ok. Ryan's support and encouragement were instrumental in helping the students and staff feel confident and prepared.

Throughout the day, the students demonstrated remarkable courage and teamwork. They cheered each other on, offering praise and support for everyone's accomplishments. This positive atmosphere not only made the experience more enjoyable but also helped many students overcome their fears.

After their skydiving adventure, the group enjoyed a well-deserved lunch at Jimmy's, where they could relax and refuel. The day concluded with a train ride back to Canada Water and on to Brockley, with everyone reflecting on the unforgettable experiences they shared.

This incredible day out was a testament to the community spirit at Drumbeat School, highlighting the importance of celebrating achievements and providing students with opportunities to explore new activities. A big thank you to Gary, Sharon and Kim who supported and encouraged the students every step of the way and for making this memorable day possible and to the students for their enthusiasm and bravery!

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Drumbeat – Brockley – Sports Round Up

We have had another busy term at the Brockley site as our KS3/4/5 classes have been taking part in an array of sports and competitions and all doing tremendously well!

Mini London Marathon



22 students and 15 staff took part in the 2024 Mini London Marathon, supported by staff volunteers. Students ran a 2.6k course, starting at horse guards parade and finishing down the iconic route outside Buckingham palace down the mall. All students did tremendously well, and we are all super proud of their determination and effort during training and on the day, they acted exemplary throughout and we look forward to next years race.

6th form sports leaders - Funetics leaders course



6 students from our 6th form participated in an athletics leader's qualification delivered by England Athletics. They all gained an accredited qualification in leading athletics, they all developed their own independence, resilience and teamwork skills. They learnt how to deliver their own sessions and next year will continue to coach their younger peers at our other Drumbeat school sites and supporting PE events throughout the year. We will support and wish them the very best on their journey to becoming future inclusive sports coaches.

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Rowing @ Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park



Over the course of our summer term our key stage 3, 4 and 5 groups have attended on water rowing sessions with London Youth Rowing at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. We have participated in rowing an array of different water vehicles including paddle boarding, bell boats and rowing boats. The students have shown great skill, teamwork, communication and resilience to try a new sport and conquer the water.

Triumph at Panathalon Boccia



Our Boccia teams from KS3 Downham and KS5 Brockley completed valiantly in the latest Panathalon Boccia tournament at Crystal Palace, with our KS5 team coming out victorious and taking home another lovely trophy and gold medals after a sudden death shoot out seeing Jay score the winning shot with ice in his veins leading his team to victory.

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3rd annual John Smith Cup



Our annual memorial cup for our colleague John Smith took place once again, all classes competed valiantly with Revelon & Greenwich holding onto the cup for another year with a thrilling penalty shoot out deciding the match. John Smith loved football and seeing our students enjoy the beautiful game, well done to all involved!

London Youth Games BMX

Jay was chosen to represent the borough of Lewisham at this years London Youth Games BMX competition. Jay raced fantastically well all day winning all his heats ('motos') and then came out on top spot winning gold representing Lewisham, Drumbeat school and doing his friends and family proud. Well done Jay!



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Trophy haul at South London Special League



After training so hard all year our A & B team have again won their respective leagues for a 3rd straight year, they also took home the winter and summer cups. That means we are reigning champions in both leagues for the 3rd straight year with a grand total of 8 trophies in 3 years for our amazing football teams. A serious achievement that our students should be very proud of. Our teams are skilled, professional, resilient, determined and consistent especially when putting up with the British weather. They have kept going all season long and fully deserve their jubilant celebrations.

Greenwich Class

Greenwich Class have had a fun-filled, jam-packed term filled with lots of exciting activities! The first of which – swimming. Every member of the class went on our weekly swimming trips in the first half term, and all did an amazing job walking from the bus to the leisure centre, getting changed and then splashing about and having fun in the pool.



The class also went on weekly walks around the community, including the local park, where students enjoyed engaging with each other in games and the play equipment. This really helped their interaction with each other as well as their road safety skills.



The class also engaged in regular attention autism sessions, where they all focused on the same sensory activities being demonstrated, and then got involved themselves. They all really enjoyed these sessions and it really helped develop their attention and communication skills.



Brockkill Class



One of the highlights this term at Brockkill class is the visit to the Horniman Museum. As part of Environmental Week, students learnt about ocean pollution and the importance of keeping the ocean clean. To consolidate their understanding, students visited the aquarium at the Horniman Museum to see different sea creatures, which they were all intrigued by.



In terms of learning, students explored their cultural identity in RSE lessons and produced a collage of special things about their culture, including special food, famous people and landmarks. They also had an opportunity to share this with the whole school at the assembly, as well as the flags of their countries they painted.

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Finally, kudos to Edymar for being nominated for Jack Petchey award for making huge progress in his independence and emotional regulation skills. Another shout out to our beloved Kedisia for finishing her studies at Drumbeat School and for moving onto the next stage in her life. We all wish her a fruitful college life and adulthood.



When: Saturday 27th July

Time: 2 – 4 pm

Where: Sports Club Thamesmead, Bayliss Avenue, SE28 8NJ

Age: 5 – 25

Cost: free for the family

Register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdouTYpDgz1sej3ChtDePVKFNcWDC7Y5g2Gb8sNvWV4Unx51Q/viewform?usp=sf_link



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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*

**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.