



# DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

## Newsletter — Summer Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely start to the Summer term. There have been lots of trips out and exciting things to do as you can tell.

We have had bikeability in all week. This has been a tremendous success and gives our students important skills for life.

We have Councillor Barnham coming to visit us next month, so we will be showing him all the wonderful things we do at Drumbeat.

Please take note of all the dates coming up for your diary and have a wonderful half term break.

Marie Neave  
Executive Headteacher

### *Dates for the Diary....*

#### **Friday, 26 May**

Last day of term  
School will close at normal time

#### **Monday, 5 June**

##### **INSET DAY**

Students will NOT attend school on this day.

#### **Tuesday, 6 June**

Students back at school

#### **Thursday, 15 June**

##### **Parent Workshop: 9:30—12:00**

Topic: Developing a sensory area at home  
Drumbeat Downham

#### **Monday, 3 July**

##### **Parent Workshop: 9:30—11:00**

Topic: Relationships & Sex Education  
Drumbeat Downham

#### **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.



**Hello!**

**Heart n Soul and Do Your Own Thing would like to invite you and your crew to Squid Ink, our new DJ night for young people with disabilities and young autistic people aged 10-25, their friends and families.**

**The Do Your Own Thing DJs will be playing your favourite club bangers from Pop to R&B to Reggae and more. This is a night for you to dance, hang out with your friends and have a good time!**

**Squid Ink**

**Date and Time: Friday 30 June, 6pm – 10pm**

**Location: The Albany, Douglas Way, Deptford, London, SE8 4AG**

**Tickets: Pay-What-You-Decide**

**Craig Clark**

**Digital and Communications Officer**

**Heart n Soul**

**The Albany, Douglas Way, Deptford, London, SE8 4AG**

**Phone: 020 8694 1632**

**Visit: [www.heartnsoul.co.uk](http://www.heartnsoul.co.uk)**

## Drumbeat Downham

We have a new display in reception based around the phrase  
"When we learn we GROW".

Each student made a flower and a butterfly to create our colourful and summery display.



## Lewisham Foodbank

Some of our pupils visited the Lewisham Foodbank and helped the volunteers on site. The students helped to stack and organise food items. Great work from our students!



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



## School Bus Applications

The closing date for transport applications is the **30<sup>th</sup> June.**

Applications submitted after this date may not have transport in place for the start of term.

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.

### Parent Workshops — Summer

**Date & Time:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-12am      **Venue:** Drumbeat Downham

**Theme:** Developing a sensory area at home      **Led by:** Kirsty OT

The session will explore sensory needs and the different types of sensory input individuals may prefer. We will then look at equipment and activities that can be used at home to address specific needs.

**Date & Time:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30-11am      **Venue:** Drumbeat Downham

**Theme:** Relationships and Sex Education      **Led by:** Leadership Team

This parent workshop will look the national guidance for teaching relationships and sex education, the Drumbeat curriculum and we will discuss some of the ways you can support your child or young person at home. Everyone is welcome to attend, however old your child is.

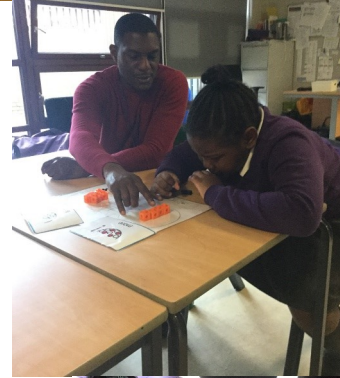
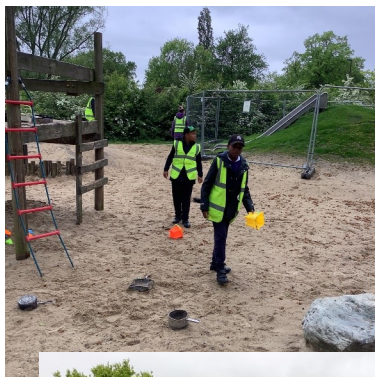


## Turtle Class News

What an amazing start to the Summer term Turtle Class has had, we started the term with our swimming lessons at Downham Leisure Centre every Thursday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming session, they have become more confident in the water. We also went on a trip to our local park. The children had so much fun exploring the playground equipment and playing with the sand. To mark King Charles Coronation we joined in the celebration with a tea party. The children have also been working hard in their maths topics on addition and measure. Well done Turtle class.



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## Seahorse Class Newsletter

This Summer Term, Seahorse class have been super busy participating in new learning experiences. We have been working very hard on all our targets and have been hugely successful in working towards reaching our individual targets for the term.

At the start of term, we celebrated the King's Coronation with a class picnic and learning how to say 'hello' in a different language each week in circle time.

We have been attending trampoline sessions and been using our directional and prepositional language we have learnt in maths, to help us learn different jumps such as half turn and full turn.

We have been exploring the importance of brushing our teeth and doing so every day after lunch.

In English, we have been exploring the book 'You Choose' where we have been using our imaginations to decide where we would live, work, go on holiday to, what we would wear and what pet we would have! In addition, 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.

