



What a great start to the term we have had. We would like to welcome any new families who have recently joined us and we hope you are settling well into the Plumcroft Community. There has been so much going on. We hope you enjoy reading about all the events and activities that our children have been experiencing.



### The Wonderful Woolwich Carnival!

Year 4 children took part in the Woolwich Carnival on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of September. The children dressed up in attractive hats, bright orange tops and held banners and paraded through the heart of Woolwich. Our dancers moved rhythmically to the beat of the Plumcroft drummers. It was a brilliant event that brought many schools, parents, teachers, and community members together to celebrate the diverse culture of Woolwich!



### Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Plumcroft held a coffee morning. It was a huge success, as we raised an impressive total of £733.66!! Thank you for all of your donations.



### Nursery

All the children in Nursery have settled in well and are enjoying playing and learning with their new friends. On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, the children made carrot cake cupcakes to donate to the Macmillan Coffee Cake Sale.

### Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated. We had a huge response. We will be collecting again in January, when the food bank are expecting to need more supplies.

Thank you!!

### Diwali

Year 3 have been busy learning about Diwali. They have been creative in class, by making their own diya lamps and designing their own Rangoli patterns. Year 3 performed a Diwali assembly to Year 4 displaying all their great creations. Happy Diwali to all those celebrating.



### 'Spirit of the Ancestors'

Year 4 and Year 6 were given the opportunity to perform at Greenwich's Black History Month celebration event last week. The children performed 'Spirit of the Ancestors' with jazz trumpet player Byron Wallen and shared stories and memories of their own ancestors. It was a very moving performance and the children who took part should be very proud.

## Year 6

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Year 6 set off on a trip to experience aspects of Greenwich as tourists and get a clearer understanding of the impact of tourism on our local environment. The first stop was the O<sub>2</sub> to investigate what was on offer and how it might appeal to different types of tourists. From there, it was a short walk to the Emirates Cable Cars for a trip with a difference across the Thames! The children enjoyed an unusual view of London and there was certainly great excitement at seeing London from above. The



next stop was the Thames Clipper for a short hop up to Greenwich Park, where everyone was able to appreciate the wonderful sights and attractions available: The Maritime Museum, The Royal Observatory and the fabulous open spaces afforded by the park itself. A brief bus journey back to school allowed the children to appreciate their good fortune at having all of these wonderful opportunities on their doorstep.



## Year 1 at Forest School

Year 1 children went to Forest school this half term to investigate seasonal changes. The children from Plum Lane went to Shrewsbury Park and the children from Vincent Road went to Oxleas Woods.



They looked at the changes to the trees and collected signs of Autumn including; acorns and leaves that have fallen.

When they returned to school, they made pictures using the things they had collected during the visit. The children were

extremely creative and made wonderful pictures. Year 1 will be returning to Forest school after half term.



## Year 5 & 6 Rugby

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October our Year 5 & 6 rugby team went to Old Colfeians RFC to take part in the annual Greenwich Tag Rugby competition. We competed against several other schools and remained unbeaten all day...until the final. We faced Invicta, just like last year, and unfortunately lost by two tries, just like last year! Miss Ings was especially impressed with the brilliant behaviour of Plumcroft and enjoyed being told

by lots of other adults how lovely our team was on the day. We came home with a trophy and lots of big smiles. If you are interested in taking part in club rugby, Old Colfeians offer lots of training opportunities for both boys and girls from age 5 onwards. Please see their website for more information. <https://www.ocrfc.co.uk/category/minis/>







## Year 4 at the Royal Albert Hall

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, Year 4 went to the Royal Albert Hall to watch and listen to 'Music for Youth

Primary Prom'. The children saw amazing and talented musicians, aged 7-30, perform live music in one of the most famous concert halls. Year 4 had the opportunity to experience music from: a percussion band, a string band and a choir. They also had the opportunity to create music using their voices and hands in between performances. Year 4 had a phenomenal day listening to the enjoyable music and hope to have this experience again.

## Our Local Area

Year 3 visited their local area, as part of their Topic lessons. The children were lucky enough to have Andy Brockman, who is an archaeologist and historian, to tell them about their local history. This included historical information about Eaglesfield Park, the Burial Mound and Oxleas Woods.

## Did you know that Eaglesfield Park used to be a pond?



## Chineke Orchestra

Last Wednesday, seven musicians from the Chineke Orchestra came to Plumcroft to tell Year 5 & 6 about themselves. They taught the children new songs and told stories about two musicians based in Greenwich. One particular song was named 'Sweet Mother'. Some of the Year 5 children then went into workshops. The children were given percussion instruments, to play a melody from Sweet Mother, which they practised then played along with the septet in a final performance. It was a great workshop.

Angel and Eliza (5M)

## Year 2 Explore Materials!

This term Year 2 have explored different materials, such as plastic, wood and metal. They have looked at different objects and identified what material they are made from.

They have also looked at the suitability of various materials and tested them. The children have carried out a scientific experiment to test whether certain materials were waterproof or absorbent.

## Singing at Plumcroft

The children are making excellent progress in their Singing Workshops each week with Miss Shepherd. They are working hard on developing their musical skills like singing in other languages, pitch, rhythm, breath support, and singing in harmony. They are learning that the voice is a powerful instrument. Miss Shepherd has been highly impressed with the children's focus and energy in Singing and they are proving to be talented singers. Well done! There will be three Singing Concerts at the end of November for parents to come and hear the children perform - so make a note in your diaries. The exact times of each concert will be confirmed and sent home in November.

