



We are a Rights Respecting Gold School!

A massive congratulations to everyone for making our school a respectful place where children's rights are valued! The well-being team have been working hard to promote children's knowledge and understanding of their rights, as well as embedding these rights into the culture of our school.

This year Miss Hogg and her team invited UNICEF to come and see how hard our community works to respect the rights of children. After a rigorous full day inspection, UNICEF has named us a gold school - which is the highest level awarded to schools. This award signifies the work that we do on a daily basis and our ongoing commitment to promoting the well-being of children. If you see Miss Hogg, Miss Casey or Miss Grant please make sure you thank them for all of their hard work!

Stone Age Day

Stone Age Day was a big success in year 3. Ms. Rutherford and the year 3 teachers brought the children to the forest in Southwark Park to experience what it would have been like to live over 10,000 years ago.

The children learned how to make a fire, cook bread and keep warm on a chilly winter's day. The hands-on experience complemented the children's learning in the classroom about the way people lived during the Stone Age.



Nativity

This month, KS1 were busy rehearsing for their nativity production and last week they performed for the whole school, as well as parents/carers. This year's production was entitled a Midwife Crisis. A big thank you to the KS1 team for all their hard work and to the children for putting such a wonderful performance. After the show, children from years 5 and 6 could not stop raving about the top-notch acting and singing!

Earlier in the month, Myzat went to find out from Miss Hogg how they have been getting on.

Has everybody been trying hard?

Yes, all the children have been practicing our songs and they have become more confident at acting.

How are you getting the costumes?

We have the amazing Mrs. Roberts and Ms. Houria making all the costumes.

Which children are involved in the play?

Everyone in year 2 are involved in acting and year 1 is singing for us.

How long did you spend rehearsing?

A lot of time! Many afternoons!

Do all the children have a script?

We all look at it but the children with a speaking part only practice with it.

Is everyone excited to do the play?

Really excited!

Attendance

For the first full term of school this year, our attendance is 96%. We are at the expected 96% that is required by the government.

The top four classes for this term are:

- Sparrow at 96.9%
- Robin at 96.7%
- Maple and Bluebell at 96.6%

Well done to the 121 children that will receive a wristband for 100% attendance!

Calendar of Events

Please check the website for updates
January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inset Day	Children return to school					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9:00 - 10:00 BFB Labs parent meeting					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Maths Workshop Y5&6 Road safety show	Maths Workshop	Maths Workshop Year 1 & 2 Road Safety Workshop	Maths Workshop	Maths Workshop		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Nursery Stay and Play Disability workshop Beech trip: Museum of London Docklands	Reception Stay and play Willow trip: Museum of London Docklands	Disability workshop			

Right of the Week

Focus right of the week:

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this (Article 27).

Pupils say this is important because:

'because you should feel happy with your family and live in a house that is safe and waterproof.'

- Key Stage 1 Pupil from Tulip

'because people need houses to survive and some families don't have enough money for food and supplies so the government should make sure people are able to take care of themselves.'

- Key Stage 2 Pupil from

Shoe Donation

This month the Southwark Park community come together and donated 287 pairs of shoes to support people in need of footwear. The student council carried the shoes over to Clark's in Surry Quays where they will get cleaned and refurbished. Not only is this a great community outreach opportunity, but it is also a good lesson for the children to see that reusing items is more sustainable for the environment.



Year 4 Tate Britain



Last year Steve McQueen launched an ambitious project aimed at photographing year 3 children from London's 2,410 primary schools. Steve McQueen said he wants the project to 'reflect on who we are, where we come from, what is the future.' Now as year 4 children, Magpie and Starling took a trip to the Tate Britain to see their photograph in the art installation. If you haven't had a chance to see the exhibition it is worth the trip over the winter holiday.

Carol Concert

A big thank you to City Hope Church for continuing the tradition of hosting the Southwark Park carol service! The children all had a lovely time performing their year group song and joining in with the whole school carols. Also, well done to the eight readers from across the school that read winter poetry and to the choir for your lovely performance. I think we can agree that the parents and children alike were impressed with how polished their reading and singing was!

Dates to Remember

School will be closed the week of Monday 23rd December until Monday the 6th of January 2020. School will resume on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

We would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you back in 2020!