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PLEASE NOTE:
THE LAST DAY OF
SUMMER TERM
FOR PUPILS WILL BE
TUESDAY 19 JULY 2016

PUPILS RETURN TO
SCHOOL AFTER THE
SUMMER BREAK
ON TUESDAY
6 SEPTEMBER 2016



Trinity School Newsletter July 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

As we arrive at the end of another busy school year, this newsletter illustrates some of the events which have taken place this term. I do hope that you enjoy reading about our wonderful pupils and staff.

To our Muslim families, may I express my hope that you have all enjoyed the recent Eid celebrations.

I am pleased to say that the relocation of our end of year Prizegiving Celebrations was a wonderful success. Each phase of the school (Upper Middle and Lower) held their own celebration of achievements in the school sports dome and now that the prize giving events are all held at Trinity during the school day. It was very special to see that all the pupils are now able to attend.

For those parents who attended the recent school Music Concert and the earlier School Show, I'm sure that you will have been overwhelmed by the determination and talent of our pupils. My congratulations and thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to prepare and teach the pupils to take part in the events.

During the summer closure we shall see more developments and alterations to the building. Gated play spaces will be added to many of the Lower and Middle School classrooms and a major refurbishment of the main school sports hall are among the many jobs to be completed. As usual our amazing cleaning and caretaking team will be undertaking a huge range of tasks to ensure that the school will be clean and welcoming for pupils returning in September.

I would like to take the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to the staff and pupils who will be leaving Trinity School at the end of this term. Your contributions to the school community are immense and we will always remember you. Good luck and thank you for your time here.

But as one door closes another opens, and in September we shall welcome new staff and pupils, all of whom will be made to feel part of our team.

The school will have almost 290 pupils in September and to ensure that the start of the day is swift and efficient in getting everyone to class ready to learn, I must ask that parents who bring their children to school by car must make sure that they arrive at school on time at 8.45 am. Pupils arriving late cause significant disruption to teachers and the other pupils who are in class and ready to start the day.

Finally I do hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes

Peter McPartland OBE
Headteacher

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Autumn Half-Term 2016

Monday 24 October -
Friday 28 October 2016
(Inclusive)

Christmas Holidays 2016

Wednesday 21 December 2016
– Tuesday 3 January 2017
(Inclusive)

Spring Half-Term 2017

Monday 13 February -
Friday 17 February 2017
(Inclusive)

Easter Holidays 2017

Monday 10 April -
Friday 21 April 2017 (Inclusive)

May Day 2017

Monday 1 May 2017
(Bank Holiday)

Summer Half-Term 2017

Monday 29 May (Bank
Holiday) - Friday 2 June 2017
(Inclusive)

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Lower School

The pupils in Lower School have been very busy working hard in lessons with many exceeding expectations and taking part in the ever growing range of exciting extra-curricular activities which continue to enhance their learning and independence skills.

Every class has been offsite (on a rotation basis) to visit Timbuk2, an adventure play centre where they spent the afternoon exploring the activities there and developing their physical and social skills. One group went to Jolly Jungle at Becontree Leisure Centre, several other groups have also visited ELHAP adventure centre and another took part in both the Rotary Club Fun Day at Dagenham Park and the Barking and Dagenham Community Games at Mayesbrook Park. All these trips were so successful that we hope to repeat them again next year.

The whole phase was also involved in a number of events onsite including:

- * A street party on 22 April to celebrate St. George's Day and the Queen's 90th birthday.
- * The Little Dome Project (an immersive sensory experience) which ran for a whole week in the Sports Dome and classes had timetabled slots to take part.
- * One class hosted the "Living Eggs" so that all pupils could visit to see eggs in an incubator and then experience the excitement as the chicks hatched and grew into wonderful balls of yellow feathers!
- * On 24 May "The Bug Man" visited bringing with him a range of insects and creatures for pupils to touch and handle as part of our "Mini-beasts" topic.
- * On 12 June, Lower School pupils also got the chance to experience some "African Creatures" as part of our "Wild Animals" topic when we were visited by a sensory experience of small animals.



