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PLEASE NOTE

The Last Day Of
Spring Term
For Pupils Will Be
FRIDAY
4 APRIL 2014



Pupils Return
To School After The
Easter Break
ON TUESDAY
22 APRIL 2014



Trinity School Newsletter April 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

We arrive again at the end of a very busy term. I would like to thank you for the kindness that you have shown to my staff and the great support that you have provided to the school.

The After School and Saturday Morning Clubs have continued to thrive and I know that many children will be joining in the extra activities that the school will be providing during the first week of the Easter holidays. I can now share the good news that the Local Authority will continue next year to support the funding of this important respite service. My thanks go to all those who recognise and support the value of this work.

The Assistant Headteachers have written about many of the exciting opportunities which the children and young people have experienced over the past months. I would especially like to draw to your attention the increase in sporting activities which are taking place across the school. Our PE Department is providing an expansion in sporting activities in each phase of the school. Swimming competitions, pentathlon challenges, regular cricket matches, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and reaching the final of a football competition at Wembley are just a few of the school activities that have been taking place.

Our pupils and young adults really enjoy these events and always look wonderful as they turn out in their new sports kits when they represent the school.

I am pleased to report that the new sports dome is finished and is now in use as a much needed additional PE hall.

The Further Education Centre (FEC) has had a new dining room serving counter built for lunchtime meals and the summer will see the installation of new electronically controlled gates and the completion of outdoor canopies.

We say goodbye to Stewart Neill, one of our speech therapists. We wish Stewart good luck and a big thank you. However we also offer a warm welcome to two new therapists - Heather Chu and Caroline Pitts, also two new teachers - Lucy Foster and Michael Wheeler.

The Home Intervention Service is now part of the Speech and Language Therapy Team and in addition to the current parent training workshops it will be offering individual support plans for families in the coming months.

Over 30 of our Teaching Assistants are working towards the final stages of a NVQ level 3 qualification. We are very proud of them and look forward to joining in the celebrations as they complete their course.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Easter Holidays 2014

Monday 7 April -
Monday 21 April 2014
(Inclusive)

May Bank Holiday 2014

Monday 5 May 2014

Summer Half-Term 2014

Monday 26 May -
Friday 30 May 2014
(Inclusive)

The Last Day of the
Summer Term for Pupils
will be on
Friday 18 July 2014

The demand for places in the Living and Learning Centre (LLC) is such that four of our teaching assistants have been promoted to Key Worker roles in the department from April. We wish them all the very best in their new jobs.

As you may be aware from September 2014 all Reception and Years 1 and 2 children will be entitled to a free school meal. We have planned our service and will be ready to implement the initiative in time. I will be contacting you later in the summer to inform you of how the service will be organised.

During the Summer Term we shall be updating our school website. This will see the replacement of many of the photographs and some changes to the content. In addition, the website will be able to offer regular updates in the news section. I hope that you will get into the habit of visiting us at:
www.trinityschooldagenham.org.uk

Finally, we should remember that for our Christian families Easter is the most important and special time of year, but to all our families I wish you a peaceful and happy Easter break.

Peter McPartland
Headteacher

**New Telephone
Number to Report
Pupil/Student Absence:
02087248385**

If your child is absent you must let the school know on the first day of absence (before 9.15 am) giving the reason e.g. illness, appointment etc.

All absences without a known reason will be followed up with a telephone call by the school office.

Lower School



Megan- Sponge Printing



Charles - Happy Easter



Nadia - Fruit Sponge Printing

Lower School has been working hard this term and have done lots of exciting things that we would like to share with you. First we would like to say congratulations to Abi Overton and Kim Khan who have both given birth to boys this term. We all wish them well.

In January our topic was all about forces and the pupils enjoyed exploring toys that can be pushed and pulled. This half term we have been finding out all about plants, learning how to grow and look after them. In cooking we have been using lots of vegetables.

Our weekly Acts of Collective Worship continue to be enjoyable and positive for all the pupils. We continue to celebrate our "Stars of the Week", birthdays and join together to sing topic songs.

This term we have also celebrated successes at Sporting Events for some of our pupils who shared with us their certificates and medals. We were very proud in one assembly to congratulate Paul and Handi who were winners in a nationwide competition and have had their stories published in a book called 'Mini Adventures'. Mr McPartland presented the pupils with a copy of the book to keep.

