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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Oh wow! What a journey has it been!

I'm not going to say it feels only like yesterday when I joined the school in September as that would be a lie! Both Ms Franseen and I have felt every minute of the work we have had to put into the school since back then so that we could be proud of what we offer our pupils - and the community - now, here at Brick Lane School.

The school continues to evolve and when we return in September, we will have grown both in staff and in pupils' numbers. Constant evolution has been and will continue to be our motto for a while still as the school finds its identity.

Ensuring we used Autistic friendly resources at all times and evidence based research, our staff supported our pupils throughout many of the improvements that have been required to be where we are now. For that, I will be forever grateful!

You parents have been a huge part of this year's success. Your feedback is very important to us and I hope that you know how much we welcome you in school; during special events or just for a cup of coffee when things might not be so good!

I am looking forward to a new year with new challenges but knowing that all the Ms Franssen and I worked so hard to achieve will already be in place from day 1!

Have an amazing Summer everyone. See you all back in September!

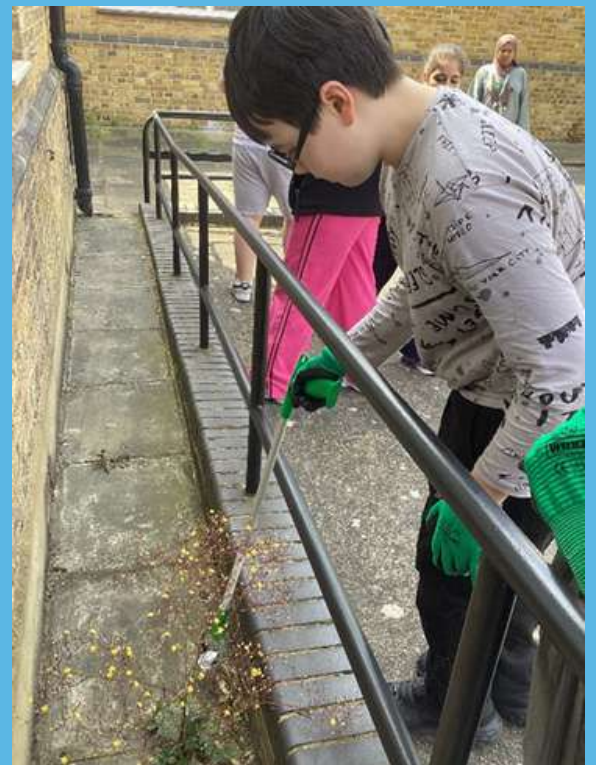
Mr De Vecchi
Headteacher

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CLEANING UP OUR SCHOOL



In PSHE Regents Class were learning about being part of a community and how to look after our environment. They carried out a school litter pick and did a great job!



SUMMER TERM FROM GREENWICH CLASS

Hello from Summerland at Greenwich Class!

This half term has been packed with learning opportunities and fun activities. Summer hit us hard this half-term, especially at the beginning. So, our pupils had a lot of fun making paper boat and racing them in water trays. We enjoyed playing in the garden under the trees' shades during our breaks and learned how to play some group games such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf'. Of course, it was not all fun and games, we also worked very hard!

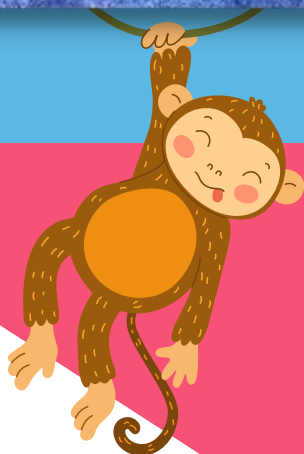
In English, we have been travelling in time to find information for our writing. In our travel missions, we have read and written letters, diary entries and newspaper articles. The pupils planned their tasks and added adjectives to provide detail. They also did a fantastic job helping fictional characters to fix the punctuation in their writing! In Maths, we learnt about the concept of time and how to measure. We used calendars, weekly and daily planners and compared activities' lengths in hours, minutes, and seconds. We started to look into analogue clocks and practiced reading the time to the hour, half-hour and quarter to/past. In Greenwich Class our little scientists started exploring everyday materials, their properties and how they change through the process of recycling! We know why recycling is so important for the planet!