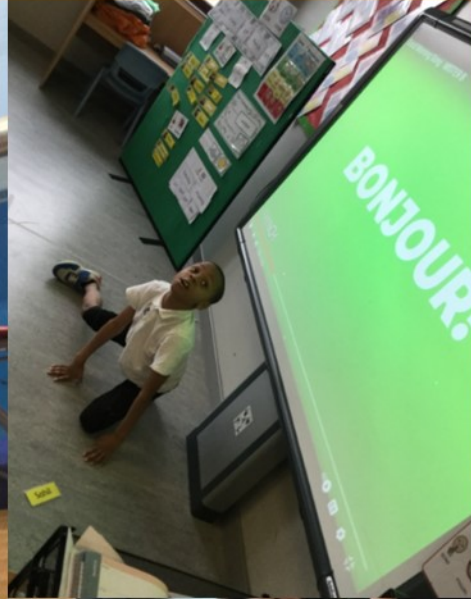
In Maths, we have enjoyed looking at data and creating pictograms, grouping objects and making tally charts to represent our data. We have also looked at groups of more, addition and subtraction which we will continue into Summer 2.

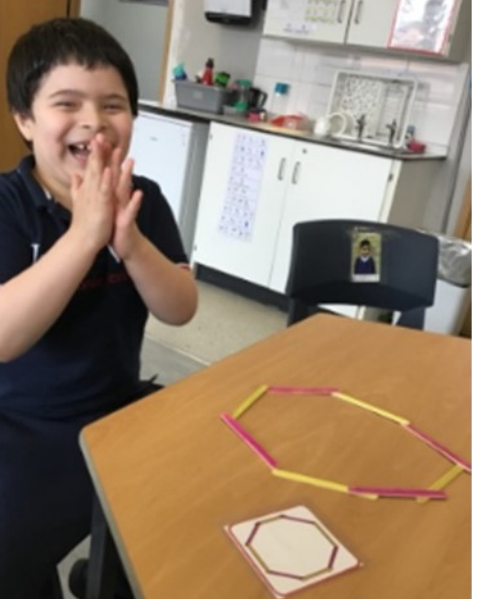
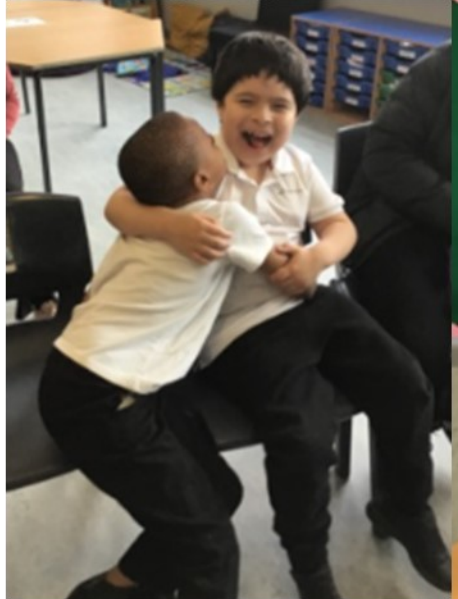
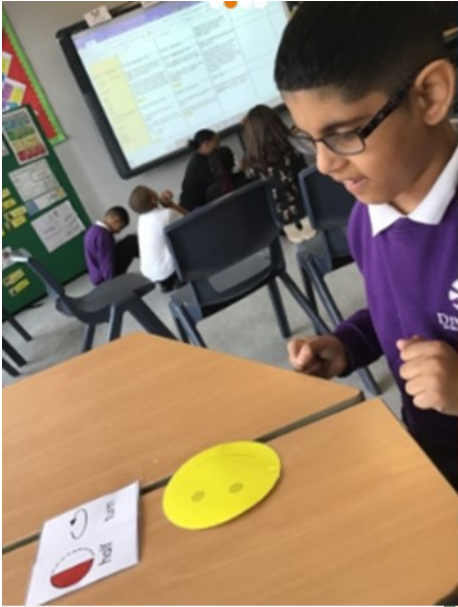
From the Seahorses team and myself we wish you a lovely half term break.



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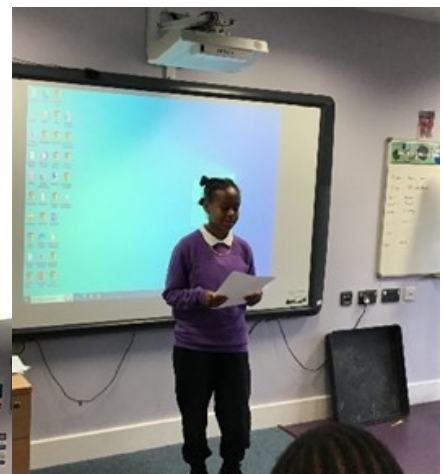


## Wimbledon Class

Wimbledon class have enjoyed visiting Cooper, the school therapy dog. They have been stroking him gently, learning about how to care for him and have been asking lots of questions about him to his owner, Claire.



The students have also been working very hard on their Entry level tests and tasks in English and Maths. They have written their autobiographies and confidently presented them to the class.