The pupils continue to enjoy our sensory experience days, which give all pupils the opportunity to integrate with one another and help develop outstanding social and communication skills. We went to China to celebrate the Chinese New Year; dressing up in traditional costumes, exploring the music and tastes of China. On the 31 March we will be celebrating Spring, activities which will include finding chicks in the grass, dressing up in bonnets, egg and spoon races and an Easter egg hunt which may have a special treat at the end.

As part of the curriculum some of our pupils have been going offsite. The PE team have taken some of our pupils to other schools to work alongside their mainstream peers, which has been very successful. Ladybird Class went to Dagenham Library and all became members so they can return with their families. They also went to the Broadway Theatre to see a show put on by Barking and Dagenham College all about Healthy Eating. Rabbit and Camel Class have been out to the local shops to get ingredients for their cookery lessons. Other classes have trips planned for the summer term.

All of our pupils have been making progress this term and we hope you enjoy the pieces of work that show you some of the things we have been doing.

We all wish you a very happy Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Abby Town, Veronica Jackson & Candice Webb
Lower School

Middle School

The Spring term has seen lots of exciting events and activities taking place within the Middle Phase.

Some Year 5/6 students have had the opportunity to be involved in a series of workshops with The London Symphony Orchestra. During this project they were creating music and sound effects for a silent film.

Our weekly Tuesday morning visits to Elhap have continued, with most students within the phase having the chance to experience a large adventure playground designed for young people with special needs.



Some students have been developing their independent skills by taking part in shopping trips to a local supermarket and enjoying a snack in the café.

The focus book for our Year 5/6 students this term has been 'The Gruffalo'. Some students were able to access the Gruffalo Trail at Brentwood Park, where they were able to follow the trail and meet giant characters from the story. All Year 5/6 groups had the opportunity to experience a Gruffalo Theatre performance presented by The Freshwater Theatre Company, which enabled students to encounter the story as a sensory experience.



Many students from the Middle Phase have represented Trinity School in a range of sporting and swimming events and have also had the opportunity to participate in our very own Aquatic Festival. Students have also been taking part in sporting activities in the community and have experienced using gym equipment and the climbing wall.

The London Dockland Museum has been supporting some Year 5/6 students to explore and experience life during World War II. Also, on this curriculum topic, students have enjoyed a World War II theme day which included the sensory experience of an air raid and hiding in an Anderson Shelter, packing a suitcase for the evacuation journey and life in the countryside during the 1940's.



Some Year 7/8 students have enjoyed a whole day trip to Tropical Wings, where they were able to experience the different types of habitats that animals live in.



Students have also visited Barking Park and completed a morning workshop with the Park Rangers to develop an understanding of the different environments that animals live in within the park.

Jan Fisher-Sibbons
Assistant Headteacher – Middle School

Upper School

The Upper Phase has continued to be very busy this term. Year 11 and Year 14 students are working hard to complete all their accreditation work in a variety of subjects. These include English, Maths, Science, PE, ICT, DT, FT, Catering, Home Management, Horticulture and PHSE. The Moderator for PE recently visited the students who are entered for entry level, and was overwhelmed by the standard of work produced by them. We hope for outstanding results for these students.

The students in Years 10 and 14 have continued to complete Work Experience placements at a variety of venues. This is a very successful part of the Upper Phase curriculum as the students experience the world of work. Placements have included Wellgate Farm, Sue Ryder Care, The YMCA, The Osborne Partnership and Boots the Chemist.



The FEC Year 13 students have participated in a six week link course in the Catering Department at Barking College. They have produced some delicious breads, cakes and pastries. This has been a very beneficial experience for them.

Some of our Upper Phase students have represented the school at sporting events including Panathlon, Boccia, Football and Swimming Galas. These events have been very successful.

The KS4 and FEC gardens are beginning to take shape once again. We look forward to seeing the gardens flourish with flowers, plants and vegetables as we head towards summer.

This term some students have also taken part in jewellery workshops and Zumba classes. During mini enterprise sessions, students are designing and making piggy banks to sell.



After the Easter holidays, we are having an Easter disco. We hope you have a good Easter Break.

Sandra Burns & The Upper Phase Management Team