



Summer 2022 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Another half term has flown by and we are sharing our newsletter with you, full of the amazing achievements and fun we have had since returning at the end of April.

Lots of the children have been working very hard in preparation for their exams and end of Key stage tests which have gone very well so far.

In addition, we have been on lots of visits this half term and all children have managed this very well with brilliant behaviour and attitudes throughout.

Next half term we will focus on our transitions to ensure the children are prepared and ready for their next steps.

We hope that you enjoy the half term with your families, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in June for the final half term of this school year.

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



30th May- 3rd June: Half Term break

Monday 6th June: Children back to school

Monday 4th July: Extra Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)

18th July- 22nd July: Activity Week

22nd July: End of Term finish at 12.30pm.

Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

Meal vouchers will be given out when we return to school in June. Thank you for your patience with this.





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Sea Turtle

This half term, Sea turtle class have been very busy.

We started our English lessons by looking at the story 'The Sheep and the Goat' by Pie Corbett. The children created their own storyboards and verbally retold their own version of the story. In addition, the children also learnt all about instructions and wrote their own instructions on how to trap a dragon, based on the story by Pie Corbett.



Our maths focus for the first part of the term was temperature. The children carried out experiments on ice and used thermometers to measure and record the temperature of various objects. We have also been learning about positioning and directions. The children had lots of fun learning the Cha Cha Slide and pretending to be a clock!



In science we have been investigating various rocks and exploring fossils. The children have created their own fossils and have had lots of fun acting out the different movements of rocks including the floor is lava!

Every Thursday afternoon, Sea Turtle Class have been visiting Fryland Woods for our forest skill lessons. We have had lots of fun, exploring, climbing, foraging,

and playing games. The children have been on a nature hunt and have created natural art pictures.

In addition, we have also been visiting the Diamond Centre each week for our horse riding lessons. The boys have been practising giving their horse's commands and controlling their horse's movements.



Last but not least, Miss Wendy has been continuing to teach our trampolining lessons and we are all so proud of the progress all the boys have made. Miss Wendy has told me she was particularly impressed with the boys' listening and waiting skills. Well done Sea Turtle!



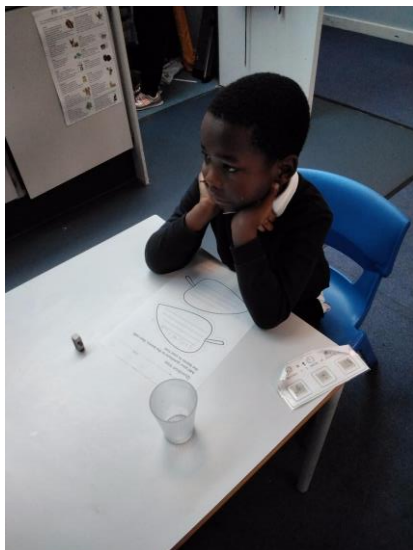
The Sea Turtle Team would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a lovely half term break.



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Cuttlefish class

We are so excited to be sharing with you once again the different lessons and activities that Cuttlefish have been doing this term.



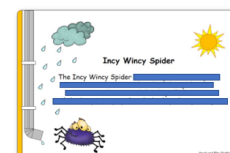
In Maths, we have returned to learning about time again. Now we are looking at reading digital clocks and analogue clocks to the nearest minute. And most recently, we have been looking at the duration of time and seeing how quickly we can complete different challenges. This included building a stack on Jenga bricks, attempting 20 sets of "Heads, shoulders, knees and toes", and seeing how quickly you can add up to over 30 using some dice.



English lessons have been just as eventful! After rewriting and performing the ending of the fairytale, "Hansel & Gretel", we then moved on to learning about Nonsense rhymes and how they are not supposed to make any sense. They are supposed to

rhyme and have alliteration in them. After learning what the definition of a nonsense poem is, we began creating versions of our own! We even wrote a different version of the nursery rhyme "Incy Wincy Spider!" This is how it went!

Nonsense Nursery Rhymes!



The Incy Wincy Spider stole a PS5!

He was so excited he had a little jive!

When he started playing, the FBI came.

Incy got arrested, he never played again!.

In Science, we have also been learning more about plants and their parts. Here's a fantastic fact for you! Did you know that of Earth's estimated 400,000 plant species, we could eat some 300,000. But we only eat 0.1%! How unbelievable is that?!



We have so much more to learn in our final half term, from doing a new project in ICT, to visiting Frylands for some forest school sessions! We look forward to telling you all about them very soon! Happy half term!

