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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It feels like only yesterday I was sending report to parents regarding the past year. Seven weeks have come and gone and the first half term of the year is now finished.

In September, pupils returned to a much busier school with new peers and new staff members in almost all areas of the school.

We welcomed many pupils from various backgrounds and age groups; all with their own strengths and needs.

The staff - new and existing - have all worked very hard to ensure all pupils felt welcome and tried their very best to keep parents updated through Class Dojo, e-mails and phone calls.

Some pupils are still adjusting to life at Brick Lane School and this is expected. We will continue to work hard and tirelessly to deliver high quality education to all our pupils. There are some lovely articles within this newsletter.

Please take your time to read them.

Have a great half term!

Mr De Vecchi
Headteacher

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GROWTH AT BRICK LANE SCHOOL



As the school grows so does our staffing team. There has been much hard work and dedication to try to find the right people with the correct qualifications. I thank you for your understanding and support.

Throughout the last academic year and the Summer holidays, we have appointed the following staff, all of whom started since September 2023:

The TAs: Ms Amina B, Ms Rezwana B, Ms Shama B, Ms Emily B, Ms Romane C, Ms Sajida C, Ms Salma H, Mrs Sarbin R, Mrs Victoria R, Ms Kadijah B, Mrs Vera K, Ms Emily M, Mrs Honufa R and Ms Tia M.

The Teachers: Mr Jose C, Ms Lea D. We have appointed an Art and Performing Arts Teacher who will start with us soon and her name is Mrs Helen W. Mr Richard P has been covering for this post daily since September.

The Therapists: Ms Alexandra P (SaLT), Ms Shika D (Clinical Psychologist). Ms Martha F (OT) starts in January. We have a part-time agency OT in school weekly, currently.

We have also appointed for the administrator job and Ms Poppy F will start on Monday 30th October.

We have appointed Mr James S who will take over PE and a few other subjects for now.

We have appointed Mr Yaseen K, Mr Mohammed H and Mrs Cher C as TAs who will all start shortly.

We continue to advertise for a PSHE Teacher and an Assistant Headteacher.

Unfortunately, some people also do find greener pastures and we sadly said goodbye to Ms Rebecca G, Mr Jose C, Ms Shama B and Ms Blackmore. I thank you for your hard work and dedication and feel privileged to have worked alongside you. All the very best in your new endeavours.

This term Olympic class have been looking at the forces that surround us, including gravity, air resistance and friction. They have made parachutes and paper aeroplanes to investigate air resistance, built boats out of recycling materials, and took turns in a wheelbarrow to look at how levers work. They have also ascertained that polystyrene would not make a good brake pad!

Hyde and Richmond have been looking at electric circuits. They have built circuits to light bulbs or operate motors, but have also been introduced to volts and amps and how electricity actually works. They have also experimented with generating electricity from citrus fruit, and using coiled wire to make an electromagnet. And, as usual, Mr Reynolds dragged out his electric guitar!



In maths we have been exploring place value up to very big numbers – tens and hundreds of thousands – and then using our knowledge of place value to help make adding and subtracting big numbers, easier. The scale can be difficult to comprehend. In this picture we have a unit, a ten-bar, a hundred square, and a thousand cube. After that is a 10,000 bar, and then at the back is a million cube.



Richmond and Hyde classes have had fun using a variety of tools as calculation aids, and Olympic have been attempting to use maths' concepts to solve an engineering problem.



GREENWICH CLASS UPDATE

Welcome to the new school year, Greenwich Super Team!

This half term, we had exciting things happening whilst learning a great deal of new things.

In English we focused on learning about word classes and families. We investigated root words and how to transform nouns into verbs or adjectives. Pupils read every day and are becoming more confident in finding useful information in a variety of texts. Our super learners enjoyed becoming language detectives.

Maths has been challenging but very popular, as we moved to calculations including hundreds and even thousands. We are working very hard and are making great progress. We can do it!

Science has been the highlight of the term without a doubt! Everyone has had the chance to learn about electricity and safety. We built circuits and even learnt how to make and install a switch to them. We have experimented with plasma and energy balls and followed a scientific approach to answering questions. Well done!





GREENWICH CLASS UPDATE

In PHSE we explored feelings, emotions, families, and friendships. We started to understand some body clues linked to emotions. Meanwhile in Humanities, we learned about the Anglo-Saxons and how their settlements developed through time. We looked at maps and designed a settlement thinking of the needs (water source, shelter, food, etc.).

Food Tech has been also well valued by our pupils. This half term, we focused on breakfasts and our pupils learned about healthy options of breakfast whilst practicing their basic cooking skills.

Since day one, we have been learning so much, but we also had a lot of fun. Pupils achieved one of their Dojo goals and had a pizza and film afternoon as a reward (they voted for the rewards). We are now focused on the next one.



AUTUMN TERM IN HOLLAND CLASS

Wow, what a great start to the year we have had in Holland Class! We have been very busy and have been focusing on the question: What makes me, me?

In English we read the story 'What makes me, a me?' by Ben Faulks and David Tazzyman. We acted out parts of the story and answered colourful semantics questions. In addition to this we made self-portraits using natural materials found around the school. Ahnaf said, 'We made faces!'

