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THE LAST DAY OF
SUMMER TERM
FOR
PUPILS WILL BE
MONDAY
22 JULY 2013



PUPILS RETURN
TO SCHOOL
AFTER THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
ON MONDAY 9
SEPTEMBER 2013



Trinity School Newsletter July 2013

Dear Parents

We arrive again at the end of another busy school year and as usual this is a time to reflect on both our achievements and disappointments over the past twelve months. This newsletter contains lots of information to give you a flavour of some of the wide range of activities which have taken place this term.

The staff continue to show great commitment to the children and to my expectation that we must provide the best possible service to you. They are a great team of people and as I have said on many occasions I am proud to be their Headteacher.

This term has seen many developments, including an increase in places for pupils, the redevelopment of the School Library, the extensive redevelopment of the Further Education Centre and the expansion of our Speech and Language Therapy Team. However the Summer holidays will once again see the school undergo lots of buildings work. Projects include the refurbishment of classrooms, new hygiene facilities for the Upper School and a new children's playground and trim trail for the Lower School. In addition we are waiting for final permission to go ahead with a new covered sports area to ensure that all our pupils continue to access high quality physical education. This new facility will also provide a covered play space during poor weather and shade from the sun during hot weather.

At this time of the year we say goodbye to several colleagues who are retiring or moving on to new challenges. I would like thank them for their outstanding

service to the school. However in September we shall also be saying welcome to several new teachers, pupils and classroom support staff as they join us in our journey to provide an outstanding school.

On a very different note, it is with great sadness that I inform you of the recent death of the Rev. Joy Palmer, one of the School Governors. Joy's contribution to the school and the wider community was exceptional. She will be sadly missed by all who were fortunate to be touched by her commitment to people with learning disabilities.

Finally, I wish you all a happy Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Peter McPartland
Headteacher

Lower School

Hello Sunshine!

At last we have been able to take our teaching outside with the pupils. Here are some of the activities they have been involved in:

In April, two pupils from each class in Lower School participated in the Oily Cart multi-sensory theatre project when visiting Trinity. It was wonderful to see many positive reactions and communications from pupils who often find such situations challenging.

We had "Living Eggs" in the phase for two weeks, so that pupils had the



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Autumn Half- Term 2013

Monday 28 October -
Friday 1 November (Inclusive)

Christmas Holidays 2013

Monday 23 December -
Wednesday 1 January 2014
(Inclusive)

Spring Half-Term 2014

Monday 17 February -
Friday 21 February 2014
(Inclusive)

Easter Holidays 2014

Monday 7 April -
Monday 21 April 2014
(Inclusive)

May Bank Holiday 2014

Monday 5 May 2014

NOTE TO PARENTS

**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.**

opportunity to see eggs hatching into chicks, watching them grow whilst in the incubator and then handling the chicks.

Wellgate Farm also visited allowing pupils more opportunities to experience animals in the flesh - we had goats, rabbits, Shetland ponies and chickens in the garden for them to touch and feed. This was so successful that we are considering repeating it every year.

A number of Lower School pupils also participated in the Trinity Music Concert and School Show, performing in front of parents / carers / other pupils - singing in the choir, dancing and playing as part of the African Drumming Circle.

Groups of Lower School pupils also travelled offsite with the PE team to take part in a multi-skills festival and in the Borough Panathlon - these are new events for our pupils and were so successful we hope that they will be repeated next year.

Our Lower School Sport Day took place on the 12th June following a slightly different format to previous years - so fewer classes were participating at the same time. This resulted in a more relaxed and enjoyable experience for pupils and staff - thank you to the PE team and to the students of Eastbury School who organised this for us!

We have had two whole phase topic assemblies where classes shared their work and sang songs - these were focused on water and animals.

We also held another sensory experience on July 9th this term for all our pupils on a Summer time theme - we had bouncy castles for them to play on, paddling pools, bubbles, beach balls and parachutes in the playgrounds and sand and water play in the outdoor classroom. Pupils also had ice-cream and tried candy floss!

On the 4th July, we held our Early Years Tea Party to celebrate the

achievements of our nursery and reception pupils - we shared tea and cakes whilst giving out certificates and balloons and then played outside with our families. It was a lovely afternoon - we were all very proud of how well these pupils have settled and developed over the year at Trinity.