This has been a great half term, and an amazing year! I want to take this opportunity to thank all Greenwich's parents for your constant support and trust. The pupils have made great progress academically and in their social/life skills. They developed positive relationships with staff and peers and learnt that their opinions matter. This has only been possible thanks to our teamwork.

Thank you again!

Well done Greenwich Class! Have a deserved break, you are awesome!

Students in Regents class have been working hard to earn their Dojo points, once we reached 2500 points we went to London Zoo to celebrate.



PSHE AND VISITS TO THE CHURCH



All students have been learning about Religion this half term. They have studied Christianity and are beginning to learn about Islam. Students have engaged really well and have all enjoyed trips to St Matthew's Church where we all had a go at ringing the bell. Olympic Class made features of the church from Lego and other classes made stained glass windows.



CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE PREPARATION

In Careers this half term we have been preparing for our enterprising event at sports day. The students in Olympic have been creating one of a kind tie dye clothing and accessories which will be available to buy at sports day. Regents class have been busy organising the family games and making key parts of the games and typing up the rules. Hyde class have been researching recipes and making shopping lists so that they can provide some tasty snacks on the day too.



REGENTS ROAD SAFETY



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In humanities some of Regents class have been practising their road safety skills whilst others have been using their reading skills to identify road signs.



Well here we are, the end of the school year! Has it really only been 7 weeks?! This term we've crammed so much into English it's unreal! Looking at stories from before World War 1, we've covered everything, from Sherlock Holmes to Frankenstein, from A Midsummer Night's Dream to Jabberwocky, and I have to say, the students have done brilliantly!

It's always exciting to delve into a new story with these classes, exploring the setting, the characters, and sharing what we like and don't like. I'm thrilled to be teaching English to them again next year, and I can't wait to see what ideas they come up next!



STUDENT ARTICLES

Couple of weeks ago I decided to make a decoration for my class. It was the West Ham logo, it is a logo like a shield; it's covered in claret and outlined in blue, then with two hammers in the middle like a gold yellow. **Ryan**



I enjoyed learning about the planets in science. We looked at the solar system. I especially liked Saturn. It was fun drawing and writing about all the planets & making a poster. I looked at the worksheets to help find out the information. **Kymani**

Go ape is a place that you get to climb about and go on ziplines high up. Me and my class went to the one in Alexandra Palace. It was fun. I was 11 years old and it was in 2023 and I was in year 7. We took the school bus there. It was only a year 7 and year 8 trip so there weren't many of us. My class mates that went were Kyron, Sonny, Alex and myself Josh. It was an exciting day and I was looking forward to it all week. We had our lunch at the nearby tables. Some of the students were scared and others were not. We got to go on parkour bits. After, we got the same bus back to the school and went back. Then I went home. I loved that day.





The Brick Lane School went to Go Ape on 26 of June. Kyron was there. Oliver (who is epic and super duper cool) went on almost all of them. Kyron S was being almost as epic as Oliver.

Oliver

In summer term we went to GO ape. It was fun to climb and stuff, the zipline was the best. The one we went to was Battersea one.

We did the whole course Oliver is the goat at basketball.

Sonny

We went go ape on 22nd June and it was in Battersea and the course was fun but I didn't go on the zipline but the rest was fun.

So, we are tie dying t-shirts, socks, hats and bags to sell for sports day and raise money.

Kyron L



HYDE AT THE AQUARIUM

Hyde class have been planning their own end of year trip. They have researched a location and considered all the necessary organisational aspects to put a trip together. The students then presented their presentations to their peers who gave scores and feedback. Hyde class spent the day at the aquarium!





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REGENTS IN SOUTHEND

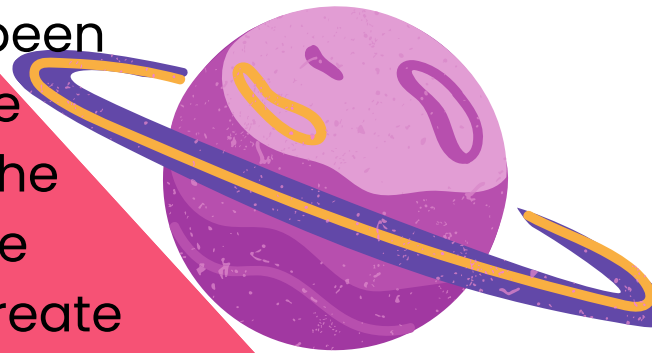
Regents class planned their own end of year trip to Southend. They planned the journey there and we decided to take the train. We planned the journey using bus first to Liverpool Street from Brick Lane, then we took the c2c to Southend-on-sea. We planned what we would do during the trip, like crab hunting, building sand castles and playing tag!



