



PLUMCROFT



Times

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first Plumcroft Times of 2022. We have had another fabulous term.

It is truly wonderful knowing how hardworking and resilient our Plumcroft children are.

We really hope you enjoy reading the articles and looking at the pictures, which share all of the exciting lessons the children have been part of. We are planning to update the newsletter later this year and would love some feedback and ideas on how we can improve it. Keep your eyes peeled for a newsletter questionnaire, which will be available via the app next half term.



Year 3 Roman Day!

As part of their Topic, Year 3 have been learning all about Romans, from what they wore to how they impact our lives today. The children have been very lucky, as they have experienced life as a Roman.

The day consisted of lots of fun activities, such as clay pottery, mosaic making and eating a Roman feast. The children really enjoyed eating grapes and raisins, bread dipped in olive oil and drinking apple juice. Most of the children agreed that Roman food is not as yummy as the food they are lucky enough to eat today.

To finish the day, all the children participated in a Roman battle, which was lead by Andy Brockman. The children thoroughly enjoyed charging around using their homemade shields and swords.



Overall, the children had a fabulous day, and it was a great way to tie up their Roman Topic.

A big thank you to the children and parents for putting together their wonderful costumes; all the children looked marvellous. Also, a huge thank you to Andy, who made the day extra fun.



In Pursuit of Excellence

Year 6 reading with Reception

This term, children at the top of the school have volunteered their time to read with the very youngest! Three times a week, for twenty minutes, year 6 join their reading buddy in Reception to share favourite stories. Books are chosen by the younger child, but read by the older one, using all the experience and skills they have gained since they were five themselves.

It is hoped that all the children taking part gain from this collaborative project – a new ‘sibling’ to learn from, or ask questions. Some of the year 6 taking part remember being read to when they were in Reception! An amazing full ‘circle of reading’ at Plumcroft.



What's that you hear?

This term, Year 4 have been learning about sound. They have been exploring vibrations, sounds across the school and how sound is created. They understand about different pitches and how sound travels through the ear to enable us to hear. They have taken part in different experiments such as, a ‘sound walk’ through the school and listening to how sounds change according to distance. Year 4 have used these skills to create their own instruments.



Panpipes to explore changing pitch.



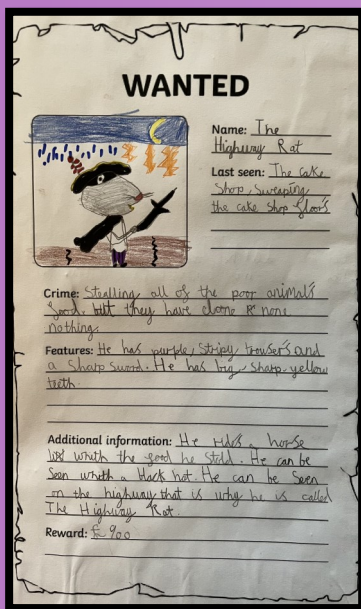
Spring telephones to explore how sound changes over distance.



Year 5 investigate a crime scene...

Year 5 have been reading Macbeth as part of our Literacy and Topic work. The children had a very exciting day in which they investigated a crime scene in their classrooms.

There was police tape, an outline of a body and some suspicious items at the scene! Using their best detective CSI work, they deduced that King Duncan had been murdered! Then they decided who the suspects were and conducted a police interview to question them! The children really enjoyed reading Macbeth and taking part in a Macbeth drama workshop.



The Highway Rat

This half term Year 2 have been busy reading Julia Donaldson's 'The Highway Rat'. They have produced some lovely work based on the text, including character descriptions, drama through role play and even some eye-catching wanted posters!

The children also enjoyed creating their own characters to add into the story. With any luck, that pesky rat will be tracked down soon!

North and South Pole Magnets

In Science this half term, Year 3 have been learning all about magnets. They have been busy carrying out lots of experiments such as, seeing how strong different magnets are and exploring materials to see if they are magnetic or not. Did you know that if you put a bar magnet under a sheet of paper and sprinkle iron powder lightly over the top, you will suddenly see the invisible magnetic field as the particles stick to it?



Rockets and Spaceships

In Year 1, the children have been getting creative and have made junk model spaceships and rockets. The children watched some examples of rockets launching into space to help inspire their own designs. They used materials such as bottles, cardboard and lids to make the models. After, they used tissue and glue to make the models. After, they used tissue and glue to papier-mache the rockets, so that they could paint them.

The children are hoping that the brightly coloured rockets will be spotted from space!



Rainforests

Year 2 have been exploring Rainforests, which links to their Literacy and Topic lessons. The children have been reading the core text 'Roaming through the Rainforest', which is an exciting rhyming story that takes them on a journey through the lush colourful rainforest. Along the way the children met lots of beautiful animals and creatures.



