



Welcome to the first Plumcroft Times for this academic year. We have had a fantastic start to the year and we hope you enjoy reading what the children have been busy doing at school.



### Miss Whytock ran the London Marathon

Miss Whytock raised £2500 for Bowel Cancer UK in memory of her Mum, by running the London Marathon dressed as a poo emoji. This was to remind everyone to check their poo! Thank you to all who donated and all who came out in Woolwich to support!

Miss Whytock says, *"It was amazing to see lots of Plumcroft children cheering me on and I know I will see many of you doing the London Marathon in the future!"*



### Year 6 Trip Around Greenwich



On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October, as part of their Geography topic 'Our Local Area', Year 6 set off on their trip to Greenwich. First on the agenda was the O2 Arena, where they viewed the various facilities, restaurants and building itself – including the "Up at the O2" attraction, where you can walk across the top of the dome! From there, it was on to the Emirates Cable Cars for a thrilling ride across the Thames and fabulous views in the autumn sunshine. Many of the children conquered their fears and not only completed the ride, but thoroughly enjoyed it.

A quick trip on the Thames Clipper took the children to Greenwich Pier, where they enjoyed lunch in the shadow of the world-famous Cutty Sark – another of Greenwich's many tourist attractions – before entering Greenwich Park itself. One of London's most scenic Royal Parks, it is home to The National Maritime Museum, The Royal Observatory and the famous statue of General Wolfe, who looks across the park to The Royal Naval College and beyond to Canary Wharf; perhaps one of the most spectacular views in London.



The children then enjoyed some free time in the park, before heading to the bus stop and back to Plumcroft a tired, but happy, bunch.





## It's all about Superheroes for Year 1

Using Superheroes as this half term's topic, Year 1 have created ingenious villains out of classroom items to inspire descriptive writing. They have also been learning about the human body and have created x-ray images of their hand using black card, chalk and strips of white paper.



## Reception

Reception's topic this term has been 'Marvellous Me'. The children shared pictures of their family and talked about who lives in their home. They talked about their similarities and differences using the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos'.

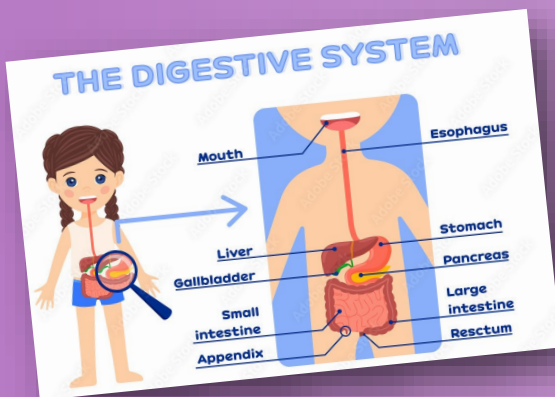
After, the children turned themselves into aliens and they realised that although they all look different it is important that they are all treated the same.

They children also discussed their feelings and emotions using 'The Colour Monster' book. The children discussed the different emotions they feel sometimes and how they can use different strategies to help them manage them.



## Human Digestive System

Year 4 have had a great start back to school this half term. In science they have been learning all about the human digestive system. This has culminated in a very messy experiment where they use different equipment to mimic the journey food makes on its way through the body. The children created a realistic looking product, but thankfully without the smell!



## Hindu Temple

This term, Year 2 visited a Hindu Temple in Woolwich as part of their Religious Education studies. The Hindu building for communal worship is called Mandir (Hindu Temple). The temples are dedicated to different gods and are the focus of religious life. Worshippers repeat the names of their favourite gods, goddesses, and the mantra. Water, fruit, flowers and incense are offered to the gods. The children really enjoyed their trip and would like to return soon.





## Nursery

The Nursery children have settled back into Nursery welcoming lots of new friends. Their topic is called 'Knowing me, Knowing you'. The children have been talking about their families, learning about their bodies and how they are similar and different to each other.

