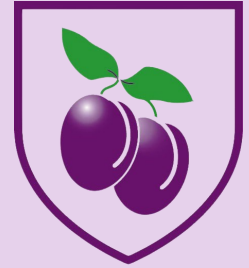


Plumcroft Primary School

Summer 1 Newsletter 2024



Thank you for a brilliant term. Enjoy reading about all the exciting lessons and trips the children have experienced. There are lots of important dates and events coming up in Summer 2, so please make sure you are checking the app for reminders.
Have a great break and we will see you in June.

Chickens!

Our Vincent Road chickens are settling in well and laying plenty of eggs. The children are enjoying spending time in Clucky Corner during play and lunch time or for a spot of quiet reading. We also have a team that are starting to take responsibility for collecting the eggs and making sure they have enough food.

The names, of our chickens, voted on by the children are:

- Chikira
- Queen Bee (Beyonce)
- Taylor Chick (Swiftly)
- Chikney Spears
- Dolly Part-hen
- Hennifer Lopez

Gizmo has been working hard too!



Science Show Spectacular

Vincent Road was lucky enough to have The Royal Institution come and visit at the end of Science Week.

They showed the children about different types of energy and demonstrated some fantastic experiments involving static electricity, tiny, tiny, tiny amounts of dynamite and exploding bubbles!

Check out their website for other science shows and activities. <https://www.rigb.org/learning/science-shows-and-activities-children>





Reception visit the Discover Centre

This half term, the reception classes went to the Discover Centre as part their 'Space' Topic.



The children played games and listened to the story called 'LOOK UP' about a little girl called Rocket who witnesses a meteor shower. The children built a big junk model rocket and then explored Rocket's rocket where they went on a phonics hunt. After, the children had lunch, and then they played in the outdoor play area and did lots of climbing and sliding. It was a fulfilled day for everyone.



This was the first harvest for 2024 from the kitchen garden, the radishes were used in the salad bar for school meals.



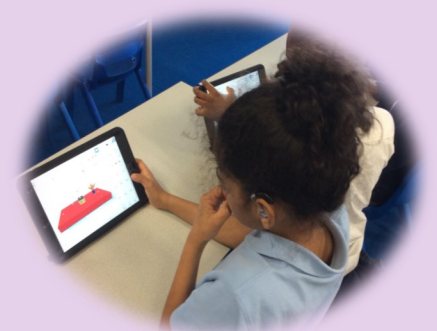
British Museum

We had a wonderful time at the British Museum this week. The children were focused on Ancient Greek and Roman history. They found lots of artifacts that linked to their classroom learning studying statues, vases and the beautiful mosaics.



Tinkercad with Year 5

In literacy, this half-term, Year 5 have been reading and discussing 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Drawing inspiration from this, Year 5 have started to design and create their own boat on an online 3D modelling programme called 'Tinkercad'. Before creating their boats, the Year 5 children completed various tutorials on Tinkercad to familiarise themselves with how to code and control shapes to create simple objects, such as a table or stairs.





The Reach Climbing Wall

On Wednesday 24th April a group of Year 5 children visited The Reach climbing wall in Woolwich. The children showed real determination and fearlessness as they tackled different types of walls.

In addition to the climbing they also had to support one another and learn all of the safety rules. It didn't take long and they were soon near the top! There are lots of different courses available for all abilities and ages so if you fancy trying something new head down to The Reach.

<https://www.thereach.org.uk/>



Nursery

During science week, Nursery enjoyed carrying out lots of different experiments. The children made colourful bread using food colouring and water, it tasted yummy!

They also made their own slime and mixed lots of colours together- it was very messy!

The children followed instructions to make their own playdough and then mixed paint to create the colour of their choice.



Year 2

This term, Year 2 have been investigating plants and learning what plants need to grow healthily. At the start of the term, the children each planted a sunflower seed and a broad bean seed. They have been taking care of the plants, making sure they have enough water and sunlight. The children have been observing them grow and have been surprised with how fast some of them have grown!



