



Head's lines...

I can never believe how quickly the last few weeks in school pass and quite how many lovely learning activities we manage to pack in. As I write Year 3 and 4 are enjoying breakfast at the French café, an opportunity to put their language skills into use. At the same time Year 6 are not only preparing for their leaving assembly but also for the rounders match against staff at lunchtime – a much anticipated event – that will be watched by the whole school as it is picnic day!

We start to look forward at this point too – to holidays and a long summer break, but also to the new school year. For many of us our journey at Camp will continue but for some children and families leaving us, both from Nursery and Year 6, it is time to say a sad good-bye. We have loved having you as part of the Camp Community and we wish your children all the very best in their new settings in September.

Year 6 we are so proud of all you have achieved at Camp School and the responsible young people you have become. The new schools that you are joining in September are very lucky to have you – we wish you every success for the future.

We are also preparing as a staff to say good-bye to Karen Waters, a long standing member of staff, who has worked with and supported so many children during her time here. Karen is looking forward to spending more time with her family and learning new skills – we will miss her very much.

All the children got to spend some time in their new classes last week - to support a smooth transition in September. We also welcomed our new Reception and Nursery children in to school again. Another busy morning but also full of excitement about the new learning and experiences to come.

Thank you to parents who have supported the recent school and PA events, including the camp out, and to the parent group that has agreed to take over the key PA roles from September. Meg and Andi you have done an amazing job and we are so grateful for the time, effort and enthusiasm you have shown.

Finally I want to thank all of you for your support again this academic year. I wish you and your families a happy and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to working with you again next year.

With very best wishes - **Sharon Barton**

Important Dates:

Nursery end of term	Thursday 19 th July
Summer parties	Thursday 19 th July
End of term	Friday 20 th July @ 1.30pm
Start of term	Tuesday 4 th September @08.55am

We have recently shared with parents the assessment outcomes in the Year 1 phonics tests, KS1 and for Year 6 the SATs results. Our KS2 results, once again, show a very positive picture for both the percentage of children achieving the expected standards or beyond in Reading, Writing and Maths (above Herts and National) and for the progress they have made.

Animal encounters x 2

Reception had a really enjoyable day last Friday at Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne – not only meeting a variety of animals but also making the most of the exciting play equipment too.

For Nursery children yesterday was their day out and they all enjoyed seeing the animals at Standalone Farm in Letchworth. They were excited to see the pigs and piglets, donkeys and the cows being milked. Thank you to the adults who came along to support the trip.



Songs at the Barbican

At the end of June Camp School choir performed a range of songs from musicals to a packed audience, including lots of parents. They behaved perfectly all day – such great ambassadors for the school.

The children tell me their favourite part of the day was having their own year group dressing rooms with lights around the mirrors – making them feel like real pop stars!



Under the sea

As an Eco School we have been working very hard over the last couple of years to obtain the prestigious Green Flag award which is only held by just over 1000 schools nationally.

Our Eco Committee have taken a lead on this and as a school community we have focused on reducing food waste, saving energy and improving the school grounds for wildlife and for our learning. It has been a very successful year and yesterday we were inspected and awarded The Green Flag. Watch out for the flag being raised in the Autumn Term. So well done Eco Committee and to the whole school community.

As part of our work on the environment and sustainability we will focus on marine life, in particular the pollution from plastic in our seas, a very topical subject that the children have expressed an interest in after being inspired by Sir David Attenborough and the Blue Planet.

"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty, the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living." Sir David Attenborough

During the Autumn Term the whole school topic from Nursery to Year 6 will be entitled "Under the Sea". There will be opportunities to explore the creatures that inhabit the oceans and the impact of plastic pollution on them as well as learning around the theme in most other subjects. It will be really exciting to all be working on the same topic, at age appropriate level.

An interactive exhibition in London called Sea Creatures is running from 27th July – 30th August and explores the creatures that inhabit deep in the ocean. It may be of interest to your family during the holidays.

<http://www.seacreaturestour.com/exhibition/>

I am sure by now that many of you have been to visit the new museum in the town. As we have been working with the museum during the development stages, we were lucky enough to be able to send our Year 5 class for a visit before the official opening which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We were also invited to send one pupil to the official opening with the major and other dignitaries. Madeleine from Year 4 was thrilled to be asked to attend and came back very enthused and ready to encourage the rest of the school to visit.



Let the games begin!

Last week saw Year 5 and 6 taking us on a journey into Gameland, showing us the importance of playing board games and having more time away from screens.

Parents were thoroughly entertained on both evenings as the children delivered songs, dances and some very competent acting. