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BRICK LANE SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been an eventful term here at Brick Lane School.

There were so many events taking place as you'll read below, much learning has been happening and, as it has been a constant, we continue to grow. We have currently 52 pupils on roll and over 40 staff (and growing).

We will welcome our Occupational Therapist after the Easter break and we are all very excited to start working with her.

There have been no staff leaving Brick Lane this term, although we continue to appoint for posts such as Teachers and Teaching Assistants.

Thank you all for your hard work and very well done on this newsletter! It is inspiring. Have a great break everyone!

Mr De Vecchi
Headteacher

OptionsAutism

RED NOSE DAY

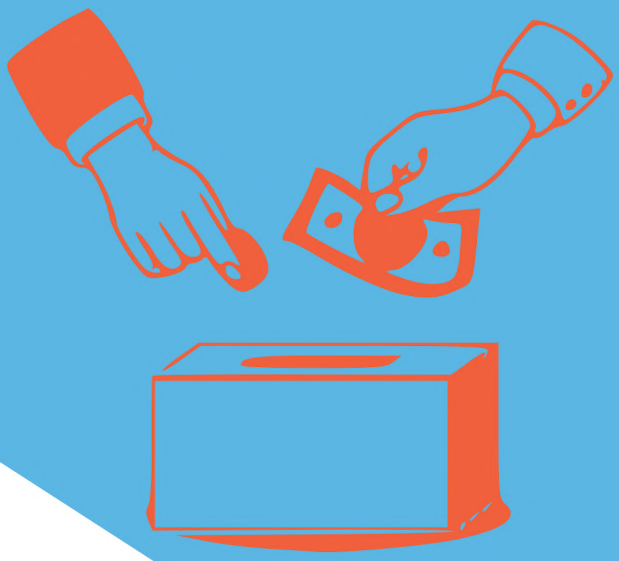
BRICK LANE SCHOOL

It was so lovely to see so many children wearing red on Red Nose Day, some even came with the new red noses!

I'd like to thank everyone who donated to such a wonderful cause! As a school we raised over £100 through donations online and in school!

This money will go to such wonderful causes, such as baby banks, community food centres, and fund vital community services.

Once again, thank you to all who donated!



COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

RICHMOND CLASS

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Richmond class have been learning about the very many ways of keeping our brains, minds, and bodies healthy. We were reminded about the importance of having a healthy varied diet, we used ingredients such as beans, tomatoes and celery to expand our repertoire of ingredients in delicious recipes from around the world. We made burritos from Mexico and risotto from Italy. In science we learned about the constituents of food, such as how much salt or carbohydrates some common foods contain. We were shocked to find out that some supermarket pizzas have the entire number of calories that we would need in one day! In PE we learned how important it is to be active and how it improves our learning and contributes to better sleep.

Miss Cawley
Richmond Class TA

ENGLISH AT BRICK LANE

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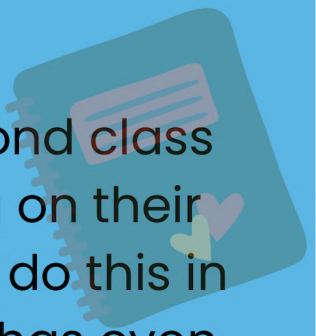
As Easter approaches, it is time to look back on all we have done over the past six weeks. Settle in folks as we take a trip into the (recent) past.

Olympic class have been reading the action thriller "Stormbreaker", a book about a 14 year old boy who becomes a spy for MI5 (loosely based on my life). The students have been cracking codes and discovering imposters, all the while keeping track of the book's hero to see if he can be trusted. They've done incredibly well, and will make fine agents.

Both Hyde and Richmond class have been looking at the book "Holes" by Louis Sachar. Hyde have discussed why characters do what they do and how they might feel throughout the book. They have also been completing their weekly Skills lesson with enthusiasm, learning to use speech marks and different spelling rules.



In addition to working through the book, Richmond class have been keeping a written diary and working on their own skills lessons. Our favourite game "We don't do this in the English language" always gets a laugh and has even inspired one student to create their own!

All in all, a fantastic term for all classes. Well done all!"

REGENT'S CLASS

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Regent's Class had a fantastic term, going out into the community for their life skills lessons. It has been great to see everyone enjoying themselves, gaining awareness and independence of road safety and some important life skills we use in our every day lives.

During one of the trips, Regent's class went to a local Cafe, where the students were able to enjoy a well-deserved drink and a treat of their choice. Well done to all for your hard work this term Regent's Class!

Miss Brett
Regents Class TA

HOLLAND CLASS

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It's been such a great term in Holland class! As part of a career's focus, Holland class have set up a window washing business. We washed windows in Brick Lane school. We started by designing our own lanyards, created posters, placing it around the school which had information about our washing business. We then got to work cleaning all the windows, making it all sparkling!

For science week we made our own parachutes using plastic bags and strings, we then tested our parachutes, we took them outside to the playground. All the children climbed up to the climbing frame and from the top, they threw it down. We timed how long it took the parachute to fall to the ground.