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The students have been going for weekly walks in the local area to learn about safe road crossings, local routes, mapping and to develop their understanding of the environment.





## Olympic Class



Olympic class have been using their 'Wandering Wednesdays' to explore the local area and make use of local facilities to reach some of their Maths and ICT targets.



In Maths we have been learning about British coins, how to pay for items in shops and how to check our change.

In ICT we have been learning to use technology in the community.  
We have also been developing our travel-training skills.



We visited our local supermarket to use the self-checkouts.

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On the way we used the push-button pedestrian crossing.



We even found a public payphone and on the way back we practised using the zebra crossing.





## Tower Class News

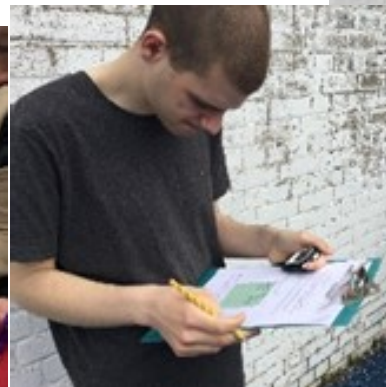
Tower class have been busy during the past term, completing a range of assignments towards their ASDAN and Transition Challenge qualifications, as well as completing some very successful work experience placements at local libraries, hairdressers, shops and charity organisations.

The class work has included interpreting and creating graphs from collected data, using ICT; writing letters for specific purposes; researching topics such as the coronation of King Charles III, a range of religious symbols and what Lewisham Borough has to offer in the form of organisations, events and personalities.



The class has continued to enjoy regular singing/music sessions and we have learned some new songs, to expand our repertoire, including Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" and Katrina's "Love Shine a Light". Our next endeavour is to rehearse and perform a more contemporary song, for which we have begun rehearsing already, but will keep secret for now.

Our latest venture out was to Beckenham Place Park on Friday 19th May, where the students had the opportunity to explore and record some of the facilities and features offered there. The trip was to include a hot dog BBQ in the park; however, unfortunately, this teacher left the sausages behind in the fridge at school by mistake, so we had to return earlier than planned and eat on site.



# JOIN THE Super 1s



All disabilities welcome  
Ages 12-25

CHALLENGE YOURSELF  
BE MORE ACTIVE  
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS

## Free inclusive cricket sessions!

**WHEN:**

Fridays 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
(Starting 5 May 2023)

**WHERE:**

Bromley Town CC, The  
Cricket Ground, Hayes Lane,  
Bromley BR2 9EF

**CONTACT:**

Brian Gasking  
Brian.Gasking@kentcricket.co.uk





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## Family Fun Day at the Migration Museum

Saturday 3 June | 11am-3pm | FREE - Donations welcomed

Join us during the half-term holiday for a fun day of free activities suitable for the whole family, including:

- Cross-stitch greetings card making led by Amanda Hilton. Gingerbread biscuits, an Austrian treat, will be available to try!
- Bracelet making, fridge-magnet designing, an around the world picnic activity, and colouring in your own poster led by Patrick Adom, founder of Very Puzzled.

No booking required – drop by anytime between 11am and 3pm to join in the fun.

Migration Museum  
Lewisham Shopping Centre  
London SE13 7HB  
[www.migrationmuseum.org](http://www.migrationmuseum.org)



# Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival 2023

Ladywell Fields  
Tennis Courts,  
London,  
SE13 7XD



For disabled people  
and their families to  
try sports in Lewisham

# SAVE THE DATE



Saturday  
24th June  
2:00pm -  
4:00pm



## Registration and more information to follow

020 7993 9883  
[Joe.Hawkins@AccessSport.org.uk](mailto:Joe.Hawkins@AccessSport.org.uk)

# **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES – 2022/23**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2022**

**Autumn Term 1**                      **Thursday 1 September & Friday 2 September – INSET days**  
**Monday 5 September – Students first day of term**  
**Friday 7 October – INSET day**  
**Friday 21 October - Last day of term**

Half Term Holiday                      Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

**Autumn Term 2**                      **Monday 31 October – First day of term**  
**Friday 2 December – INSET day**  
**Friday 16 December—Last day of term\***

Christmas Holiday                      Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

## **SPRING TERM 2023**

**Spring Term 1**                      **Tuesday 3 January — First day of term**  
**Friday 10 February – Last day of term**

Half Term Holiday                      Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

**Spring Term 2**                      **Monday 20 February – First day of term**  
**Friday 31 March – Last day of term\***

Easter Holiday                      Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April  
(Easter weekend 7-10 April)

## **SUMMER TERM 2023**

**Summer Term 1**                      **Monday 17 April – First day of term**  
**Friday 26 May — Last day of term**  
(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 1 May)  
(Bank Holiday 8 May for Coronation of King Charles III)

Half Term Holiday                      Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June  
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 29 May)

**Summer Term 2**                      **Monday 5 June—INSET day**  
**Tuesday 6 June—Students first day of term**  
**Friday 21 July – Last day of term\***

*INSET days = Staff Training days. Pupils do not attend school on these days.*

*\*School will close at 1pm on the last day of the full term.*

# 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\***

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