The children have been learning the importance of personal hygiene too. They understand that everyone is unique and special!



## Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been finding out about everyday uses of materials. The children have been identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. They explored how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

The children found out about some man-made materials, their uses and their inventors.



## Exploring the local area

Recently, Year 3 went on a walk of the area with local historian Andy Brockman. They learnt about the history of the area of the school and found out some interesting facts too.



The children looked at past pictures of local landmarks such as; Plumstead Common and Eaglesfield Park, they were amazed at how much it had changed over time. The children enjoyed getting some fresh air, learning out side and increasing their daily step count!



## Year 5 visited the Planetarium

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to our year. The children have started learning about Space and have enjoyed reading Hidden Figures, a book about 4 of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program. They have also been enjoying learning about the history of Space exploration and the Space Race between America and Russia. In Science, they have been learning about the Solar System and the phases of the moon. The children really enjoyed their trip to the Planetarium in Greenwich and loved watching the Space Show!



# Book Recommendations

Year Group	Book		
Nursery			
Reception			
Year 1			
Year 2			
Year 3			
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6			

## Important Dates

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	By Appointment	Parents Evening (By Phone Years 1-6, in person for Reception and Nursery)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	By Appointment	Parents Evening (By Phone Years 1-6, in person for Reception and Nursery)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Individual and Sibling Photos – Vincent Road Campus
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Individual and Sibling Photos – Plum Lane Campus
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Reception Open Mornings (See Website)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Children in Need Day – Further information to follow.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23 November	-	Reception Open Mornings (See Website)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Plum Lane Campus – Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Frosty Friday and Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Vincent Road Campus – Year 1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Plum Lane Campus – EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Vincent Road "ELF" Theatre Show for EYFS
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Year 5 – Christmas Panto
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Plum Lane "ELF" Theatre Show for EYFS
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	More information coming soon	Vincent Road Campus – EYFS Christmas Performance



## Fun activities during the half term

### Woodlands Farm

Tuesday 25th October - 10am - 2pm  
*Autumn Wildlife - guided tour*

Friday 28th October 1pm - 4pm  
*Horrible Halloween*

### Horrible Histories at Cutty Sark

Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th October - 11am, 1pm, 2.30pm  
*Storytelling (included in general admission)*

### Guiding Lights Activities - National Maritime Museum

Saturday 22nd– 30th October  
*Drop in workshops to explore and play with light. Free event.*  
*Check out their website for more information.*  
[rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum/guiding-lights-october-half-term-activities](http://rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum/guiding-lights-october-half-term-activities)

### Victoria and Albert Museum

Wednesday 25th - Friday 28th October  
*Drop-in Design: Build a Prop!*  
*Design and create a giant cardboard prop to add to a large-scale stage designed by prop maker Isobel Irwin. Free event.*

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Miss Morgan who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy during the holidays. Mum and baby are doing really well. Also, congratulations to Ms Karla, who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Both are doing brilliantly!



### House Points

Well done to all the children this term for working incredibly hard and receiving hundreds of house points. A huge well done to the winning house **Oak**, who will have 30 minutes of extra playtime after half term.

## Getting to know the staff

### Mr Mulligan

**How long have you worked at Plumcroft?**

10 years.

**What is your job role?**

Year 4 class teacher.

**What do you love most about your job?**

Everyday is different.

**Why did you choose to work at Plumcroft?**

I had moved back to London and bought a house in Genesta Road. It is a great school and my children also attend Plumcroft.

### Ms Hudson

**How long have you worked at Plumcroft?**

12 years.

**What is your job role?**

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

**Why did you choose to work at Plumcroft?**

I chose to work at Plumcroft because I wanted to change my job and knew I wanted to work in a school. I became a HLTA shortly after that.

**What is your favourite Plumcroft quality and why?**

Kindness - because that is one thing everyone can show everyday.

**We hope you have a lovely break.**  
**We look forward to seeing you on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**