On the 5th July, we held our Lower School Prizegiving in the Sports Hall with our guest, Lynne Kelly, handing out certificates to acknowledge the achievements of pupils in years 1-4. Over 80 mums, dads, aunts, uncles and carers came to watch as we shared art work and sang some of our favourite Summer songs. It was a very special occasion and our pupils did so well sitting, watching, singing and sharing the celebration. On the following Monday we all shared a party cake to celebrate the pupils' work.

I would like to say a huge thank-you to all the staff in Lower School for supporting me in my first year as Assistant Headteacher - I am very proud to be part of the phase and of what we have achieved this year!

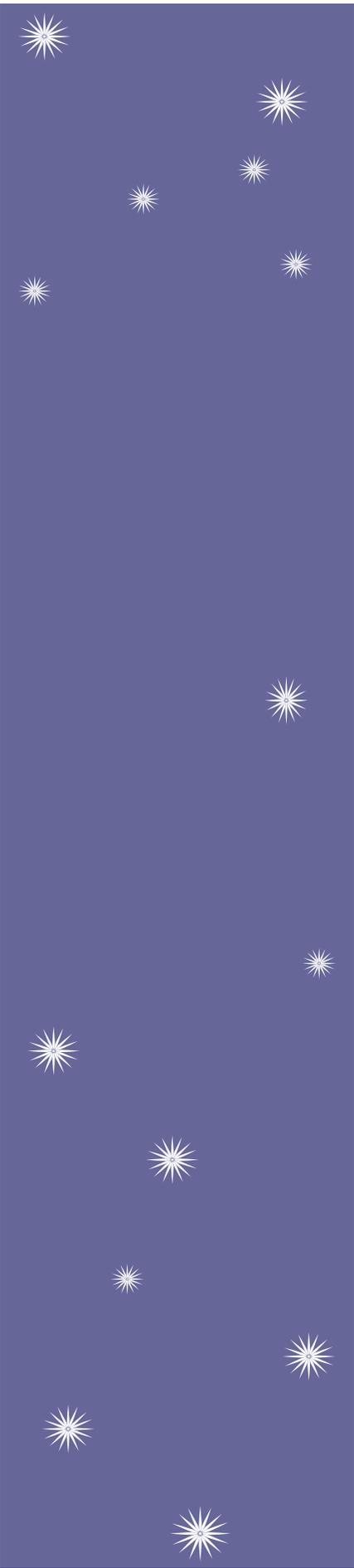
And finally, all the Lower School staff would like to wish our pupils and their families a happy and restful summer - we look forward to seeing you all in September!

Abby Town
Assistant Headteacher

Middle School

The Middle Phase continues to be very busy this term. We have held Assemblies to celebrate St. George's Day and Commonwealth Day. We have had the opportunity to explore Indian culture through dressing up, travelling on a plane, tasting Indian delicacies and making patterns using henna. A sensory story was told throughout the term and the Indian theme day was a nice way to round off the topic.

The Years 7/8 all had an opportunity to visit The Ragged School Museum at Mile End to experience what it was like to go to school in Victorian times.



Some students represented Trinity School at the annual President's Sporting Challenge Cup in Chelmsford. Here they had the chance to try out different activities like wheelchair basketball, go karting and badminton.

As an end of year celebration, we had a French themed day, where students had the opportunity to visit a French style café where they experienced the smells and tastes of France. Students competed in our own Tour De France bike race, played boccia, visited fairground stalls, created their own pavement art designs and enjoyed a theatre production about visiting Paris.

We have sadly said goodbye to some students who will be moving into the Upper Phase of the school in September and celebrated their time with us in a Leaver's Celebration Assembly. At the same time we will be welcoming new students from the Lower Phase of the school.

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe Summer.

*Jan Fisher-Sibbons
Acting Assistant Headteacher
Middle Phase*

Upper School

We have had a busy term in the Upper Phase. Since April, students in Year 11 and 14 have completed their accreditation work. We have recently received the results that show our students have been very successful and the moderators have congratulated the school on presenting such an outstanding submission of work.

