



PLUMCROFT

Times



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. It certainly has been a different start to the school year, but we are really proud of how all the children and staff are managing this new situation. We hope you enjoy reading about all the events and activities that our children have been experiencing.

Pup-date with Inca

Inca has settled into school life really well and is adored by lots of children and staff. Children at the Vincent Road site were delighted to see Inca when she visited this week. She will be visiting them every few weeks. She has started to spend time with individual children as well as 'meeting and greeting' as everyone arrives in the morning.

It was her first birthday on 12th September. She has been treated to a new grooming brush and a special game which rewards her with treats if she solves the puzzle. Chasing a

tennis ball seems to be her absolute favourite thing to do. It's a good job Miss Ings thinks she's super cute!



Anti-Racism Working Party

Every month, a large group of staff meet to discuss our school curriculum and procedures. We are determined to ensure that Plumcroft is at the forefront of creating an anti-racist, inclusive, broad and wide-ranging education within our community and for our future citizens. Staff from Nursery to Year 6 (with every year group in between) have ordered new books for literacy, topic and book corners. Our topics are being enriched with a wider variety of stories in History, Science, Geography and the Arts. Black history and other stories about equality will continue to be taught all year round. This is an ongoing job, and we are constantly on the look out for new ideas and resources.

Please get in touch if you would like to contribute ideas, or if you would like to find out more.

Mighty Milers off to a flying start!

The Year 6 Mighty Milers running club are off to a flying start! During their first run together they completed 3.2 miles! We have never had a group of runners manage such a big distance in week 1. Staff believe it is the impact of 4 years of doing the Daily Mile.

Normally Mighty Milers work towards running a marathon distance of 26.2 miles...this year we are going to need to set a harder challenge! Perhaps an ultra-marathon? Thank you to Mrs Burton, Miss Bell and Miss Henton for putting on your trainers every week and helping everyone get some much needed fresh air and exercise.



Nursery

All of our new nursery children have now started in the nursery class. They have settled well and have enjoyed making new friends. They are enjoying the current topic ' Rhyme time and festival fun!'

Welcome to Plumcroft Primary School.

Year 3 visit their Local Area

As part of their Topic lessons, Year 3 visited their local area.

Andy Brockman, who is an archaeologist and historian, took the children around their local area and told them many interesting facts. The children learned about what Plumcroft was like 100 years ago, the Burial Mound, the Water Tower and Eaglesfield Park. The children enjoyed their trip and have written detailed recounts about it.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Reception have really enjoyed learning about Jack and the Beanstalk this term. They have been growing their own beanstalks and had a go at changing the story so that their beanstalks would lead them to somewhere magical of their choice.



Year 5 Printing Workshop

Year 5 have been learning all about printing and we were lucky enough to have visitors that came to school to talk to us about printing. We were shown different types of art by different artists and in different styles, such as surrealism.

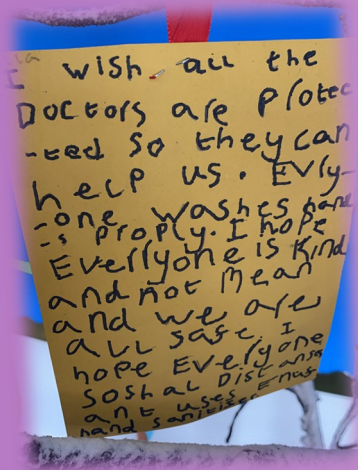
After that, we drew our own designs on paper and then transferred them onto a piece of polystyrene. We had to lightly draw on it with a pencil before going over it. Next, we used a roller to roll oil paint over our

pictures before printing them onto sheets of sugar paper.



The children's artwork will be entered into a new competition called 'The Young London Print Prize'. Plumcroft are one of ten schools taking part across Woolwich and Thamesmead. The Young London Print Prize is part of the Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair and all their work will be shown in an online book.

Written by Lucie 5K and Polly 5M



A Wish Tree

Year Two at Vincent Road made a wish tree. They thought about their wishes for the world in the past year. They wrote beautiful statements of what they would like for the world and attached them to

ribbon. They thought about their feelings and the feelings of others and used these to create their wishes and designed them beautifully. One child commented, "Every day our wish tree brightens up the classroom and reminds us of our wishes for the world and for the future."



