



## Together towards success!

Dear parents and carers,

As you will see, the final term of this school year has been packed full of fun activities, celebrations and preparation for our transitions in September.

We were sad to say goodbye to our Y11 pupils but also extremely proud of their achievements. It is wonderful to see that they are ready for their next steps.

The end of the school year is a time to reflect on our achievements and recognise the progress everyone has made. We are particularly proud of each and every pupil because they have all made steps towards their targets and goals this year with the support of us all working together.

All the staff wish our children and their families a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mr Andy, Miss Abbie, Miss Illy, Mr Patrick and Miss Leona.



Free summer holiday clubs (part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme) are now live and available for parent/carers to book their children into. Clubs are for 5-16 yr. olds. The club list is at the link below:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/holiday-activities-and-food-haf>

Clubs are free for free school meal (FSM) pupils and provide a range of activities and a free meal each day. Many clubs are specifically accommodating SEND pupils -this information is in the club list.



### FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July- End of school year finish at 12.30pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September- Induction appointments- you will receive a letter inviting you to your appointment.**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Children return to school for first day of new school year!**

### CROYDON'S EARLY HELP OFFER

There are a range of Early Help services for children, young people and families in Croydon.

For more information click on the link below or contact a member of the leadership team who will be able to help you.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/early-help-support/additional-early-help>

### SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

MIND IN CROYDON: [www.mindincroydon.org.uk](http://www.mindincroydon.org.uk)

Supporting those with mental health concerns

CROYDON FOOD BANK TRUSSELL TRUST:

[www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk)

PURLEY FOOD HUB: [www.purleyfoodhub.net](http://www.purleyfoodhub.net)

FAMILY LIVES: [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)- Advice for parents on a range of topics

### OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

<https://legacyyouthzone.org/members/>

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/sports-and-physical-activity/inclusive-sports-programme?src=D7>

<https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/kb5/croydon/directory/results.page?localofferagebands=2&localofferchannel=6>

As you may know, Miss Abbie is going on an adventure in September and her first stop is Nepal. If you would like to donate to support children at the school she is volunteering in, click on the link to find out more! [Gofund.me/8d250340](https://gofund.me/8d250340)



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### Sea Turtle Class



Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. In English, we started the term by investigating frogs. The children learnt many interesting new facts including the names of many species of frogs and the lifecycle of a frog. The children then used their knowledge to create information booklets which they shared with the class. We also looked at fairy tales, identified key features and wrote our own versions.

Our maths focus this half term was numbers. The children used various methods including number lines, part whole models and arrays to solve addition, subtract and multiplication problems. The children also consolidated their knowledge of time.

In science, we have been exploring different types of animals and what they eat. The children have learnt to name a variety of animals and how to group them into different categories such as mammals or amphibians. Mr Dan also took us on a trip to Crystal Place Farm where we got to meet lots of different animals including our favourite meerkats.

We have also been continuing our horse riding lessons at the Diamond Centre. The children have worked particularly hard this term to learn the different parts of the horse and the equipment required to ride. Miss Becky has continued to lead our cooking lessons and this term our theme has been picnics. The children have created various picnic items such as a salad in a jar, tuna pasta and carrot cake. We are so

impressed with the skills the children have developed and the confidence they have gained within the kitchen.

As this year draws to a close, Sea Turtle team would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a lovely relaxing summer break.





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### Cuttlefish Class



Hello from Cuttlefish Class!

We are sadly coming to the end of our final, fun-filled term and the last few days of this year! And what an exciting term it has been! From learning about forces in science, to estimating and weighing in maths, we seem to have done it all! But let's tell you more by starting with English!

Don't you want to hear how we can persuade you to change your mind on something? Don't you want to see how persuasive we can be? Did you notice what we did there? Those were rhetorical questions! They are questions that don't need an answer. But, they are used to get a person to think a certain way. This is helpful if you want to get them to change their mind on something! You will see in our pictures of us doing a practise speech on a topic we chose to talk about.