- * On 4 July, Wellgate Farm set up an animal petting environment in the Nursery Garden and pupils had the opportunity to see and touch sheep, goats, rabbits and chickens. This is always a great day and we see some lovely communication between the pupils and the animals.
- * Lower School Sports Day which took place on 21 June and was so successful that we hope to invite families to watch the event next year!

Photos from all these events will soon be on the school website for families and friends to see.

Two Lower School classes also had the privilege of being visited by the Mayor on his visit into school on 20 April and a number of pupils performed as part of the school choir at the end of the visit.

PUPIL ABSENCE

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

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



Over 10 May, ten classes had timetabled slots to use the adapted bikes in the Sports Dome again after two very successful previous sessions (6th January / 9th March) - we are still hoping that the bikes may be semi-permanently housed at Trinity so pupils can access them on a more regular basis. Until then we have added some more bikes to both the Early Years and KS1 playgrounds including balance bikes and two-wheelers (with and without stabilisers) for those pupils who are developing the ability to ride.

Several pupils from across the Lower phase also had the opportunity during the week 27 June - 1 July, to experience another sensory experience performed by "Oily Cart", a visiting multi-sensory theatre group. This is always a great performance where pupils often share very special communication moments with the performers and the staff supporting them.

Everyone in Lower School is looking forward to our two end of year Prizegiving events - one which will take place in the Sports Hall on Friday 8th July at 1pm when



the pupils will be singing songs from their topics over the year and the hall will be decorated with pieces of their work and the Early Years Tea Party which will take place on Friday 15th July also at 1pm in the Training Suite. We hope that as many family members as possible can attend their child's event and we thank all the families who also attended the recent Open Evening - it is always lovely to spend time sharing the achievements of our pupils with their families.

Once again, I would like to thank all the staff in Lower School for their continued enthusiasm and hard work in ensuring that our pupils, and their families, receive the best provision we can possibly offer.

We would like to wish all our pupils and their families a happy summer holiday and that the children return refreshed on 6th September!!!!

*Abby Town, Veronica Jackson, Candy Webb & Sandra Lee -
Lower School Managers*

Middle School

The Middle phase have had a very busy summer term with some students having lots of opportunities to take part in events both off-site and within the school.

Theme Weeks

The students have participated in a theme week based upon the topic of The Great Fire of London. During this week they had the opportunity to explore artefacts, use role play to experience the event, play interactive games and participate in a sensory journey that recreated the Great Fire.

ELHAP - Outdoor Adventure Play

Weekly group trips have continued to ELHAP. Students had the opportunity to explore an adventure playground adapted and resourced for students with special educational needs. Elhap is a great activity for our students, enabling them to explore and play in a large safe outdoor/indoor environment.

NOTE TO
PARENTS/CARERS:

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly marked with your child's name.

London Symphony Orchestra Partnership

Some students have had the opportunity to work with the London Symphony Orchestra, where they created a musical piece with 250 other students from across London. They then perform at the Barbican in London.



Wall Climbing

Many classes throughout the phase have had the opportunity to experience wall climbing at the YMCA in Romford. Students attended a six week course, where they had the chance to develop their skills in wall climbing in a safe and secure environment.



President's Cup Sporting Challenge

Forty students from the phase attended the annual President's Cup Sporting Challenge in Chelmsford. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us that day, so all the activities had to be held indoors. This did not stop our students and staff from having a great day.

Wishing you a happy, restful and safe summer holiday

*Jan Fisher-Sibbons, Chris Komodromos & Lucy Foster
Middle School Management Team*

