



Our Achievements 2018/19



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final few days of another very busy school year, we would like to share with you some of the highlights of this year and many of the achievements that make us feel very proud.



Bishop Pat came to visit our school in April and was very impressed by all that he saw.

Recently, we celebrated our rich cultural diversity with an International day. All our pupils came to school dressed in clothes, which reflected their cultural heritage. They brought fruit to share in their classes and had a fantastic barbecue at lunchtime. At the end of the day, we had a lovely parade in the playground and it was wonderful that so many of our parents and carers came to join us. Diversity is a very important focus for us throughout the year. We had a particular focus on Black History during the autumn term and on key figures. All classes had story telling sessions and created beautiful displays around the school.

A group of Chinese students came to spend a week in our school in the autumn term and we learnt a great deal from them.

During this year, we have supported a number of charities and raised over £2,500 for worthy causes. You donated a really generous amount of food for the Manna Centre, our local food bank and families in our school community at harvest. We also supported CAFOD and are represented on their website in their 'Zero Hero' campaign. At Christmas you enabled us to purchase over £700 worth of world gifts to support families in need in other countries. Many of you also put together beautiful Christmas hampers to donate to some of our families who are in need. At Christmas, our staff and pupils wore festive jumpers to raise money for the Jimmy Mizen Trust, to keep young people safe. You have also continued to donate to our school Food Bank which supports our school community.

During Lent, many of our pupils donated their pocket money to support Safe Havens and help young people feel safe in their communities. Margaret Mizen and her team came to work on a Safe Haven project with all our Year 5 pupils and this has helped them to understand about keeping safe.

We have recently set up our own Mini Vinnies group who will be actively working to support those in need in our community.

Our Year 5 pupils took part in the 'Roots of Empathy' programme throughout the year and had the joy of being visited regularly by baby Isla and baby Margo. They watched the babies grow and develop and have gained a tremendous amount from this experience. We will be looking for two new babies in September so that our Year 5 pupils can continue this excellent project next year.



Sport and physical development has had a high profile in our school this year.

We have had some amazing sports achievements this year. At the beginning of the year, we were delighted to be awarded the silver level 'School Sports' accreditation for our work throughout the previous year. We have worked really hard to build on this during the year and to ensure that this area is always a key focus in our school. We have used most of our Sports Funding to employ sports play leaders who organised activities during lunchtimes throughout the year. These have really engaged the children as well as improving their skills and fitness. We will continue with this provision next year.

All teachers provided children in their class with at least 2 hours of quality PE each week, be it gymnastics, dance, athletics or games. Skills in Football, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Dodge ball, Athletics and Gymnastics were all successfully incorporated into the year's curriculum. In the spring term, Year 4 classes attended dance classes led by a specialist teacher. Years 5 and 6 also enjoyed swimming lessons at Glassmills pool in Lewisham.

Many of our Year 6 pupils have been trained to be young sports leaders and have used their skills to support younger pupils.

All our pupils have continued to take part in the daily mile and we have really seen an improvement in fitness levels.

Once again, our school has enjoyed phenomenal inter-school sporting achievements this year.

Autumn Term:

Boys Year 5 and 6 football tournament **WINNERS!**
Sports Hall athletics second place
Girls Year 3-6 football tournament **Winners!**
Basketball tournament **Winners!**



Spring Term:

Multi-skills tournament Year 1 and 2 **Equal first place!**
'6 a side' football Year 3 and 4 **Winners!**
Quik Sticks Hockey festival Year 5 and 6 Second place



Summer Term:

High 5 Netball Tournament Year 5 and 6 Second place
Football tournament Year 1 and 2 **Winners!**
Kwik Cricket Year 3 and 4 **Winners**

Lewisham Glendale League Football September 18 – June 19

Girls Year 4 - 6 team – Finished 6th in Girls League – brilliant performance against mostly whole Year 6 teams.