In maths, we have been learning about estimation! Did you know that the word 'estimation' comes from the Latin word 'aestimare', which means "value". So, we have been valuing the weight of items

compared to a 400g tin can. We were all given a potato each and we had to compare them with the can in both hands.

In Science, we have been learning about forces and how force, weight and friction can affect the speed at which something like a toy car can travel. To test our theories, we had a mixture of toy cars and raced them on the playground!

Recently, we have been given our social stories telling us about our new class we will be going into next year and the new friends we will make. We have worked hard this year in Cuttlefish class and have made good friendships. But, now it's time to move on and create new friends. We are feeling sad to say goodbye for now, but are even more excited for the new adventures to come!





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### Octopus Class



What a glorious end to the year in Octopus class. We have created some fantastic work, learnt new skills and made lovely memories. We have had some exciting days this half term from the Big Lunch, enjoying a yummy BBQ with all of the school to Sports Day, trying our hardest at each event and to the marathon, earning our medals and trophies. Throughout this half term, we have explored play scripts. We have put our acting hats on to act out the fairy tale The Three Little Pigs, beginning to understand the layout of a script and the features needed to write one. We used that knowledge to write our own playscript on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Octopus Class have also been great explorers at Frylands Forest. Every Thursday we visit the forest to explore nature and engage in different activities, from hide and seek games to creating our own bug hotels and flower jars. All the children have enjoyed being outside in the fresh air 😊

Ms Tina, Ms Sandra and I are all so proud of each pupil in Octopus Class for all their achievements this year. It has been a pleasure to work with them and watch them and their maturity grow. We wish you a wonderful summer break!





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### Hammerhead Shark Class



What a busy and enjoyable year we have had in Hammerhead Shark Class! The children have all made so

much progress and we are immensely proud of them all! We have been looking at poems in English this term and have made commendable attempts at writing their own poems and riddles. In maths, we have brushed up on adding and subtracting 2- and 4- digit numbers, symmetry, finding change and their times tables. In science, we have been grouping living things and exploring our own classification keys

An exciting day was our trip to Hever Castle to round up our History topic on 'The Tudors'.



Another exciting event was the Big Lunch which we had with all our friends and adults. We have thoroughly enjoyed our trips to Frylands outdoor centre and practised our team building, life skills, social and survival skills. It has been so much fun using our senses and playing memory games.



We are also taking part in a charitable event called Move 53 which supports homeless people in London. We have been working hard to meet our target which was to challenge ourselves to complete 53 random acts of kindness.



We ended the term with an awesome activity week. It was lovely to sit with our families and enjoy our family indoor BBQ due to the scorching temperatures! Our trip to Tenpin bowling was very exciting; we enjoyed competing against each other and trying to see who could knock down the most pins. The school disco at the end of the day completed what can only be described as a perfect day.

We would like to wish the children and their families a happy summer holiday and a very successful year in their new classes in September.



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### Stingray Class



As a whole class we have had another amazing term! The children in Stingray have really done

themselves proud by finishing off the year on a high. As always, they have had a positive attitude and thrown themselves into their new topics and other curriculum-based work with enthusiasm and drive. In English we have continued reading, exploring, analysing and evaluating chapters from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The children have created and made their own potions, invented their own magical transportation devices and mythical creatures and have written some fantastic character descriptions. They have expanded their maths knowledge by working meticulously this term on fractions work. We have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We have also been comparing fractions and writing them in their simplest form. We have also been learning about maps and expanding our map reading skills, looking at coordinates and different biomes. The children in Stingray Class have also taken part in a local litter pick for a charity called Evolve Housing + Support. We collected 53 or more pieces of litter around the school. This supports the charities Challenge 53, which challenges people to take part in a sponsored event around the number 53, as 1 in 53 people are homeless in London. The children were extremely enthusiastic about it, and some have even been sponsored to take part in the event. Our science lessons with Miss Hannah have been as exciting as always

and the children have been, as usual, enthusiastic about the lessons. The children have been investigating how to separate certain materials using a variety of methods. All the adults who have worked in Stingray Class would like to say a huge congratulations to the children. They have worked so hard across so many different avenues this year, from their outstanding Macbeth English work to their participation in their KS2 tests. It really has been a pleasure working with every one of them, we wish them all the best moving on next year and will miss them.





