



Dear Parents

The Summer Term is going by so quickly, with so many trips, events and activities happening in school. At the end of the Spring Term, we were visited by the Independent Schools Inspection team for a full inspection. We were delighted that the inspectors found the school to be Excellent in all areas. Double Excellent is the best result possible from a full educational quality and focused compliance inspection. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work and commitment and parents for their support. Here are a few of the comments taken directly from the ISI report (the full report can be found on our website):

‘Pupils’ academic and non-academic achievements are excellent. They attain highly and make rapid progress from their starting points.’

‘In all lessons seen, pupils concentrated extremely well and were highly engaged with the topic, consistently demonstrating a diligent approach to learning.’

‘Pupils develop aspirational attitudes because they experience typically very dynamic, pacey and enthusiastic teaching that motivates and excites them.’

‘Pupils’ confidence and readiness to persevere stem from staff’s very warm relationships with pupils, characterised by a preponderance of praise and encouragement.’

‘The oldest pupils’ books exhibit advanced subject knowledge across the whole range of subjects. For example, pupils record scientific information clearly, making effective use of diagrams, accurate use of scientific notation and calculations using the correct units.’

‘By the time they reach the end of the Reception year, a higher proportion of children in the EYFS attain a good level of development than those in early years settings nationally, with school data indicating that high percentages of these children attain beyond national expectations.’

‘Pupils’ books contain work of high quality in all areas of mathematics.’

‘Pupils’ communication skills are outstanding.’

‘Pupils display outstanding moral behaviour and values. Behaviour seen throughout the inspection across the school was uniformly excellent.’



King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

The whole school had a wonderful Coronation Day celebration on Thursday 4th May. We had themed activities all day, a throne (complete with crown and sceptre) and life-sized model of King Charles! Our pupils had been preparing for this event in their Art lessons, creating wonderful displays inside the school. At lunchtime we enjoyed a street party in our playground with a themed Coronation lunch including the King's recipe for his Coronation Quiche. Everyone joined in and wore red, white and blue. For our Coronation celebration lunch, our Chef, Rohan, exceeded our expectations with his delicious King Charles III Quiche, served with roasted potatoes and mixed salad. This was followed by a scrumptious scone with strawberries and cream. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating and luckily the sun shone for us!





Running Club

This term, Mrs Trivedi has been doing a Run Club early before school so the children can join her for a brisk run around the park. All the pupils have shown resilience, fortitude, determination and great camaraderie. They are running around 5km in approximately 40 minutes and improving each week.



Year 3 Fractions

Our Year 3 pupils ended their fractions unit in Maths with a fun little investigation.

Their task was to find out if all packets of mini Haribos and shared bags of Maoam Stripes have:

- a) the same number of sweets and
- b) the same fractions of types of sweets.

The children really enjoyed this investigation and discovered all the answers. They created a lovely display in class with all their findings and of course they were able to eat the sweets at the end!



Year 3 to 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 3 to 6 children went on a wonderful residential trip to Cuffley Activity Centre this term. The accommodation was in a pod village within a woodland setting with a climbing wall, high ropes, archery, problem solving, team building and zip line activities to name but a few. In the evenings they enjoyed a barbeque and pizza night, sitting around the campfire. Everyone had so much fun and were encouraging each other to get out of their comfort zones and take part in all the centre had to offer.

The trip required fortitude, self-control and kindness to others. We are very proud of our pupils and how they grasped the opportunities offered, improving their skills and developing their character by building resilience and confidence.





Years 1 & 2 Trip to The Barbican and The Charterhouse

Our Year 1 & 2 children visited the Barbican on Thursday 18th May to see the London Symphony Orchestra performing alongside a story called 'Stan and Mabel'. The children were invited to sing along with the catchy songs and saw all the different sections of the Orchestra in action with a Conductor leading them all. After a picnic lunch, the classes then visited The Charterhouse, a fascinating building dating back to 1348. The children had a tour of the building and particularly enjoyed seeing a real skeleton dating back to the plague which linked in with their History lessons. Here are some of their thoughts about the day:

"My favourite bit about the Charterhouse was the chamber room where we saw the picture of Queen Elizabeth the 1st." – William

"I enjoyed the Barbican Centre and what I found interesting was the skeleton in the Charterhouse". – Merrie

"I liked the skeleton because of the Black Death. I liked the monks because they were interesting, they were quiet all of the time". - Rexley



Early Years Forest School in Lammas Park

The children in Nursery and Reception have been thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions this term. Activities have included playing in the mud kitchen, making bookmarks from flowers, making clay pots and creating beeswax candle melts. The pupils also love the opportunity to hunt for bugs and swing on the hammock!

Some of the children's reactions to Forest School:

"I love swinging on the hammock." – Michael

"We like playing with logs." – Sasha

"I love playing and eating popcorn in Forest School." - Kloe



Reception Topic on Magic

Our Reception children have been learning about magic. They created a very special magic potion and took part in an experiment! The children really enjoyed the topic.

Parisa said, "I loved making the potion!"

Hiroto said, "It was fun to watch it bubble."

Cricket Match v Avenue House

We had our first Cricket match of the season on Friday 19th May against Avenue House. The match was close with Avenue House winning by just a few runs. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to the next match on Friday 26th May.



Thank you to all our parents who came into school to see their children's work showcases. We want to give our families more opportunities to see the school and will be including these showcases each term. I am also delighted that our 'Friends of Clifton Lodge' parents group is now up and running and we held our first event, a 2nd hand clothes sale / coffee morning a couple of weeks ago – please let us know if you wish to be involved in any future events and planning.

I wish all our families a very relaxing half-term break.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Belsito'.

Michael Belsito

Head