Boys Year 6 team – Finished 4th in Year 6 League
Boys Year 5 team – 5th Year 5 League
Boys Year 6 shield FINAL - joint winners.



Many of our pupils play rugby with Old Colfeans and Football for a number of local clubs.

Some of our pupils have also been pursuing individual excellence in sports:

One of our Year 6 pupils is placed 2nd in the world in Karate. He is also a BMX champion. One of our Year 6 boys plays for Millwall Football club and another Year 6 boy plays cricket for Bromley. Many of our Year 4 pupils took part in a series of grass roots cricket coaching sessions in the spring term. A number of our pupils were chosen for extra coaching because they showed such promise. On Monday, they were invited to take part in the celebrations at the Oval, following the world cup win. This was an amazing experience for these pupils.





Our School Environment

We have continued to nurture our hens and guinea pigs this year. They have been greatly adored and given excellent care by the children.

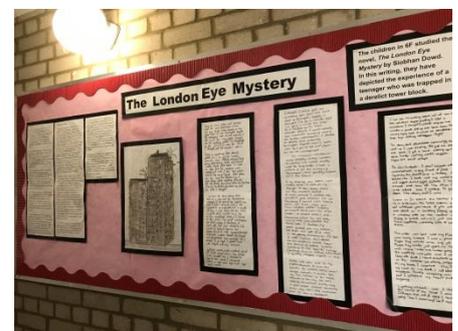
Year 2 pupils incubated eggs and watched their chicks hatch, grow and develop. This has been a wonderful learning experience for the children.

Year 6 classes have had two visits from 'the Bug Man' who brought many animals and helped the children to consolidate their learning in science.



Reception pupils hatched butterflies and observed their frogspawn develop into beautiful froglets.

We have been working hard to create wildlife spaces around the school. We have a range of bird and bat boxes as well as large bug hotels and log piles, which have been created by the children. We have a living roof on our Early Years building and lots of solar panels. Our pupils have planted lots of vegetables and fruit bearing plants around the school as well as those, which are bee and butterfly-friendly. Our fruit trees are coming along nicely and we will have a bumper crop of plums this year.



Educational Visits and Enrichment

All of the children have been on a wide range of very exciting educational visits which have really enriched their learning in so many areas and supported our very broad and vibrant curriculum. We began the year by taking a group of pupils to St George's Cathedral for a very special school mass to bless our school year.

All our Year 6 pupils went to Aylesford for a beautiful school service in May. We also took a group of pupils to St Matthew Academy for a special 'Picnic and Praise' celebration with our local schools in June. We have been to Our Lady of Lourdes' Church on many occasions throughout the year for special services. Fr. Emeke has also visited the school on a number of occasions to celebrate Masses and special events. Many of our classes have attended morning mass this term.

Our educational visits have included trips to the Bear Factory, the British Museum, the Horniman Museum, the Royal Academy, the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Tower of London, the National Portrait Gallery, Tate Modern, the Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory, the Globe Theatre, the Cutty Sark, St Paul's Cathedral, the Florence Nightingale Museum, Festival Hall, Woodlands Farm, Creekside Experience, London Zoo, Chislehurst Caves and Lullingstone Villa, to name but a few. Pupils have also been to visit the Thames Flood barrier and had a lovely river cruise.

All our pupils went to see a show at the theatre. Years 5 and 6 went to the Unicorn to see Grimm Tales and Reception, Year 1, 3 and 4 went to see Pinocchio at the Albany. Year 2 went to see Aladdin at Catford Broadway. Year 6 also had an amazing opportunity to see Romeo and Juliet at the Albany theatre and Year 1 went there to see Hansel and Gretel.

Year 6 also had a special trip to Sutcliffe Park to take part in skateboarding, scooting and climbing challenges.

Year 1 went to Pizza Express to make pizzas and Year 6 went to the Chartwell kitchen in Bellingham to create their pizzas. We had visits from the nutritionist at Chartwells so that all our pupils could engage in healthy eating activities and create delicious food.