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### Dolphin Class



Wow, what a fantastic year we have had in Dolphin class! The boys have all made so much progress and achieved immensely. We are so proud of them all!

The boys have been creative in our English lessons this term, writing their own adventure stories. In maths, they have brushed up on place value, fractions, telling the time and their times tables. In science, they have been investigating soluble and insoluble mixtures and have become mini scientists creating their own experiments using solids and liquids. We have thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons this term and have developed some new skills in the water. The boys have also taken part in a charitable event called Move 53 which supports homeless people in London. We have been working hard to meet our target which was to challenge ourselves to shoot 53 hoops throughout the month.

What an awesome activity week we had! We appreciated the time with the children and their families at our family indoor BBQ. We put on our dancing shoes for our school disco and had a splash of a time in our water fight! Finally, we ended our week visiting Go Ape and had a picnic in Battersea Park.

We would like to wish all the boys the best of luck for next year on their new adventures. It has been a pleasure working with you all this

year and we have had a superb year! Have a great summer break, enjoy to the fullest and stay safe!





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### 7G

Ahoy captains! This term the students enjoyed sailing! They were given the opportunity to sail in pairs with adult supervision on land. Students and staff have found it extremely relaxing, enjoying the scenery and the sun. The class has been learning all the techniques of how to operate their small boats and work together. A lot of them have said that they would like to continue to do this in the future and maybe take it up as a hobby!



We were fortunate to have the Army drop by our class to pay a visit and answer the many questions the students had. The students were especially interested in their stories about their travels around the world. They learned about the hard work and dedication that goes into joining the army or any other role.

During Sports Day the class took part in several activities across the morning working with different adults and children. Our class did very well at the Sports and got great scores!

We had our first ever Chaffinch Talent Show organised by our year 9 team. 7G had the most participants in the school! We had talent from trampolining, Lego, backflipping and singing. The school had a vote and after a very competitive talent line-up, our very own Sekieh and Miss Beth



were chosen as this year's winners! They both received a whopping Amazon voucher each! We are sure it was spent wisely!

We had an amazing Activity week planned for 7G and the class deserves it for all their effort towards their learning journey.

7G, we're so so proud of all of you and how far you have all come since September! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach you all and enjoy all the experiences we have had.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and being incredible parents. We really appreciate it! Your children are a testament to all your hard work. The students cannot believe how this academic year has whizzed past.

Time does fly when one is having fun!

We hope you have an exciting but restful holiday!

Miss Mwamba ,Miss Beth and Mr Kevin.





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### 7H

This term in English we have been focusing on the topic of advertising. We discussed and explored the different features of what makes a good, persuasive AD and what makes one bad. Using the knowledge we gained from our research, we picked an item of our choice, created a storyboard and then made our very own TV advert. We used Video Editor to add music and some really cool sounds/effects. It was so much fun!



In Humanities, we have taken a trip back in time to visit the Terrible Tudors. We have researched many different things within this topic such as Henry VIII, his six wives, Tudor homes, The Spanish Armada and The Dissolution of the Monasteries in England and Wales. Our favourite part of this topic was learning all about Henry's wives and their terrible fates.

At the start of the term we had Sports day! This day was amazing as Chaffinch Lower staff and pupils pooled into the mini bus and joined us for the day! This meant we had the opportunity to show our old teachers how much we have grown this past year and spend time with our old friends.