Upper School / FEC

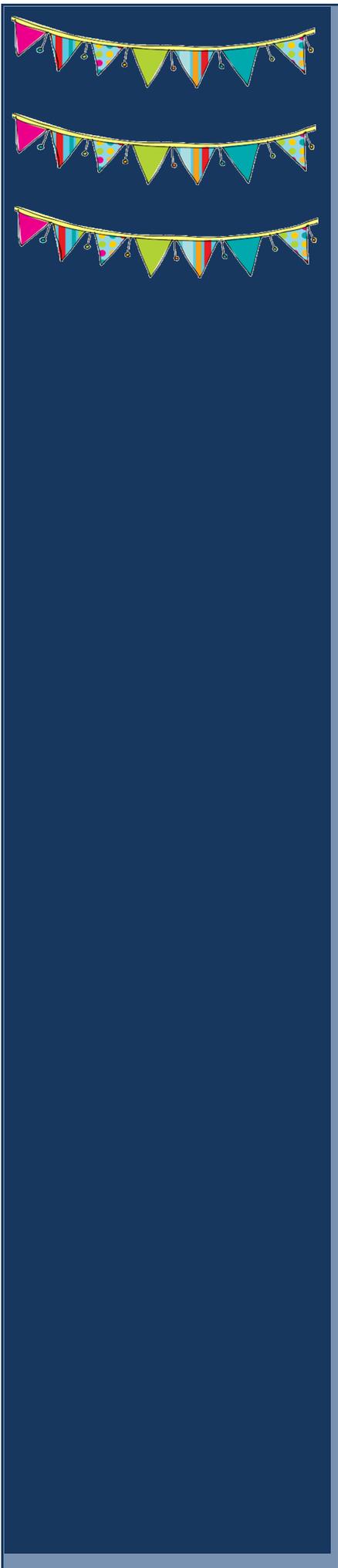
As we come to the end of another very busy school year, Upper School and the FEC would like to share some of the exciting highlights from the summer term and events that have taken place throughout the year.

Year 11 and Year 14 students have now finished their accreditation after many weeks of studious work. We recently received results that show how successful our students have been again this year and moderators congratulated the school on how well our submission of work was presented.

On July 6 we held our Prize Giving celebration in school, which for the first time was combined with the Leavers Celebration. We said farewell to nine students going on to various external provisions including day centres and colleges and to our Year 11's who are transferring to the FEC.

All of our students received a certificate and gift voucher for their tremendous efforts and progress throughout the year. The Leavers were presented with a fantastic progress folder that illustrates their many achievements from their time at Trinity School.

On the 8 July we held our annual 'Prom' disco. Students attending really made the effort to 'dress up' and looked really wonderful in their finery.



A group of FEC students took part in the production of a short film for the Artsmark Inspire Festival. Four students ‘became the art’ for this project. They painted backdrops and T shirts before having their faces and hands painted in order for them to blend into the background pieces. This was an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable experience. All those involved said they would like to repeat the project in the future.

We also submitted work for an ‘Illuminated Letters’ manuscript competition and although we did not win, the work was very highly commended.



The Upper School PMLD class led by Sam Beezley took part in a Shakespeare Festival at Eastbury School with other primary and secondary schools in the Borough. They rehearsed regularly and were supported by a teacher from the Royal Shakespeare Company. The group performed a scene from A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

Work Experience placements for Year 10 and 14 students were very successful again this year with students attending locations throughout the Borough. Placements have included Wellgate Community Farm, Boots the Chemist, The Osborne Partnership, The YMCA in Romford and Heathlands Day Centre.



The FEC welcomed several visitors including The Mayor and Mayoress for Barking and Dagenham. They toured the school, watched performances by the Choir, Rock Band and Drumming group before going on to enjoy afternoon tea in the FEC Home Management room with a group of Year 12 students who had visited his parlour earlier in the year.



Transport for London (TFL) and the Met Police came in with their 'Big Red Bus Project' aimed at promoting travel competence. A group of students were able to travel on the bus and were given guidance on safety and how to use an Oyster Card.



Many students enjoyed a variety of offsite activities to celebrate their achievements. These have included visits to Mudchute Park and Farm, London Duck tours on the River Thames, attending a concert at the Barbican to hear the BBC Symphony Orchestra perform a concert entitled 'Ten Pieces', Moby Golf and the Aquatic Centre at Southend on Sea.

Several students in Key Stage 4 and the FEC will be participating in residential trips during the last week of term. The FEC go to Red Ridge Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Wales and Key Stage 4 students go to Trewern, the Barking and Dagenham Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Mid Wales.

As part of their bronze and silver awards for The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, two groups of FEC students took part in an expedition to Gilwell Park in Waltham Forest.