All classes visited educational centers including, Eltham, Soane Centre and Woodland's Farm, to enable them to learn about living things in the environment and natural features such as rivers. Nursery went on a wonderful trip to Crystal Palace to see the animals and find out about dinosaurs. We have made many visits to Manor House Library and Park. Children have also visited the Lee Fire Station, Northbrook Park, Sutcliffe Park and Sainsbury's.

They visited Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Good Shepherd Church to learn about places of worship. Year 5 pupils visited the Jewish museum and Year 4 visited the Catford and Bromley Synagogue.

Year 2 and Year 4 went on fantastic two day school journeys to Wild Child in St Albans and Year 6 had a wonderful 4 day adventure with PGL in the Isle of Wight.

All our year 3 pupils took part in the Steve McQueen photography project. Their class photograph will be on exhibition at Tate Britain in the autumn term, in a huge installation created using photographs of hundreds of year 3 classes from London schools.

Year 5 girls spent a day at St Ursula's School where they had a taste of technology. Year 6 pupils have all been to their new schools to take part in induction days and staff from many secondary schools have come to visit the children. All of these experiences have really supported the children in their transition to secondary school.



These educational visits greatly enrich learning for all of the children. We subsidise most visits from money raised by our Friends Association. This year we continued to use public transport as much as possible for educational visits and we have walked where possible.

Many visitors came to our school this year to enrich our curriculum provision in all classes.

The 'Spring' dance company led a day of dance workshops for 4CW and they performed a beautiful dance on the Easter story for the rest of the school. A dance teacher from St Matthew Academy came to work with 4T for several weeks. This was a wonderful experience for the children.

Trinity Laban came to put on a special musical theatre performance of Madagascar for Year 2 and 3 pupils. This was fantastic. They also came to present music workshops for year 4 and 5 pupils.

A drama group ran sessions for Year 2 classes to enrich their topic work on Florence Nightingale. The children all gained a great deal from these experiences.

'Perform' theatre group have worked with our younger children on a number of occasions this year.

'Freshwater' theatre came to run fairy tales workshops for Early Years.

All our classes had story telling sessions during Black History month and most had African drumming sessions during our international day.



A group of Year 9 pupils from Bonus Pastor came to our school each week to read with our Year 4 pupils. This was a really positive experience for all involved.

This year we took part in the Bow Arts project and each of our classes had an inspirational drawing workshop. A number of our older pupils took part in a series of workshops throughout spring half term break. We held an art Week in school and the children took part in lots of exciting art activities. We will continue to work with this consortium next year.

The librarian from Manor House Library came to school on a number of occasions to read stories to the children and highlight reading events.



We have worked hard to keep all our children safe and to teach them to keep themselves safe in a range of situations.

Officers from the Fire Brigade came in to talk to all pupils in years 2 and 5 about all aspects of fire safety. Year 6 pupils also went to Lee Fire station to take part in Junior Citizens workshops to teach them about a range of aspects of personal safety

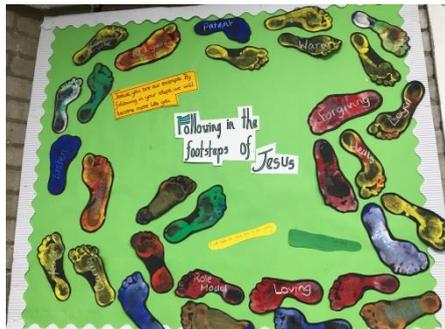
We continued the 'Kidscape' anti bullying project this year in many of our classes and the children led assemblies to empower their peers to deal with bullying behaviour. They also led Collective Worship encouraging pupils to help their peers to be happy at school and ensure that our school is a great place for all. They developed surveys for pupils and for parents and carers .

All our year 5 and 6 received first aid training this year to help them to react appropriately in an emergency situation.