In Project we made rainbows to share what our favourite foods, games, subjects, weather and colours are.

In Humanities we explored our life histories by looking at photos of ourselves as babies and by identifying things we could do as babies versus things we can do now. We are growing and changing, and this is ok!

We are excited to continue to learn and have fun after the half term.



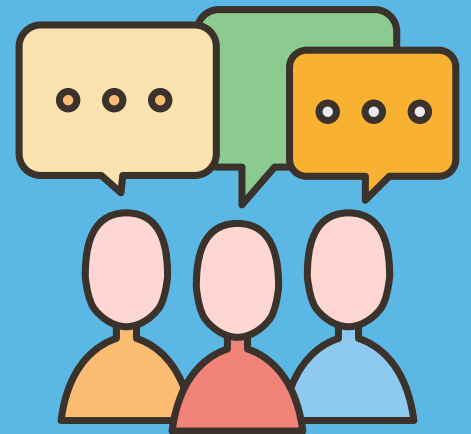
This Autumn Term, we have reopened our Student Council, and all students were invited to put themselves forward as candidates for the Autumn Term.

12 Amazing Candidates wrote speeches and shared them with their peers, as to why they should represent the school.

Out of those 12 Candidates, 5 were elected across the school and they are:



EVA
ROSA
EBONY
SAFWAN
MASON O



Well done to all who participated! The Council had their very first meeting this week, discussing ideas about what they would like at Wet Play. These ideas will be put forward to Mr De Vecchi and the council will continue to think of ways to help develop Brick Lane School with the students' voices heard.

RICHMOND CLASS

Richmond class used different materials and shapes to decorate and create an eye mask for Performing Arts! They will be using these masks for their Performing Arts lessons when they do a play on superheros!



HYDE CLASS



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It has been quite an eventful start to the new term in Hyde class with the departure of the class teacher. The children have been coping well with the changes and we all enjoyed a class party to celebrate everyone reaching their Class Dojo points target. We have been having fun in lessons, but I think it's safe to say that the class favourite has been Food Tech where we have been making and enjoying breakfast foods. We have also been taking part in attempting to walk or run a mile in Careers. The support everyone has shown for their classmates has been amazing.



GREEN CLASS

We're thrilled to provide you with a peek into the vibrant month we've had in Green Class:

Our young learners have been on an incredible word journey, discovering nouns and adjectives, and diving into captivating books, fostering a lifelong love for reading.

In our PSHE lessons, we've celebrated the uniqueness of each child and emphasized the importance of kindness in their relationships. Our students have embraced the various layers of these connections and learned the art of being a supportive friend.

Science has been a captivating adventure as students explored the wonders of magnets through hands-on experiments. Their magnetic expertise is truly impressive!

In maths, our students have confidently mastered place value, addition, and subtraction, preparing to tackle real-world problems.

Our cooking sessions have been both educational and delicious, with students exploring breakfast recipes and creating memorable culinary delights.

This month, we celebrated Black History Month by delving into the stories of remarkable creators and inventors like Garrett Morgan, Lewis Howard Latimer, and George Washington Carver, who've left an indelible mark on history.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to more exciting adventures and valuable lessons in the months to come.



Important Dates 2023/2024

Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 22nd December
2023 - Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 31st October - Halloween Dress Up Day

Tuesday 21st November 2023 - Careers Event

Friday 22nd December 2023 - End of Year Pantomime
(Open to Parents and Families)

Monday 25th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024
- Christmas Holidays

Monday 8th January 2024 - INSET
(School Closed for Pupils)

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Friday 9th February -
Spring Term 1

Friday 26th January 2024 - Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Open Morning
(For Prospective Parents)

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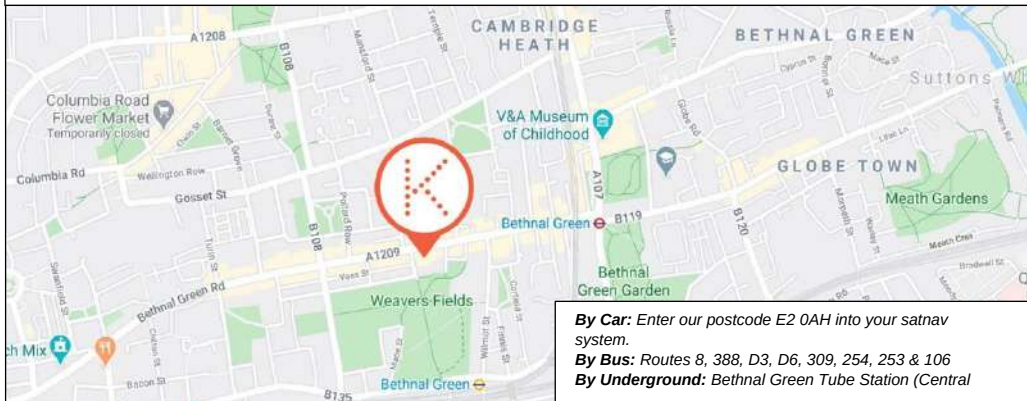
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