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**WINIFRED'S**  
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## **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2017/18**

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 really proud. It is hard to believe the difference this year has made to our school! A year ago we were at the beginning of a major building project and five of our classes were still located on our Effingham road site. We now have our whole school community together on our beautifully developed site. We are indeed blessed.

In May we had a wonderful thanksgiving mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter, Fr. Philip and Fr. Emeke. This was held in our playground and was attended by lots of those who supported our school on our journey. Archbishop Peter blessed all areas of our school. All of our pupils had parties in the afternoon to make this occasion even more memorable.

Last week 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 in fruit to share in their classes and had a fantastic barbecue at lunch time. 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.

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. At Christmas you donated lots of toys and gifts for the Salvation Army 'Christmas Appeal'. Many of you also put together beautiful Christmas hampers to donate to some of our families who are in need. At Christmas all 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.



This term you sponsored your children in our screen challenge and for the first week of the daily mile and raised £1,700 for the NSPCC. It was amazing that so many of our pupils stopped using their screens to raise money for charity.

Many of our year 5 pupils got busy knitting and created beautiful baby hats which they delivered to Lewisham Hospita

### **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 gold 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 every lunch time. These have really engaged the children as well as improving their skills and fitness. We will continue with this provision next year. All of our classes have been to the park for PE on a number of occasions this term. We are very fortunate to have so many lovely green spaces near our school site.

All our pupils enjoyed a term of dance lessons led by a dance specialist and many have been attending our Street Dance after school clubs.

We have recently launched the daily mile for all classes and are already noticing an improvement in fitness levels.

We have taken part in a wide range of Inter-schools sports competitive festivals and achieved great results:

Sports Hall athletics	Bonus Pastor	Third place
Boys 5 and 6 football tournament		WINNERS!
Girls 3-6 football tournament		Fourth place
Basketball tournament		Fourth place
High 5 Netball Tournament for year 5 and 6 pupils		Second place
Quik Sticks Hockey festival for year 5 and 6 pupils		Second place
Lewisham Swimming Gala for year 5 and 6 pupils		Finalists and medals
Football tournament for year 1 and 2 pupils		Fourth place
Kwik Cricket years for year 3 and 6 pupils		WINNERS!

### **Lewisham Glendale League Football September 17 – May 18**

Girls Year 4 – 6 team – Finished 9<sup>th</sup> in Girls League – brilliant performance against predominantly whole year 6 teams.

Boys Year 6 team – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 6 League – Equal highest ever position.

Boys Year 5 team – CHAMPIONS Year 5 League – highest ever position, Boys Year 5 also Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Championship cup – Equal highest ever position.

Lots 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 5 pupils is the national U-11 champion in martial arts, one of our year 3 girls has been chosen to represent her age group in Irish Dancing championships in America. One of our year 5 boys has been signed up to play for Millwall Football club and another Year 5 boy has been signed up to play cricket for Bromley.

### **Our School Environment**

We have had a range of animals living at school throughout this year including lots of hens, guinea pigs and Megan the rabbit. They have been greatly adored and have received excellent care from the children.

Year 3 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 lots of animals and helped the children to consolidate their learning in science.

Reception pupils have also been visited by a beautiful Labrador puppy and have seen her grow and develop. They have also 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.

### **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. We also took a group of pupils to St George's for a special anniversary Mass for Jimmy Mizen in May. 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.

Our educational visits have included visits to the Bear Factory, the British Museum, the Horniman Museum, the Royal Academy, the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Geffrye Museum, the Hendrix and Handel Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, the Maritime Museum, the Royal Opera House, the Globe Theatre, the Royal Academy, the Cutty Sark, the St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, the Florence Nightingale Museum, Eltham Palace, Chislehurst Caves and Lullingstone Villa, to name but a few. Pupils have also been to visit the Thames Flood barrier and the cable cars.

All classes visited educational centers including Horton Kirby, 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 strawberry picking trip. We have made many visits to Manor House Library and Park. Children have also visited the Lee Fire Station and Sainsbury's.

They visited Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Good Shepherd Church to learn about places of worship.

A number of our classes went to the Unicorn Theatre at Christmas to see 'Boing' and Reception and Nursery went to the Albany Empire to see 'The Ugly Duckling'. Year 1 also went to the Albany Empire to see 'Grandad's Island' in April. Years 5 and 6 went to Sadler's Wells to see Cinderella. Quantum theatre came to school to perform The Snow Queen for all other classes. Year 2 went on a fantastic two day school journey to Wild Child in St Albans, Year 4 went to Carrotty Woods for a superb 3 day adventure and Year 6 had a wonderful 4 day adventure with PGL in the Isle of Wight.