The Power of One came to school to run anti bullying workshops for all our classes in November. In the autumn term, all our pupils from year 4 to year 6, took part in a block of six workshops on resilience and mindfulness run by 'Mindfuel'. They also had a refresher session in June. The children said that these sessions really supported them and helped them to manage their anxiety.

All our Year 6 pupils took part in really thought provoking workshops on knife crime and keeping safe. They also took part in workshops on self-defence led by Cobra Defence.

We received accreditation as a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion last year and this was re-assessed this month. We were delighted to be given this highest level accreditation again.



Sustainable transport

In November, a group of our pupils went to the Oval to collect our gold award. We have continued to work really hard to encourage sustainable transport and improve air quality in our local area. We have a very high number of pupils who walk, scoot or cycle to school.

Our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability training. This helped many of them to learn to cycle and also to be safe when cycling on the roads. . Our Year 2 pupils all took part in a scooter safety training day, which helped them to stay safe on their scooters.

All our classes had a road safety talk from the Lewisham team and years 5 and 6 had a very exciting theatre show on road safety performed by 'Riot Act'.

We held a 'Be bright, be seen' day to encourage the children to ensure they can be seen when travelling. We are working hard to make the streets around our school safe for all our community. In the autumn term we will be working with Lewisham Council on a consultation to stop access for vehicles during drop off and pick up times.

Music has had very high profile in our school.

All our pupils are taught music by a specialist each week. Pupils from year 2 to year 6 have had ukulele lessons this year and all pupils have learnt to play a range of percussion instruments in their weekly music lessons. All pupils also have weekly singing lessons to ensure they learn a wide range of songs and hymns. Key Stage 2 pupils have had opportunities to learn to play guitar, flute, violin, drums recorder and brass. Over 100 children take up this opportunity each week.

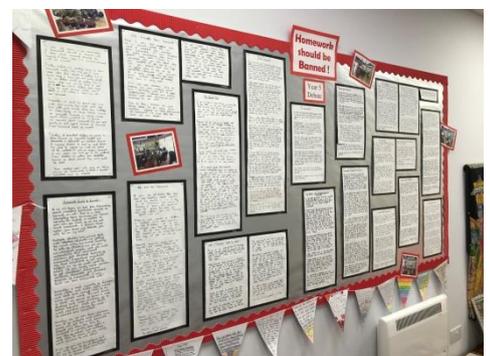
Our Year 5 children took part in the 'Turning of the Year' concert at the Blackheath Halls. Pupils in Year 3 went to see the Bright Sparks concerts at the Festival Hall. Year 2 pupils took part in the Advent concert at the Globe Theatre and Year 1 pupils went to a brass concert performed by Trinity school of Music at Blackheath Halls.

We had a very successful concert this term to celebrate talent in music throughout our junior classes. A very high number of pupils proudly took part in this event. It was attended by the head of Lewisham Music Hub and he was extremely positive about all that he saw. Our year 6 pupils organised two talent shows this week and love of music was evident in the performances across the school.

We have had a number of performances and special events in school throughout the year.

All classes took part in Christmas Assemblies (14 in total!) which were wonderful celebrations of achievement. We had two Harvest Festival celebrations and last week, our year 6 pupils presented a brilliant performance of the 'Wizard of Oz' for all other pupils and for their own families.

Last Saturday, we had a spectacular Family Fun Day. This was organised by our 'Friends' with lots of fun events for all our families. Many of our pupils organised and ran stalls. They made lots of money for our school and thoroughly enjoyed this experience. It was great that you were able to join us for so many of our events.



The pupils in our school have a strong voice and many initiatives and activities which have taken place this year have been as a result of pupil voice.