"My favourite part of Sports Day was the obstacle course at the end! I was in the lead until I fell over." - Ewan

"Sports Day was a really good day. Seeing everyone was lovely." - Jay

We also now know where we will be next year and what adults will be helping us in our new classroom. Our teacher will be Mr. Stephen, our TAs will be Mr. Seb and Miss Yabe and in September a new member of staff will also be joining us. We are very nervous but excited to move up in the school and be role models for our peers coming up from CBL in September.

Although we are sad to be leaving Year 7, we are looking forward to the amazing trips we have planned for activity week. We are going to our favourite park and have some amazing activities planned in school.

Overall, this year has been amazing. We have had so many great experiences such as our trip to The Motte and Bailey Castle, sailing, The Horniman Museum, going to the park, and picnics. The memories we have created have been amazing and we only look forward to creating more.





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### 8G

8G had a very eventful end to the year with numerous trips that they earned in good merit, due to excellent behaviour. They have visited Croydon Vue Grants cinema to watch 'Thor' and they have enjoyed the film and interacting with other students in different year groups.



Our focus in English has been scriptures from Shakespeare. We have been following the adaptation of 'much ado about nothing' and they have been performing the play amongst themselves and have really embraced the roles of different characters.

The boys had a successful end to the sessions at sailing and have impressed their instructors with their progress. They have developed new skills, and grew confidence. They were able to prepare the boat and sail independently. They were put into pairs and they have demonstrated that they are team players and improved their communication skills. Some have overcome their fear of water and became pro sailors!

We have visited the London science museum. The boys have made a discovery around the science museum including the Maths gallery and explore the impacts of Maths around the world. We have also looked at the history of flights through unique aircrafts on display.



For sports day, the pupils took part in various sports competitions including Basketball, Archery and Football. They were joined with some of the students from Chaffinch Lower and were effective in working as teams. They have demonstrated their competitive sides and had lots of fun.



In Art, pupils in year 8 were introduced to work by Swiss sculptor, painter and printmaker Alberto Giacometti. The main focus being his larger than life thin human sculptures. The pupils also learn how to draw figure drawings using a manikin and then produce a response piece of a small sculpture using wire and clay.





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### 9G

The end of summer term is finally here and we are all excited for the 6 week summer holidays. 9G started off the summer term right where they left off in the first half of the Summer term. They have continued to show real maturity and perseverance with their Functional Skills Assessments. We are so proud of how they have coped with the exams.



As well as sailing this term, the boys have also started BMXing. They have really enjoyed learning to ride the BMX bikes and they have taken on board all of the instructions given to them by the instructors. They have built up the confidence to ride on the BMX tracks.

The boys have now finished sailing and would you believe that they are able to sail all by themselves.



The boys are now starting to realise that the school year is coming to an end and they will be transitioning into KS4 very soon.

We would like to say a big thank you to our children for an incredible year! We wish them the best of luck for the start of KS4 and we know that they will continue to make us proud. Thank you to all the parents for the endless support.

Have an amazing well-deserved summer and stay safe!

**Ms. Raazia, Mr Rowan and Ms Jaini**



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### 9H

This term our boys have enjoyed learning how to sail at Tideway in Deptford. They successfully completed the 10 week long course and earned a sailing award. Well done!



The table tennis competition during break time is still going strong in the classroom with new members of the class giving it a go! Soon, they will all be competing at the Olympics.

In food tech, the boys have been creating and cooking their own recipes. There was something to cater for every taste: chicken strips, Mexican wraps, spicy chicken burgers to name a few.



Finally, our boys have completed their Entry Level 2 and 3 exams. We are very proud of the effort they have all put into it!

As you know, the boys are getting ready to transition to KS4 with Mr. Dan as their new class teacher. We have no doubt that they will do really well as the boys have gained a lot of maturity this year.

As a reward, we will be going to Thorpe Park for our end of year trip, thrill seekers get ready!



Wishing you all a great summer break and looking forward to September!