The Key Stage 4 garden is again flourishing with produce. So far we have enjoyed strawberries, cherries and potatoes.

In May, we held our annual Prize giving event which was a very successful occasion. It was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students.

The FEC held a two day voluntary event which included running a café, clerical work and cleaning windows! The students worked hard and enjoyed helping others.

As part of transition, students who will be coming into the Upper Phase next term have attended some lessons in KS4. Also, those students moving from KS4 have participated in activities in the FEC.

On the 11 July we held our Leavers Assembly to say goodbye to the Year 14 students who will be moving on to different provisions, and to Year 11 students who will move into the FEC. Following the assembly, many students attended an evening prom/disco with a buffet supper.

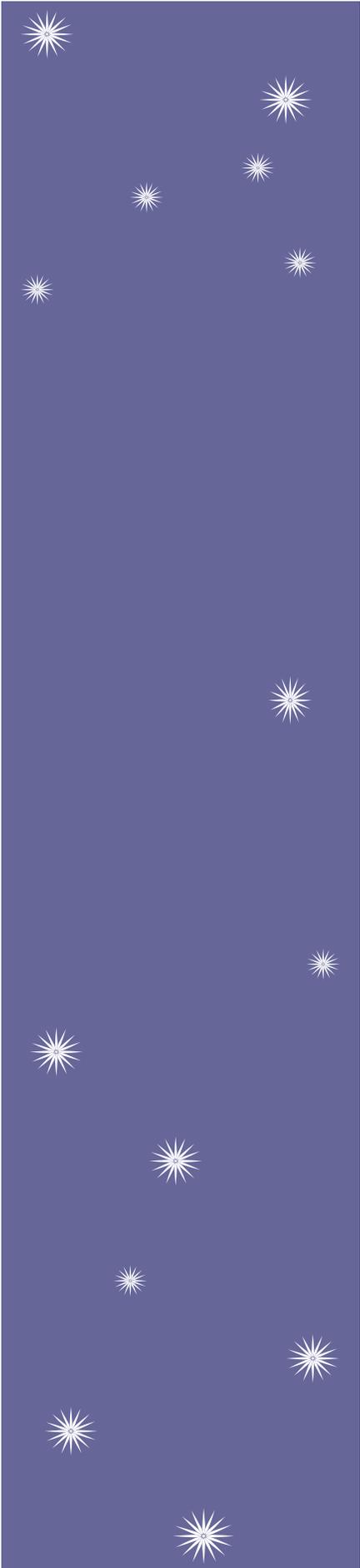
The main extension to the FEC building is now complete. The two PMLD groups have relocated into this spacious provision. Over the coming weeks the remaining rooms and facilities will be furnished and ready for occupation in September.

A group of FEC students enjoyed the annual residential trip to Wales, while others in KS4 will be going to Trewern the outdoor pursuits centre in mid Wales. A small group of students in KS4 have already enjoyed a residential trip to Mersea. Many class groups will be going out on trips to celebrate the end of another successful year at Trinity.

We have had another really good year where all our students have worked hard and achieved much success. As we say goodbye to some and wish them well, we welcome the new students to the phase and hope they will enjoy and achieve success throughout their time with us.

We wish you all a very happy holiday.

*Sandra Burns &
The Upper Phase Management Team*



Dagenham Carnival 2013

This year the Borough has decided not to run a Town Show, but instead are organising a carnival to travel through the streets of Dagenham and the Trinity School African Drumming Band have been invited to take part.

The pupils have been practising hard and staff have been working tirelessly to design costumes for them to wear and a float to travel on! The theme for the carnival is “Anything Goes”. Trinity has decided to celebrate diversity with handprints covering the drummers’ costumes to represent the different abilities and ethnicities within our school. Many pupils make one school just like many drum beats make a rhythm!

The carnival is on Saturday 20th July and leaves Central Park, Dagenham at 1.30pm, travelling through the streets (Oxlow Lane / Heathway / Church Elm Lane) to finish at Old Dagenham Park at 3pm. It is an amazing opportunity for our pupils, so we hope that you can all be out on the streets to listen to them play and see them parade past.

Good luck to everyone involved!

Liane Porter
Drumming Band Leader