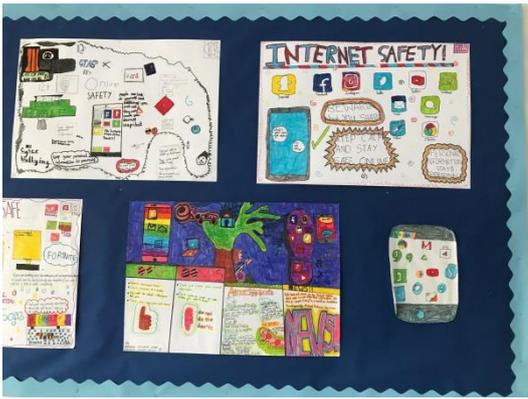
Pupils from each class have been involved in a range of groups. This has helped them to play an active role in making decisions about the school in order to ensure we hear the voices of the children as we continue to develop. We have a School Learning Council, an Eco Council and a Rights Respecting Group.

Our Eco has been involved in encouraging lots of initiatives. They organised our 'Clean Plate Days' and have worked to reduce waste in our school. We are looking at ways to reduce use of plastic in our school. We have achieved the Green Flag award for our work on looking after our environment.

Following a meeting with pupils, we have introduced playground friends to enable pupils to offer peer support during playtimes.

A group of pupils wanted to introduce a home/school prayer book in each class. This has really taken off and these books are really beautiful.

Pupils also met with our school meal provider to discuss how meals could be improved and these suggestions were actioned immediately.



Groups of pupils have run a number of acts of Collective Worship throughout the year and have really inspired the rest of the school.



We have involved parents and carers as much as possible in the life of the school.

Following their sessions with our pupils, 'Mindfuel' led a very informative session for parents and carers. Christina Enright also ran a resilience workshop for parents and carers.

Following our open evenings in October, we invited parents and carers to try our school meals so that they could see what the children received for their dinner.

During our Maths Week, we invited parents and carers to observe a wide range of maths activities to help them understand how this area is taught. Parents and carers were invited to join us for Masses and many special events throughout the year. We always have a huge turnout for our open evenings and other meetings for parents and carers.

Many of our parents and carers have been helping classes each week and accompanying on educational visits.

We are extremely privileged to have such tremendous support from our parents and carers in all aspects of school life. This makes a huge difference to the provision in our school and the achievement of our children in all areas of learning.



Breakfast and After-school provision:

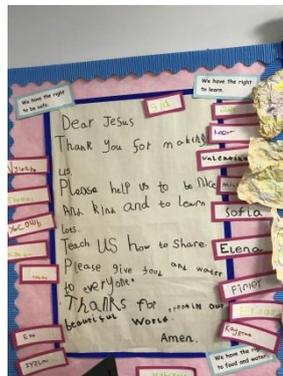
We have run football for boys and girls on Blackheath on Saturday mornings throughout the autumn and spring terms. We run football clubs on three mornings before school. We have been running a range of popular clubs for all year groups including, Multi Sports, Musical Theatre, Buzz Fit, Art, Choir, Lego, Board games, French and Street Dance. We have also run a lunchtime club and library sessions for children who do not want to be on the playground all the time.

Little Gremlins continue to ensure excellent before and after school provision in our hall for the schools in our local community. They also run clubs throughout the holidays.



Our Friends Association have run a number of extremely successful events for our families

Events have included: two Christmas discos, an Easter egg hunt, a quiz night, cake sales, a bingo night and a phenomenal Family Fun Day to finish off the year. They have always provided refreshments at meetings for parents and carers and are continually thinking of new initiatives to support our school community. This term, the Friends organised afternoon tea to welcome our new families. They have raised a large amount of money for our school, which has been used to support our rich and vibrant curriculum and to make our environment really special for our community. They are currently organising a ‘Welcome Barbecue’ for September.



I have received countless positive comments about the children's behaviour on educational visits and from people who come in to school to work with the children.

Finally, through these rich experiences and a creative and challenging curriculum we have achieved very high standards in all subjects in all classes this year. Our results can be found on our website.

Thank you all for the tremendous support that you have given to our school throughout the year.