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### 10G

We have had another successful end of an academic year for the 10G students! There has been lots of enrichment activities and achievements. The year 10 students have finally completed their GCSE Biology and Functional Skills Exams and are waiting for their results. They all managed extremely well under the strict exam conditions and we are proud of them.



This term the boys were introduced to a music program called Teach Rock. The first ever program to be taught and introduced in the UK (Chaffinch Brook) as it is originally from the United States of America. The aim of this Teach Rock program is to help pupils to focus and engage well in lessons through music. Thus, using multimedia materials (new and old school music) to draw pupils' energy for them to think logically about history and culture.

We are so impressed with everything the boys



have achieved so far, especially during Lower Chaffinch Sports Day. As part of their PE curriculum, the students were assigned to a leadership role to supervise a sport activity for KS2

and KS1. The boys delivered their role confidently with great success.

At the college, the boys are currently learning painting and decorating. It is a delight to see their great teamwork, which is very rewarding and praiseworthy. We want to thank you for all your continued support and kindness throughout the year and we hope you and your loved ones can have a restful summer break.



Miss Angela, Mr Manny & Miss Leiane



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### 11G

It makes us incredibly sad to write the last year 11G newsletter but at the same time we are extremely proud of the progress made by all the pupils!

The pupils have completed all their exams and should be especially happy for the manner in which they conducted themselves.

They were all able to give it 100% under exam conditions. Their focus and commitment shows that they can achieve anything when they put their minds to it!

The 11G students were rewarded with a fantastic day out to the Toca Social with a complimentary Buffet meal at Jimmy's world cuisine restaurant at the O2 in Greenwich (Obviously Mr Dan was able to outeat everyone!).

Our year 11 leavers event (filled with emotion and tears) was a beautiful flashback in time for our veterans and those who joined us in Year 10, whom quickly became part of the family.

Carl Haslam, Wesley ward, Triashawn Boreland, Ben Ryan, Jay Fisher, Billy Carey-Welch and Omari Sam...we wish each and every one of you all the best of luck for the future.

We will miss you dearly.

### Mr Dan, Ms Sam and Mr Tyrus





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Thursday the 16th June saw the long awaited return of Chaffinch Brook's Sports Day!

Chaffinch pupils in Upper KS2 and Lower KS3 joined forces working together in mixed teams. This was a great opportunity for pupils to put their developing social and communication skills to the test; they did fantastic and there was a real sense of sportsmanship throughout the morning. We cheered, we laughed and we supported each other well.

Pupils got the opportunity to take part in a variety of events: Javelin, Shot Put, Fitness Tests, Basketball, Football and Archery...there was something for all to enjoy. We had some tremendous throwers launching javelin up to 26 metres, super shooters scoring 21 goals in one minute and fitness fanatics completing 139 exercises in two minutes. To end the morning pupils had the opportunity to take part in a fun run which consisted of egg and spoons racing, bean bag throwing and looking rather silly trying to get across the pitch in a sack; it was great fun!

It was also a lovely change of environment for the Lower Chaffinch pupils and a taste of transitions to come for those moving onto Upper. Chaffinch staff were so proud of the positive behaviours and how well our pupils managed themselves. We are already excited for next year's! :-)





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On Monday the 13th Chaffinch Lower were very lucky to receive a visit from two England walking football players - Tania Bushell & Juliet Mason.

When pupils were first told they were to participate in an afternoon of walking football, there were a few confused faces but they took on the challenge well. Three classes participated putting not only their sporting skills to the test but also their social skills by working with new adults and alongside other classes. Pupils responded really well to Tania & Juliet; they did a great job of encouraging and involving pupils.

Pupils firstly developed the skills and learnt some of the rules needed to play walking football; the main challenge for most was to slow down their pace and keep control over the ball. After some practice drills with (names here) the games begun...these were great to watch; pupils really warmed to the game and had loads of fun.

The pupils and staff at Chaffinch Lower thank Tania & Juliet for their visit and for a great introduction to walking football; we may even introduce the game to our playtime table. We would welcome you back anytime.