Students have been hard at work this half term growing all sorts of vegetables such as lettuce and tomato. The project has gone so well that Miss Donna will be using some of the produce for the children's lunches!



In Science, Hyde and Olympic have been learning about the Earth in space. We looked at why the Earth is a sphere, the way the planets orbit the sun, and the ways the Earth and moon move to create a day, a month and a year. Understanding these concepts involved acting out the movement of the spheres in the playground! Regent's have been learning about the impact on our modern lives of scientists and inventions from history. We made our own electromagnets from a nail, and collected and classified plants from the school's garden.



We also focussed on how to work scientifically, so we looked at how scientists used the evidence of fossils to date rocks, and how the discovery of x-rays was then practically applied to help with medical diagnosis. The students experienced a real sense of wonder at some of the things they achieved!



In Food Tech this half term Hyde, Regent's and Olympic students were investigating food from the Indian subcontinent. We experimented with a variety of spices, and made samosas, naan bread, dhal and rice and chicken tikka. Preparing some of these recipes meant planning ahead by thinking about what to do first, and some involved the challenge of using more than one pan at the same time.

Overall we managed withsome success!



SPORTS DAY

On Thursday 13th July we held our first Sports Day! Fortunately the rain held off, and the students from each class were able to take part in various sporting activities encompassing different sporting skills including a hockey slalom and shooting hoops. Parents were also invited to take on the challenges. Both students and parents were very motivated by the obstacle race! Alongside the sports the secondary students put on a summer fair showing off their work in their Career's lessons. They offered cakes and desserts (Hyde class), sideshows including the very popular "Splat the Staff Member" (Regent's class), and stalls selling the excellent tie-dye clothes and clay figures (Olympic class). The students took turns running the stalls in between their sports.

We raised £171 as a whole school, congratulations to all!

The exciting and energising day ended with hilarious whole school participation (including staff and parents!) in relay races and tug of war under the eagle eye of Coach Sheila.





Important Dates 2022/2023

Friday 1st September - School Closed (INSET DAY)

Monday 4th September - School Closed (INSET DAY)

**Tuesday 5th September - Friday 27th October - Autumn
Term 1**

Thursday 14th September - Coffee Morning/Afternoon

Tuesday 10th October - Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 17th October - Open Day (for Prospective
Parents)**

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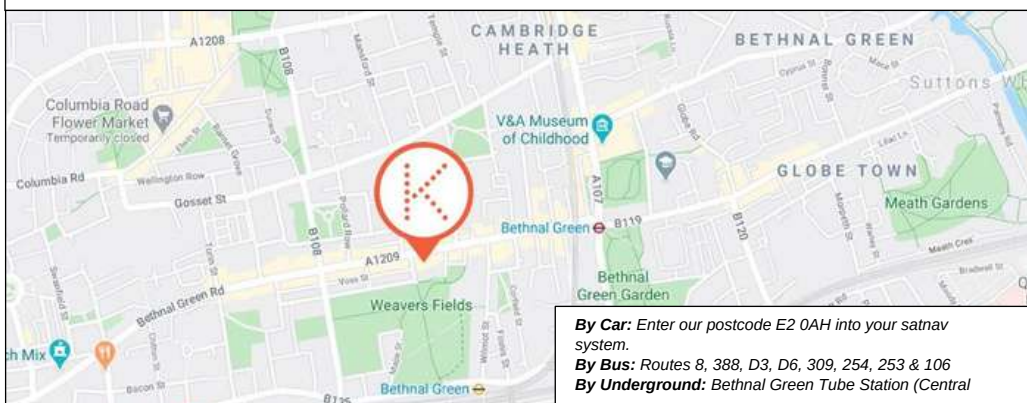
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