This term was the start of drama lessons and what fun we had listening to different stories, exploring materials, following directions and working as part of a group. We also had a great time on world book day, dressing up as our favourite characters.

Holland class wish you an amazing Easter break and we see you in the summer term.

Miss Ahmed
Holland Class TA

GREEN CLASS

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This term, Green class have enjoyed going on outings in the local area.

We have enjoyed the lovely outdoors and visited our local parks. The students used a map to help them get to Allen Gardens and Weavers Field park. The students really enjoyed themselves on the apparatus in the park.

In addition, we visited our local café and had a lovely hot chocolate to drink. This links to their Life skills subject allowing them to develop their confidence and independence in asking for a hot drink at the counter.

Well done Green class, keep up the good work!

Mrs Islam
HLTA

SCIENCE AT BRICK LANE

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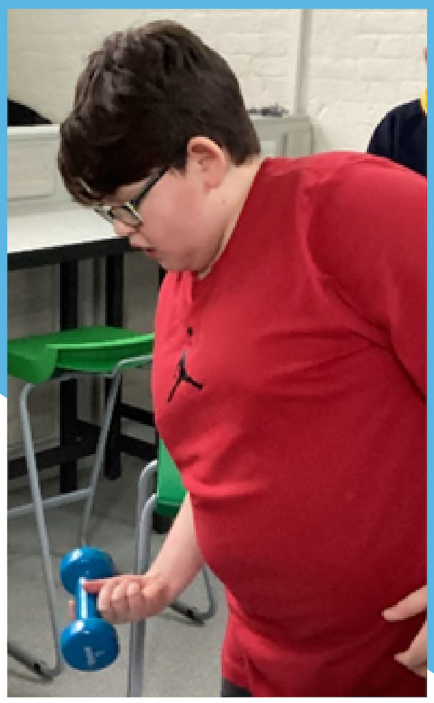
Richmond and Olympic classes have been studying biology. We talked about cells as the building blocks of life, the characteristics of living things, and how food is the source of the energy required for growth and development by both animals and plants. The students have been very enthusiastic about using microscopes to examine traces of animals and plants – the legs and wings of cockroaches were very popular! The students discussed the impact of activity on the body by experimenting with hand weights and investigating increase in heart rate.

During Science Week most of the students across the school made parachutes out of a choice of materials and we had a mass testing of them during Friday assembly.



MATHS AT BRICK LANE

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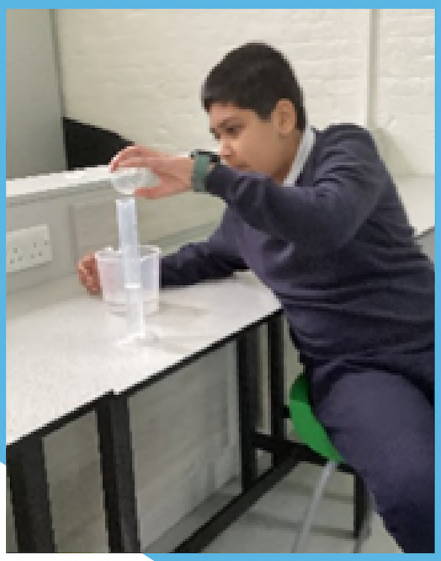
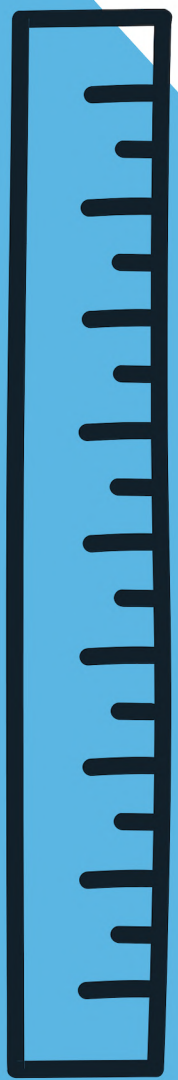
As well as continuing our work on fractions, we measured everything in sight, using centimetres and metres, millilitres and litres, and grams and kilograms for length, volume and mass. We talked about how the metric system links length, mass and volume, and even made our own litre!





JACOB'S RIVETING READING

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Horrible Histories: Vile Victorians

By Terry Deary

This is one of the many Horrible Histories books I'll be reviewing! This instalment takes to the industrial age, lasting from 1837 to 1901...

The book has a great sense of humour and is very informative in most of its categories. Notice how I said "most". Some bits don't give enough explanation on what happened. For example, in one chapter they talked about how school was back then, including some punishments you could get.
The worst one was "The Cage" (You would be put in a basket of sorts on the ceiling) though they never go into detail on why you would get this punishment.

My favourite fact is about an execution that went wrong: his name was John Lee. He was set to be executed after an argument with a maid of Queen Victoria's had ended in her throat being cut by him. He was tried and sentenced to be hanged, the rope fell, but he survived. The second time, the rope failed as well. Before a third time he tried to be hung, the executioner got a letter saying, "Don't try again, John Lee was to be imprisoned for life instead". John Lee got free, he just had to spend his time behind bars.

