

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

We were very excited to welcome your children back to school after the half term break. The week has involved a range of learning opportunities, both in school and with the local community.

Art & Culture-Chinese New Year Celebrations

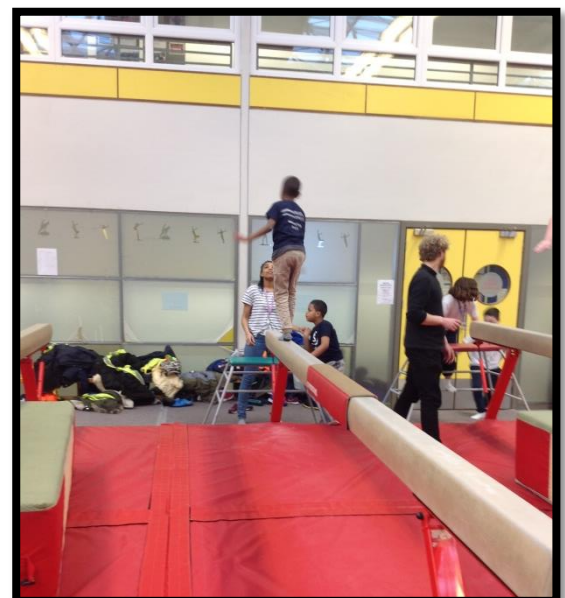
We began the second half of the Spring Term on Monday by celebrating the Chinese New Year and welcoming in the 'Year of the Dog'. Classes from across the school took part in immersion activities about Chinese culture in the Drama Studio and artistic decorations in the Art Room. Pupils also explored the language, writing, and key symbols linked to this celebration.



Sports-Camden and UK Competitions

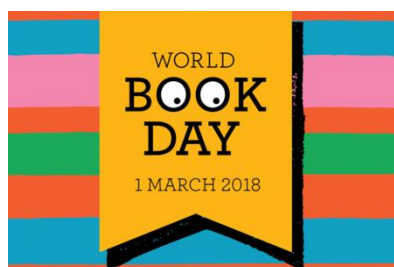
Lower school pupils took part in the Camden Primary Gymnastics Competition. They explored key movements and positions, and participated with enthusiasm and focus. It was wonderful to see how they engaged with other participants.

Pupils in the Upper School also took part in the UK Wallball Competition. We are partners with the UK Wallball Organisation, and enjoyed being involved in an event that involved other schools committed to this form of sport. Pupils had to create the design of their wall and took part with other young people confidently. The event on the last day of the International Wallball Tournament! The event ended with pupils receiving certificates, t-shirts, bags and balls.



College 'Taster' Days

Our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 learners began 'taster days' at colleges just before the half term break. The aim is to build on the skills they have developed at school as they learn in the new college environments. Visits have also started to the Leighton Project and Harrington Scheme with further visits planned to Westminster Kingsway College, City of Westminster College and City and Islington Colleges. It is wonderful to support this transition process early so that the young pupil can understand the difference in the learning environments and buildings.



World Book Day: Thursday, 1st March 2018

We are excited about World Book Day! All pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character. The day will involve a range of sensory communication, literacy, and reading activities to celebrate the power of Books!

Activities for Parents

Family Cooking Course: The Family Cooking Course begins on **Monday, 26 February 10:00 – 12:30**. It will be held in the flat on the 4th floor and run over the next 4 weeks. This will be very 'hands on' with parents cooking and sharing food, and with an emphasis on healthy options and activities that can be shared with the whole family. Please join us at the school, it is open to all parents and carers.

Dental Health Advice for Parents: Nicola Ramnirine, Community Dentist, will be visiting the Parents Drop In Session on **Tuesday 6 March at 10:30** to talk about and demonstrate oral hygiene for children with special needs.

School Charity Glam Party: 28 February at 5:30 – 8:00 pm

A reminder that the 5th annual Glam Party on Wednesday. It is run by our Upper School students who will be helping sell gently used designer clothing and accessories donated to the school. This is a fundraising event and is a great opportunity to meet and enjoy time with other parents.

Best wishes,



Monika Gaweda, Head of School