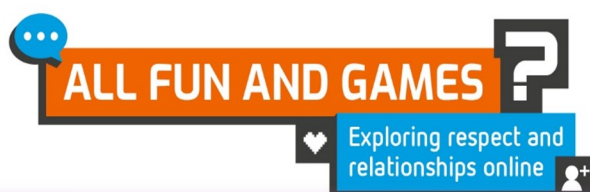
New Nursery Class at Vincent Road

It has been a very exciting half term opening the new Nursery Class at Vincent Road. All the children have now settled in really well and seem to be happy. The children had a great time learning all about 'Chinese New Year!'. From all of us in Nursery 'Kung Hei Fat Choi'.



Sew, a needle pulling thread...

Year 1 have been learning about Space and Toys (old and new). Some of the children had an opportunity to make dolls from pegs and other recycled materials. They also showed off their sewing skills by making their very own Binca toys! With such amazing creations, who knows... they could be sewing for the next catwalk!



Plumcroft celebrated Safer Internet Day on 8th February. The theme this year was 'ALL FUN AND GAMES' This explored respect and relationships online. The goal is to encourage everyone to think about respect and relationships in online gaming. Throughout the year, we have been having healthy discussions about online safety but this week, we really focused on being respectful online. Some classes watched online safety videos, acted out role-play scenarios, took SID quiz, made online safety posters and shared our ideas on Padlet.

Additionally, there are excellent tips and advice for parents and carers to help you keep your child safe online that you can access directly through the Safer Internet website

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Online safety is an important issue which as a school, we are committed to teaching our children, parents and staff about.

Exciting things happening in Music!

We are proud at Plumcroft to have over 350 enthusiastic children learning an instrument. It's great to have group instrument lessons available for children as young as Reception all the way through to Year

6. The children are bringing their Red Music Folder each week. Keep it up! Practise makes perfect.

Senior Band on Mondays has made a great start with Miss Percy. They are learning to perform as an ensemble and sound great playing Mamma Mia together.

Rhythm Band on Tuesdays are working on the Blues with Mr James and are uniting as a musical team.

Plumcroft Voices Choir on Wednesdays are learning songs from around the world with Miss Tatiana.

They are learning to sing and perform together using body movements and their voices.



Family Concerts

Anyone who wants some weekend musical fun and to see the amazing London Symphony Orchestra Family Events.

<https://lso.co.uk/lso-discovery/discovery-families/family-concerts.html>

Safeguarding children

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This is just a reminder that should any adult ask you about a child other than your own; please refer them to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards

Annette Graney – Deputy Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead

A new fitness class - EMPOWER

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ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12 YEARS

MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

FROM 8AM-4PM EVERY DAY

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CAMP LOCATIONS

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FOSSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Way (Entrance via Calydon Road), Charlton, SE7 7NQ

ELTHAM
GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Grangehill Road (Entrance via Craigton Road), Eltham, SE9 1QG

NEW ELTHAM
WYBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Footscray Road, New Eltham, SE9 2EH

PLUMSTEAD
BARNHOCKBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Church Manor Way, Plumstead, SE2 0NY

SIDCUP - CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE DUE TO BUILDING WORKS

WOOLWICH
PLUMCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Vincent Road, Woolwich, SE18 6RG

COST DETAILS

£18 PER CHILD PER DAY £80 PER CHILD PER WEEK*

Sibling discounts and weekly discounts available.

Full Week - 1 Child £80
Full Week - 2 Children £152
Full Week - 3 Children £225
*(Mon-Fri)

TIMES

STANDARD DAY 9-3PM
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8AM
LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4PM
Early Drop off (from 8am-9am) = £5
Late Pick Up (from 3pm-4pm) = £5

All staff are DBS CHECKED and all lead staff are FIRST AID TRAINED

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Mathletics and REDIWRITER Year 3 - 6

Please remind and encourage your child to log on to Mathletics and REDIWRITER during the half term. Remember your child will need to earn 1000 points to receive a bronze certificate. Don't forget points reset on Sunday night. If you have any problems with logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Important Dates

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 2nd March and Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March

Remaining Staff Training Days (INSET)

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Term Dates for 2021/2022 Term / Holiday

Spring Term 2: Monday 21st February 2022 - Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 1: Wednesday 20th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022

Summer Term 2: Monday 6th June 2022 - Friday 22nd July 2022

**We hope you have a lovely half term.
We look forward to seeing you on Monday 21st February.**

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Congratulations to Ms Gemma, who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Another lovely addition to our Plumcroft family.