Cuttlefish Class! X



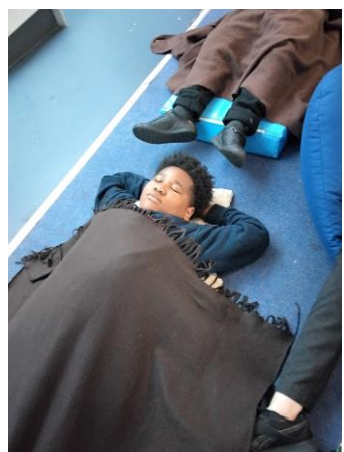
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Hammerhead Shark

Hammerhead Shark class has had a very positive start to the summer term. We have welcomed Hazel into our class and we are getting to know each other.



We enjoyed Mindfulness Friday the first week back and participated in mindful colouring, discussions and a meditation session. Later in the day, we met PC Mike and his dog Dexter who helps police officers to feel better about their emotions and mental health.



This half-term in English, Phillip Pullman's book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' is an adventure story that has taken us to glamorous places and inspired us to look more closely at ways of improving our writing through the use of adjectives and similes. The different characters we encountered have also helped us to develop our comprehension and inference skills.



Our History topic this half-term is The Tudors. We have enjoyed learning about the different Tudor Kings and Queens, especially King Henry V111 and his six wives!! We tried our hands at a few Tudor recipes like vanilla and spice biscuits and shared them with our families. We are very excited about our visit to Hever Castle just before the end of this half term to see the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, one of King Henry V111's wives.



Hammerhead Shark Class staff wish you a happy and restful half-term break.



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Octopus Class

Octopus Class have had a fun filled start to the summer term, with lots of sport practice! We have enjoyed our swimming lessons, our trampolining lessons and our PE lessons, learning all about badminton with Mr Gabi.



In our RSHE, Ms Tina has been teaching us some very important life skills all about our emotions. We have found strategies that will help us with our emotions so that we can continue to make good choices. We made our own worry jars as a way to express ourselves if we have any worries.



Throughout this half term, we have explored alternative fairy tales. We have focused on the book *The Wolf's Story*, which is an alternative version to *Little Red Riding Hood*. During these lessons, we have asked questions about the characters, created thought bubbles, wrote captions for pictures and are beginning to write our own alternative fairy tale.



One of our favourite days in Octopus class was our Mindfulness Friday. We spent the morning engaging in mindful activities such as mindful colouring, breathing exercises, yoga and some relaxing and meditating. The fun did not stop there, we then had a visitor! PC Mike and Dexter. We learnt that Dexter supports other police officers who need help regulating their emotions, how Dexter is cared for and PC Mike's job as a police officer.



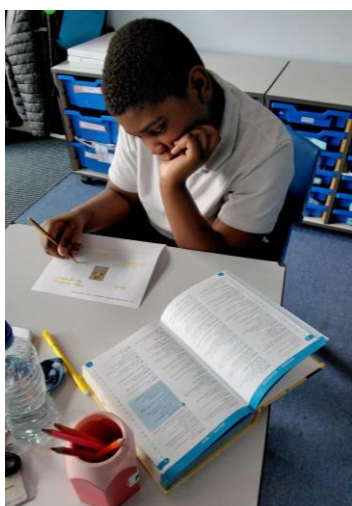
Octopus Class staff wish you a wonderful and restful break. We look forward to the next and final half term 😊



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Dolphin class

We have had five fantastic weeks in Dolphin class this term. The boys have worked hard in English focusing on their Poetry this term and have produced some amazing work and performances. We have begun our study of Macbeth too which has demonstrated super acting skills. We will be continuing when we return after half term.



In Maths we have explored place value, measure, money, decimals, fractions, area and perimeter and the boys have got to grasp these concepts well.



We have enjoyed our weekly visits to Frylands. The boys all showed the ability to make their own campfires and toasted marshmallows and we made smores! They were delicious. We also had the pleasure of visiting Hever's castle, home of Anne Boleyn as part of our topic in history The Tudors. It was a great day out exploring the grounds and extending our knowledge.



We would like to congratulate all the boys in Dolphin class that completed their KS2 tests. They tried their very best and showed great resilience throughout. Well done guys! We had a super time at Tenpin Bowling as our reward trip for all their effort.



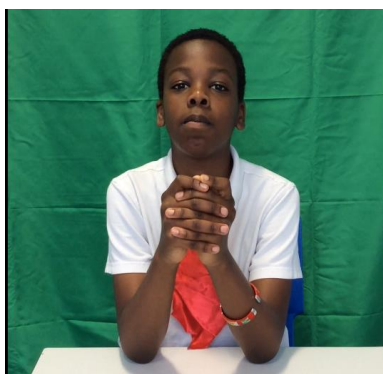
Looking forward to the next half-term. Have a great break and enjoy!