Science Week Assembly

Lower Key Stage 2, kicked off Science week with an interactive Science Assembly. The children were invited to investigate how science is used in our everyday lives and how that impacts on the way we live.

Some students were invited to plant seeds as part of an ecological study at the University of Southampton. 105 schools across England and Wales are involved in the partnership, growing 6 different bean seeds from across the World. The University is studying climate change and want to know if our now warmer spring and summer weather will allow all the seeds to germinate and produce fruits.

The garden club will tend the seedlings and plants until they grow to maturity when we will pass on our information to the University.

Year 1



Year 1 have been very busy learning all about plants in science this half term. They have been looking at the life cycle of a bean. The children have each planted their very own bean each and have been observing and supporting its growth in our classrooms. Each class has also written instructions on how to plant a bean. Here are some of our super plants that have started to grow this week...

They have also been learning about common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

The children have been labelling parts of a flowering plant and discussing each parts function.

Well done Year 1 you have shown such enthusiasm and curiosity this topic!



Ramadan and Eid - Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about Ramadan and Eid in RE. The children had a look at why Muslims fast, how they spend the month of Ramadan and why the month is so important to them.

They decided to present an Eid play to parents and carers, with all the interesting information they had learned about in their RE lessons. The children created a variety of different art pieces such as; henna designs, care packages, Eid party posters and Eid party invitations. They also had the pleasure of having music experts come in and teach us a lovely Eid song. The children performed exceptionally to their parents/carers, and it was a great learning opportunity for all.

Congratulations and good luck

A huge congratulations to all the children in Year 6 for completing their SATs this term.

They have worked incredibly hard and should be proud of themselves.







Also, good luck to the Year 1 children, who are taking their phonic screening tests and the Year 4 children who are taking their times table test.

Word of the week for Summer 2

<i>Word of the week</i>		
Half term		
03.06.24	cunning	quirky
10.06.24	eager	rancid
17.06.24	exclaimed	reluctantly
24.06.24	hopeful	scowling
01.07.24	irresistible	seething
08.07.24	Perhaps	stupendous
15.07.24	mysterious	triumphantly

HOME LEARNING

There are many ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Below are some details about our online learning platforms. If you need help with logging in please speak to your child's class teacher.

<p>Mathletics</p>  <p>Every child should be aiming for a minimum 'Bronze' certificate every week. 5 Bronze = a Silver and 4 silvers = a Gold! Certificates are awarded during our 'Achievement Assemblies'</p>	<p>Purple Mash</p>  <p>Purple Mash is an award-winning cross curricular website for primary school children, enabling them to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. Cloud-based, it delivers an exciting mash-up of curriculum focused activities, creative tools, programs and games. Your child will be able to access their weekly spellings via Purple Mash</p>
<p>myOn</p>  <p>Ensures all students can engage in frequent, high-quality reading practice with unlimited, access to thousands of enhanced digital books and age-appropriate news articles.</p>	<p>Times Tables Rock Stars</p>  <p>TTRS is an award-winning maths learning platform where children can practise their times tables like a rock star! The question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.</p>
<p>Whizz Maths</p>  <p>Maths-Whizz is an online virtual maths tutor that can be accessed on any device, anywhere. After an in-depth assessment it automatically prepares a unique learning journey to address your child's specific gaps. Using your child's unique learning profile, Maths-Whizz's powerful Artificial Intelligence tailors teaching with engaging lessons that are perfectly matched to your child's needs and is aligned to the 2014 UK National Curriculum up to the end of Year 8.</p>	
<p>Reflective Learning</p>  <p>Reflective Learning assess not only which concepts a learner struggles with but how far back they need to go in order for them catch up. It then provides individualised programmes, helping learners build on and strengthen their understanding of those concepts from exactly where they missed out.</p>	

Attendance

We aim for all pupils to achieve an attendance of 96.5% across the academic year. We acknowledge that there are times when genuine illness or extenuating circumstances prevent pupils from attending school, but do ask that they make every effort to attend every day they are able to.