Ancient Egyptians and more...

Year Four have been busy learning about Ancient Egyptian pharaohs, pyramids and mummies in their Topic lessons. They have been designing and creating their own canopic jars to store body parts for the mummification process. They created their jars using paper cups, wrapped it in modroc and then decorated it using paint and pens. All the Year 4 children have worked very hard and are proud of their creations.



Year 6 Visit to Rockliffe Gardens

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October, Year 6 visited Rockliffe Gardens in Plumstead. This was linked to this half term's Topic "The Holiday Show". Rockliffe Gardens is a hidden gem, tucked away behind King's Highway. A quiet, green space full of local flora and wildlife. The gardens are a haven for local dog walkers. The children were given the task of devising a new facility or feature for the gardens, which would benefit the local community and give the gardens a higher profile, enabling more

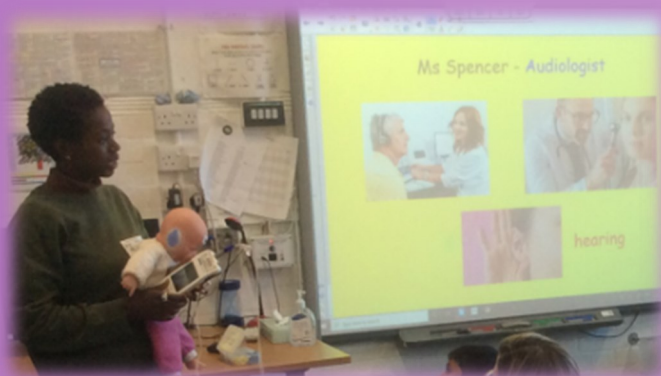
people to enjoy the space. After the visit, the children will write a proposal about

their idea for the gardens and will present it to Councillor Matthew Morrow and Claire Lambert (Community Engagement Officer for Parks and Recreation) from Greenwich Council. A really exciting opportunity for our Year 6s to get a glimpse into the world of local government and have their say!



It's all about the human body and senses...

Year 1 have been learning about the human body and the senses this half-term. As part of this topic, Year 1 at Plum Lane were fortunate to have a very interesting talk from a guest speaker. Massy, an Audiologist



and the manager of Newborn Hearing Screening in South London, came in to talk to the children about hearing and newborn hearing screening. They were shown an Accuscreen, had the opportunity to explore a 3D model of a human ear and enjoyed locating the smallest bone in the body (the stapes in the middle ear). They will not forget what the cochlea looks like after seeing that it looks like a snail's shell!

Music News

All of our instrumental lessons have started up again and are very popular! We will have a few more spaces for children in years 3, 4 and 5 after half term - if your child would like to learn the drums, flute, clarinet or saxophone please sign up through Magicbooking.

Congratulations to Ms Chynna, on the birth of her little boy, Freddie. We wish her all the best for her journey through parenthood.



Raising money for Breast Cancer Research

On Thursday, staff wore something pink to show their support for Ms Ford who is raising money for Breast Cancer

research. Ms Ford has

bravely beaten cancer this year and wants to help others.



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/toni-ford2?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=toni-ford2&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=ea87ee74c90447fba1e33b063205558e&FB_PRIVATE_TRACKING=%7B%22loggedout_browser_id%22%3A%227f5c30dcaa32726842ecdd124af078f1690d558f%22%7D&fbclid=IwAR3iyyKQ98o2m-wUPBnFWXfyQptps9MgccFCmLBueF1cR4t-W5gJI_GWH6Q



Term dates for the next academic year (2020/21):

Half Term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Please note: Children finish school at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December

Spring Term – Monday 4th January 2021 until Wednesday 31st March 2021

INSET Day – Monday 4th January – Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January

Half Term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Please Note: Children finish school at 1.30pm on Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term – Monday 19th April 2021 until Friday 23rd July 2021

Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET Day – Monday 19th April – Children return to school on Tuesday 20th April

Please Note: Children finish school and break up at 1.30pm on Friday 23rd July.

We hope you have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Stay safe and have fun!