**Plumcroft Performs** - Save the Date!

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November:**

Year 1 & Year 2 Singing Concert - Plum Lane School

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**

Year 3, 4 & 5 Singing Concert - Plumstead Manor

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:**

Year 1 Singing Concert - Vincent Road Campus





## The Big Half 2020

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March The Big Half Community Running Festival takes place. Plumcroft has purchased 20 tickets for **parents, carers, staff and friends of Plumcroft** to take part in the half marathon distance (13.1 miles) - The Vitality Big Half. We are delighted to receive such a reduced rate for tickets and to be able to pass them on to you for free. Successful applicants will be able to raise money for the school via the Virgin Money Giving website.

Please register your interest by sending a message to this email address:  
**activities@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk**

You must include... email address, first name and last name. The cut-off date to register your interest will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.00. There will then be a random draw to select who has a ticket.



## Daily Mile Continues...

Well done to all the children and teachers for participating in the Daily Mile. The Daily Mile is all about improving the health and wellbeing of children. The benefits they gain are physical, emotional, social and mental – all from running or jogging, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day.

Some classes are joining the 'Daily Mile Marathon Challenge'. See the poster below for more details...



## Horse Riding

A group of children from KS2 have been lucky enough to be able to go horse riding every week, which is brilliant fun. The horses the children ride are called Gypsy, Tiny Tim and Willow. The children have learnt how to steer the horses over poles and around cones.

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## #RunWithEliud

The Daily Mile marathon challenge



### Can your class run a Daily Mile marathon?

Starting at number 1, work your way around the route, ticking off a number each time your class completes a Daily Mile. How many Daily Miles can you do together by Friday 29th November?

Do your Daily Mile as usual - running or jogging outside for 15 minutes, every day if you can. Every Daily Mile that you do will count as one mile in The Daily Mile marathon challenge!



Don't forget to share pictures on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram of your class doing The Daily Mile using #DailyMile and #RunWithEliud

You can tag @EliudKipchoge too, so he knows you're running with him!

[www.thedailymile.co.uk](http://www.thedailymile.co.uk)



## An activity to do at home: Pumpkin Spice Scones

### Ingredients:

450g self-raising flour, plus extra for rolling  
100g cold butter  
50g golden caster sugar  
1-2 tsp pumpkin spice  
200g cooked pumpkin  
80-100ml milk



### Method:

- 1) Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Put the flour in a bowl and coarsely grate in the butter (dipping the butter into the flour can make it easier to grate; do this as often as you need). Use a butter knife to stir the butter into the flour, then mix in the sugar and spice.
- 2) Add the pumpkin and 80ml milk to the flour mixture and quickly stir everything together. Add more milk if you need to.
- 3) Tip the mixture onto a floured surface and lightly bring together with your hands a couple of times. Roll out until 4cm thick and stamp out rounds with a 7cm cutter. Re-shape the trimmings until all the dough has been used. Place the rounds on a lightly floured baking sheet and brush the tops with any remaining milk. Bake for 10-12 mins until risen and lightly browned.

## House and Vice Captains

Congratulations to all of the Year 6 pupils who delivered speeches in the hope of being elected as House Captains. Yet again, the voting was the extremely close. All of the speeches were extremely informative and delivered in a very professional manner.

Well done to you all. The winners were:

Birch - House Captain - Skye Jones

Vice-Captain - Lawrence Masawi and Emma Kiss

Elm - House Captain - Shaun Emele

Vice-Captain - Tillie Brown

Oak - House Captain - Bibi Speak

Vice-Captain - Malachi Hyles

Willow - House Captain - Fernando Nvo-Abaga Nkogo

Vice-Captain - Theo Harris

## Playground Friends

Thank you for all your applications. Below are the names of Plumcroft's Playground Friends:

Logan-5M

Olive -5M

Blaike -5M

Francesca-5M

Angel -5M

Magdalena -5M

Ariella -5HW

Heidi -5HW

Nailah -5HW

Ruqaiya – 5HW

Che- 5HW

Joey 5LM

Faathiya -5LM

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening – Please see letter that will be sent home for date and time for your child
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	3.30pm-5.30pm	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.30am – 11am	Plum Lane Reception Open Morning
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	All Day	Individual Photographs – Plum Lane
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.30am – 11am	Vincent Road Reception Open Morning
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.30am – 11am	Plum Lane Reception Open Morning
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	AM	Individual Photographs –Vincent Road
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7.00pm-9.00pm	Band playing at Blackheath Halls
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	All Day	Nasal Flu Spray (Reception – Y5)-Plum Lane
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Times to be confirmed	Singing Concert – Plumstead Manor
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	All Day	Nasal Flu Spray (Reception and Year 1)- Vincent Road
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	2pm	Vincent Road Reception PM Christmas Performance
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	2pm	Year 2 Christmas Performance Plum Lane
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10am	Vincent Road Reception AM Christmas Performance (repeated)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.45pm	Nursery PM Christmas Performance
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am	Nursery AM Christmas Performance
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am	Plum Lane Reception AM Christmas Performance (repeated)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Day	Frosty Friday – Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	2.00pm	Year 5 Christmas Performance- Classes TBA
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am	Year 5 Christmas Performance- Classes TBA
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	2.00pm	Year 5 Christmas Performance- Classes TBA
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am	Year 5 Christmas Performance- Classes TBA
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PM	End of Term Parties

**We hope you have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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