Attendance	Days of Education	Days Absent
100%	190	
97%	184	6
95%	180	10
90%	171	19
85%	161	29
80%	152	38
75%	134	47

If a pupil achieves an attendance of 85%, they will have missed almost the equivalent of 6 weeks of learning - or half a term - over the course of an academic year! This amount of missed learning is detrimental to their progress and success. Likewise, we have high expectations of our pupils' punctuality. Our school gates open at **8.40am**. Pupils that arrive at 9am, whilst not late, will have missed 20 minutes of learning time; equivalent to almost 14 days during the course of the year!

Minutes Late Per Day	Equivalent Days of Lost Learning	Equivalent Lessons Missed
5 minutes	3.4 School Days	17 Lessons
10 minutes	6.9 School Days	35 Lessons
15 minutes	10.3 School Days	51 Lessons
20 minutes	13.8 School Days	69 Lessons
30 minutes	20.7 School Days	104 Lessons

We are committed to supporting all pupils to achieve their best and go on to be successful and fulfilled adults. Attendance and punctuality are vital in ensuring they have access to high-quality lessons and develop healthy routines that will stand them in good stead for the future.

Book Recommendations

Year Group	Book		
Nursery			
Reception			
Year 1			
Year 2			
Year 3			
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6			



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING MAY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi (minimum adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Dear Mrs. Hannant,

As you retire after an incredible 34 years, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your tireless dedication and remarkable contributions. Your journey, beginning as a midday meal supervisor and evolving through roles as a teaching assistant, home school liaison officer, and attendance officer, has been nothing short of inspirational.

Throughout your time here, you've witnessed six headteachers come and go and seen over 3,360 children pass through our doors. Your unique ability to know every child and assist countless families has left an indelible mark on our community.

Your commitment extended beyond just working here, as your own children attended our school, making your presence even more integral to our family. Your deep understanding and personal investment have truly enriched the lives of students, parents, and colleagues alike.

As you step into retirement, know that you will be profoundly missed. Your warmth, dedication, and tireless spirit have contributed so much to our community. Though you are leaving, you will always be welcome here—your second home.

Thank you for everything, Barbara. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, and please come back to visit us often. We will miss you.

With deepest appreciation and best wishes,
Plumcroft School



Important dates

Summer Term 2 - Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July (Students finish at 1.30pm)

Monday 10th June - Plum Lane, School Class Photos

Tuesday 11th June - Vincent Road, School Class Photos

Thursday 20th June - Fun Run and Windrush Day (Year 3)

Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June - Exhibition Week

Friday 28th June After School - Summer Spectacular (Vincent Road Campus)

Tuesday 25th June—Vincent Road Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 & 2 9.30—10.30am. Year 3, 4 & 5 2pm—3pm

Wednesday 26th June - Plum Lane Years 3 & 4 – 9.30—10.30am

Years 5 & 6 - 2– 3pm Sports Day

Thursday 27th June - Plum Lane Sports Day Year 1 & 2 9.30—10.30am – AM Reception - 2pm—3pm

Wednesday 3rd July 3.30pm – 4.30pm Community Feast

Thursday 4th July - Plum Lane Campus CLOSED - Polling Day

Friday 12th July After School —Summer Spectacular (Plum Lane Campus)

Tuesday 16th July 1.30pm and 6.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Production

Wednesday 17th July 1.30pm and 6.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Production

Friday 19th July - Reports to Parents

Tuesday 23rd July 9.15am – 10.30am Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July 3.30pm – 5.30pm Year 6 Leavers BBQ

Wednesday 24th July—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—CHILDREN FINISH AT 1.30pm

We hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 3rd June**