Gardens in the FEC and Upper School have flourished this year. Gill Johnson and her FEC group have transformed the area outside the FEC dining room. They planted flowers and shrubs, decorated the area with bunting and garden ornaments and made good use of the location as an outside classroom.



As part of the Horticulture curriculum in the FEC, Mike Lamb once again had students planting crops that were harvested and sold around the school. Students grew spinach, lettuce, tomato plants and a fantastic crop of strawberries. In DIY, Mike got the students to 'upcycle' existing wooden benches giving them new life by sanding them down before painting. The outside furniture now looks terrific.





The Upper School garden has been completely transformed and regenerated due to the amazing effort and hard work of Roz Penfold and her class. The area is now used by many groups throughout the school as an interactive and stimulating outdoor sensory classroom. We are hoping to expand this development even further during the coming school year.

This has been a splendid year. Our students have worked diligently to achieve some fantastic results whilst accessing an exciting and varied Curriculum, punctuated with many other enjoyable and educational activities.

As we say goodbye to our Year 14 students and wish them well for the future, we welcome students into Upper School from Key Stage 3 and hope that they will have continued success and enjoyment within the phase.

We would like to thank all the staff in Upper School and the FEC for their continued hard work, support and enthusiasm throughout the year and in turn all Upper School and FEC staff would like to wish the students and their families a happy, enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming our students back again in September.

*Denny Brackenbury, Veronica Roberts & Kim Case -
The Upper School Management Team*

The Living & Learning Centre

The Living and Learning Centre has enjoyed a very productive and busy summer term. Students have had a successful year and we have been able to finish the year celebrating in a range of ways. Most recently we have celebrated Tammy's 18th birthday with a special celebration lunch.

We are very proud that Chidera was awarded a Jack Petchey Award this term. The prize money was used to fund a trip to Better Extreme Trampoline Park based at Barking Sporthouse in Mayesbrook Park.

Two separate visits were arranged. All of the students and staff that took part in this activity thoroughly enjoyed it. It was such a success that we have managed to secure a weekly slot starting in September. A new community access programme will be implemented at the beginning of the new school year. Our students will benefit from activities in a range of community activities including: swimming, trampolining, rambling and shopping.

Over the course of the year, LLC students have attended a wide range of activities within the main school building. Students have enjoyed attending specialist sessions within music rooms and the multi sensory theatre. Our students have been enjoying a "Summer" journey using the technology available within the room. Weekly sessions within the Sports Dome, Discovery Room and Home Management Room have all been a huge success.



Chidera with his award



Alfie and Jay duelling at Better Extreme.



Hamilton at Better Extreme





Students across LLC1 and LLC2 have really benefited from the exciting activities that Kirsty our Speech and Language Therapist has incorporated into weekly attention sessions. The progress that our students have made in terms of sitting as part of a small group, taking turns and joining in, has been tremendous. The LLC team are now able to incorporate short group sessions across the course of each day, which is very positive.



Jonathan, Chidera & Alfie enjoying the Multi Sensory Theatre



Ashley chopping vegetables to make a stir Fry



Alfie & Callum in the Liminarium

Within the LLC we continue to deliver a carefully personalised curriculum for each individual student. Opportunities to teach life skills and independent living skills are incorporated where possible. LLC students have all enjoyed taking part in making lunch and cooking activities each week. We are planning to incorporate shopping for ingredients into our weekly programme for an increased number of students from September onwards.



Nathan hanging out washing in the Home Management Room

Plans are currently being made to ensure that our opening times during the summer break provide LLC students with the comfortable and predictable routine that they are used to. Luke our Sports Coach is going to be running weekly sessions in the local gym. We are hoping that some nice weather will allow us to unpack our paddling pools and water pistols for students to use over the holiday period when the LLC re opens from the 1st August.

Sadly one of our pupils is leaving us at the end of the summer. Dean is transitioning to the Adult provision at Lillyputs in Upminster. Dean has been here with us at Trinity since he was four years old. We will miss him and wish him the very best for the future. Good luck Dean!

We will be welcoming Nathan to a full time forty eight week a year placement from September onwards.

The LLC team wish all our students' families an enjoyable Summer Break.

Jo Long - LLC Manager/Teacher



Goodbye and good luck to
Dean Hitching!