Year 5 girls spent a day at St Ursula's School where they had a taste of technology. A group of year 5 pupils also went to see the Windrush exhibition at Bonus Pastor. 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.



Lots of our classes went to Downham Library to take part in art workshops which focused on Pre Raphaelite artists. These were amazing experiences for the children. Year 6 also took part in a really interesting and fun, jewellery making workshop in Lewisham Library. Our pupils also decorated a giant letter G for the Manor House Garden Fayre.

These educational visits greatly enrich learning for all of the children. We subsidise all 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 also walked where possible.

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

The 'Elevate' dance company led assemblies and workshops over three days this term, for all classes. These were based on gospel stories and values and were incredibly powerful and inspirational for the children and staff.

Trinity Laban came to put on a special musical theatre performance of Dr. Zeus for KS2 pupils. This was really fantastic. They also came to present music workshops for year 4 and 5 pupils.

A group of dance students from Lewisham College came to showcase their work. Our pupils absolutely loved this performance. They were especially impressed by the street dance.

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.

As part of our Book Week celebrations, all classes took part in story telling workshops which inspired them to develop their own pieces.

'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 and they also had a very exciting Circus Skills workshop on their last day at the Effingham Road site.

During Arts Week, an artist came to our school to develop an installation with our KS1 and KS2 pupils. The children had asked that this be created from recycled materials and it is now on display in our new entrance area. All our teachers swapped for a session and taught an art lesson to a different class, this was a really enjoyable experience. Year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in a number of excellent drawing workshops led by artists from the Royal Academy outreach team.

The Time Truck visited in May and all our KS2 pupils took part in really interesting archaeology workshops which supported their history topics.

**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. 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. 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 assemblies 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. They analysed results and these showed that the vast majority of our pupils and parents feel that our school is a safe and happy place. It was also felt that there are many adults to support pupils when they need help.

The Power of One came to school to run anti bullying workshops for all our classes in November. All our year 6 pupils took part in resilience and mindfulness workshops run by 'Mindfuel' in May. All our pupils took part in workshops and assemblies led by the NSPCC on speaking out and staying safe. All our classes in KS1 and 2 took part in internet safety workshops run by Childnet in June.

All our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in really thought provoking workshops on disability and discrimination.

We have recently introduced the daily Mile in our school to support health and wellbeing of all our pupils.

We received accreditation as a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion in September and this was reassessed 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 have submitted our Primary School Travel plan application for Gold accreditation. We have a very high number of pupils who walk, scoot or cycle to school. Year 6 took part in Bikeability training again and years 2 and 3 pupils also had the opportunity to take part in scooter training. We are working hard to make the streets around our school safe for all our community.

### **Music has had very high profile in our school.**

All our 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. This opportunity is taken up by over 100 children each week.

Our Year 2 children took part in the 'Turning of the Year' concert at the Blackheath Halls. Pupils in Years 2 and 4 went to see the Bright Sparks concerts at the Festival Hall. Year 3 pupils took part in the Songfest concert at Trinity Secondary school.

Trinity Laban led an amazing classical music workshop for Years 4 and 5 this year.

We also held School Book Fairs twice this year and managed to get a very good selection of books for all our classes in both schools.

We had a very special visitor, dressed in red, who gave all the children a treat at Christmas.

### **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 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. Lots of our pupils organised and ran stalls. They made lots of money for our school and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

### **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 Council has been involved in encouraging lots of initiatives. They organised our 'Clean Plate Days' and have worked to reduce waste in our school. These groups have also organised 'No Plastic you're Fantastic!' days in order to reduce our use of plastic. A small group from our school council went to talk to the Mayor at the Town Hall in October about issues which caused them concern.



These groups have run a number of assemblies throughout the year which 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 year 6 pupils, 'Mindfuel' led a really informative session for parents and carers. 'Childnet' also ran an Internet Safety workshop for parents and carers. Following our open evenings in March, we invited parents and carers to try our school meals so that they could see what the children received for their dinner.

We ran a meeting for parents and carers to help them in understanding social issues and supporting their children. 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.

Lots of our parents have been helping classes each week and accompanying on educational visits. A group of our parents and carers recently spent a Saturday creating a truly amazing mud kitchen in our early years playground. The children absolutely love it.

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 had to suspend provision of after school clubs during our building project but we resumed these after Easter. We did not have enough up take on our sports clubs this term but will run these in the autumn term. We have been running a range of popular clubs for all year groups including, Lego, board games, French and street dance. We have also run a lunch time club 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** including: two 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. They 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.

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.

And 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 which you have given to our school throughout the year.**