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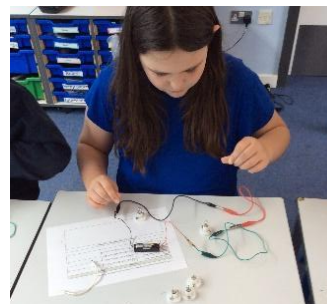
Stingray Class

Stingray Class had a great start of this term. Stingray, Dolphin and a member of Hammerhead combined classes and did some intense revision sessions to prepare for their KS2 SATS exams. We were all so impressed with how all the children managed during this time period. As the classes were mixed, the children adapted really well to the changes. Furthermore, we are so proud of all the hard work the children put into their exams and were amazed at how successful they all were. Massive congratulations to all those who took part.



After the KS2 SATs tests had finished Stingray Class picked up where they left off learning about World War 2 and reading Goodnight Mister Tom. The children in Stingray Class have explored what life might have been like during World War 2. The children have expanded their learning by listening to and analysing Neville Chamberlain's famous Radio Broadcast declaring War on Germany. They explored the type of language that Neville Chamberlain used in his speech in order to plan their own script for them to radio broadcast of their own, imagining they are the Prime Minister announcing War World 3.

As a result of our learning, we took a trip to Chislehurst Caves. Chislehurst Caves were used as communal air raid shelters during World War 2. We were fascinated to see how they adapted and adjusted to lives in the caves during the war.



In science Miss Hannah has been teaching us about electricity, we have been taking part in lots of experiments looking at different components to make a successful circuit. Did you know the average human, at rest, produces around 100 watts?



As well as doing some fantastic learning in English, the children have been perfecting the short division and long multiplication in maths. The children were able to express that they found these questions in their SATs particularly difficult, so we have been working on this together.



For extracurricular activities we have been learning what elements are used to build a successful and safe fire and in turn we have been safely building little fires in Fryland's woods and roasting marshmallows and making smores.



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European breakfast morning



Octopus Class and Cuttlefish class joined forces to host a European Breakfast morning for our amazing parents, carers and family members.



We have been learning about Europe in our Geography lessons, we have looked at different European Countries, their flags and capital cities. During our European breakfast morning, we ate croissants, pain au chocolat, fresh fruit, biscuits from different countries in Europe and a delicious Spanish omelette made by the lovely Ms Christiana.



Thank you to those who came and enjoyed it with us.



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Special visitors



Recently, Chaffinch Brook Lower had a very special visitor at school. As part of our 'Mindfulness Morning', PC Mike and Dexter, the black Labrador, came to visit the children and adults at school! Dexter is a very important part of the MET police. He looks after the police officers and makes sure they are feeling safe and happy. The classes also took part in other activities such as yoga and mindful colouring.



Charity car wash



One of our children's parents, Matthew, very kindly offered to wash the staff team's cars in aid of Autism Awareness week and to raise some money for charity. Matthew did an amazing job and washed over 12 cars (including the two mini buses and Miss Abbie's very dirty car...) in one day! Over £100 was raised for the National Autistic Society. Thank you Matthew 😊





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7H

In English, we have been learning all about poetry. One of the poets we explored was Benjamin Zephaniah. Looking at his poem 'I Love My Mother' we decided to recreate our own versions about someone special to us. Listening to a variety of famous poets, the class grew to understand the importance of different literary structures, rhythm and rhyme in evoking emotions and feelings in the reader. Our class's favourite poem by Michael Rosen is called 'Hot Food'. Check it out!



This term in P.E we have had the opportunity to travel to Surrey Docks and learn how to sail boats. This has been so exciting and a new experience we have all thoroughly enjoyed. Our experience sailing was more than just a straightforward demonstration of sailing mechanics. We were all given the opportunity to understand the process of preparing the boats whilst learning the safety precautions and technicalities of handling different conditions whilst out on the water.



"I find sailing very calming. I like the feeling of the water on my fingertips." - Leo

"Although I found the seats very uncomfortable, I found it to be really fun." - Ewan

"I love sailing because it is relaxing." - Romain



As Ibrahim won star of the week, he got to choose a special trip out. His choice was The Horniman Museum. Our trip was stimulating both visually and academically for us all, and our visit culminated with an immersive aquarium section. Towards the end of our visit we had the pleasure of exploring the site's botanical gardens and nature trail. A combination of farm animals, interactive musical monuments and mesmerising views of the London skyline made our end of the trip just as adventurous as when we were inside.





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7G

Halfway through Summer Term already and we have been doing some exciting activities!

7G have been out and about this half term consolidating their learning through exploring new places.



We have visited: Tunbridge Castle, Crystal Palace Stadium and Bromley Library. They have shown impeccable behaviour offsite and have represented the school extremely well.