Overall, it's a great book for people who want to get into history.

I'll give it a 4/5 score.

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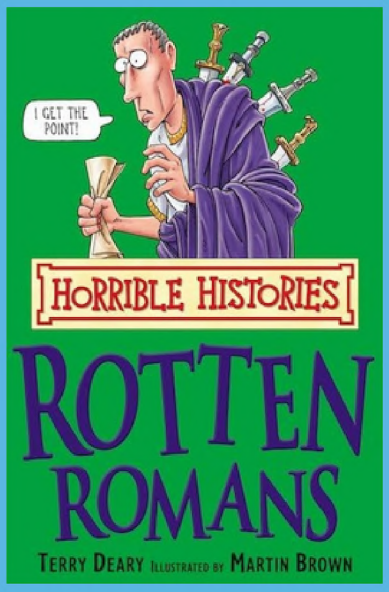

Horrible Histories Rotten Romans

By Terry Deary

Today, we shall be visiting the Roman Era of history, lasting from 753BC to 1453 AD...

The book gives a good description of all the events that happened in this era, and it has some nice details thrown in there.

My favourite event from this book is the few pages telling us about Julius Ceasar's murder. It describes the events before the dreadful date. His army surrounding him, but not taking the kill, the day before the meeting with the Senate, he fell ill, his wife had nightmares about the day, and when asked by a fortune teller what kind of death he would like, Julius replied "A sudden one".

Overall, while I can't see any faults with it, just to be fair to the others, I'll only give it a 4.5/5.

OLYMPIC CLASS

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This term we have started Drama which Olympic class have really enjoyed. We are currently studying Shakespeare and the different plays he has made for example Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Hamlet. We are acting as the different characters from the play, recreating the different scenes of these plays.

Olympic class went on a trip to The Otherworld for their Dojo reward, they all really enjoyed it. Well done Olympic class, keep up the good work!

HYDE CLASS

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In Careers lessons, the students have been given an option of two jobs they could be interested in, and then we had each student choose between the two. Then we had them write down all the career paths they would want to take.

In Science lessons, the students have used the microscopes to look at different slides of cells in plants and the human body which was amazing how focused and excited they were. They have looked at the different roles of the organs in the body as well.

They were all fantastic this term, well done guys!

GREENWICH CLASS

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This term has been a very busy one in Greenwich class! We were very luck to have Miss Shirley Murray come to be the class teacher for a term. We have had so much fun getting to know Miss Shirley.

In our humanities class we have been learning about Volcanos! We had lots of fun making paper mache volcanos, and watching them explode when we filled them with coca-cola and mentos!

Greenwich class have also started to go to the local play park every week, as an enrichment activity. This allowed us to learn about being safe in the community, and about playing safely together.

We have had such a great time watching the students become more and more independent as they use the park, and watching them use their friendship skills to encourage one another to try new things, and learn new skills!

Miss McMillan
Greenwich Class TA

DRESS UP DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

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Please see below details of some dates for your calendar. This is to prepare for events we will be hosting at school. This may not be a definitive list:

- **19th April:** Shirt to Work Day - Students and staff can wear any sort of sporting shirt (e.g. football, rugby) and donate to the Sir Bobby Moore charities if they so wish.

- **6th - 10th May:** Mental Health Awareness Week - Students and staff can wear any appropriate clothes that make them happy.

Important Dates 2023/2024

Monday 15th April - Summer term 1 commences

Thursday 2nd May - School closed (polling station)

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Summer Term 2 Commences

Monday 17th June - Eid-al-Adha (School closed for all)

Friday 19th July - End of Academic Year

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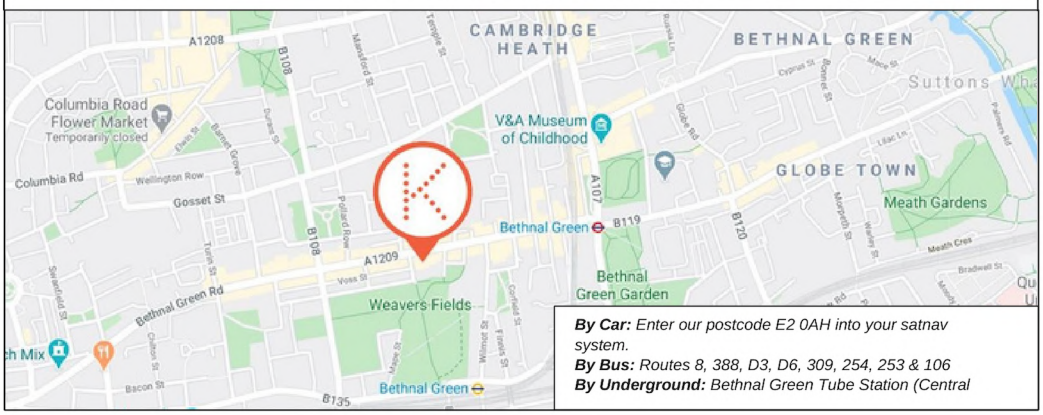

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