The boys have also been exploring a new book this half term in English-Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. They have been using their inference skills to predict what will happen in this action-packed story.



In maths we have covered many topics including Time and Money. In History, they have been learning about the Norman Conquest Period and consolidated their learning by going on the Tunbridge Castle tour. They learned what it would be like to live back in the 11th Century!



And finally, we ended the term on another fun filled note by taking part in a school party to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

We would like to wish you a sunny and restful summer!

Year 7G Team

Miss Mwamba, Miss Beth, Mr Kevin and Miss Erin.



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8G

Year 8 had a very active start to the summer term, all the boys participated in sailing for their PE lessons and have been able to conduct the sailing boats in pairs using magnificent control and guidance in various terrains/conditions. They have displayed high levels of safety and focused on the tasks, maximising their ability to learn new skills.



Our class enjoyed making a range of different foods, including Jamaican Patties, Flavoursome pastas and Chocolate ginger cake, which have all been made to a high standard, we hope you've had the opportunity to try the delicacies at home!



In Science the boys have been learning about how metals react with hydrogen, water and other gasses and liquids. The boys participated in many different experiments to see the reactions take place first hand. All of the boys used the equipment safely and understood the different protocols and rules when working in the lab. In addition to this they have studied the periodic table and can now decipher which metals are more reactive and which are highly unreactive.



The boys focus on English and Maths has been exemplary towards making huge strides of progress in their core lessons. Firstly, in English the boys have reached the conclusion of the book 'the boy in the striped pyjamas', the book has expanded their knowledge on inferring and deducing the changes in characters from the start to the end. Maths' key focus emphasised their ability to think instinctively, when solving problems using mental maths.



Our educational trip saw us visit the London Transport Museum, this gave the boys an opportunity to learn about different modes of transport and they even used a new method. Travel enthusiast 'Michael' was instrumental in helping arrange an uber boat ride across the Thames, reaching their destination stylishly!



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9G

The summer term is finally here, and we are all excited for the good weather and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. 9G has started off the summer term right where they left off in the Spring term. They have shown real maturity and they have all started to get to grips with their Functional Skills lessons which is fantastic to see.



This term the boys have started sailing every Wednesday with Ms. Joy. They really enjoy going and they have taken on board all the instructions given to them by the instructors. They have now built up the confidence to steer the boat and go sailing one-to-one with just the instructor as opposed to being in one big boat. Last week, the boys even managed to get Ms. Joy, Ms. Jaini, and Mr. Rowan to go out on the docks and do some sailing as well.

There was a class trip to Fairfield Halls, organised by Beckmead college. They were given the opportunity to have backstage access and were able to see all the fun and exciting things that go on behind the scenes of theatre productions. They all managed their behaviours really well, but Xavier in particular seemed to have the most fun and really looked in his element!



The boys are now starting to realise that the school year is almost over. As a class team, we want them to keep maturing and continuing to become responsible teenagers.

The class team wishes you all a lovely and relaxing half term break.

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



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10G

Although it has been a short term, it has been a very important one! The year 10 boys have finally sat their first ever GCSE, their biology exam, paper 1. 10G managed the exam conditions very well. We as a class team are super proud of them. Yet, the second exam is fast approaching in June and the boys are preparing to sit the Biology Paper 2.



The highlight of this term for the year 10s is the BMXing course, which is part of their PE curriculum. Although this is not new to them, they have been recapping on their skills and techniques, such as accuracy, level pedal, and balance. Majority of the class have had a Confidence boost.



At the college in carpentry, the boys have been making their own table tennis batters involving cutting, shaping, sanding their wood and finishing by gluing the rubber onto the faces of the bat. Additionally, they

produced bowling skittles out of wood which were experimented with, during their break time. We had a fun bowling game and got to appreciate the sunshine.



On a fun note, 10G went on a trip to Fairfield halls. They got to explore behind the scenes of the theatre, explore lighting techniques and also learnt different pathways for working in a Theatre.



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Year 11

Almost at the finish line!



Exams are in full swing, and our students are absolutely flying.



Their Functional Skills exams were a success, all pupils managed to sit their exams and we have already received a few positive results. These will all be released after the half-term.



All our young learners have already been offered places in further education. These include a range of specialist and mainstream colleges to pursue courses that include small animal care, IT, Sports studies and media.

You might be wondering why we have included a photograph of our guinea pig; these adorable pets have been helping stay calm in times of exam stress.

We are all looking forward to our special trip to celebrate what has been a tremendous journey through Chaffinch Brook school- 3 weeks to go before it is official!

Mr Dan, Mr Tyrus, Ms Sam, Mr Derek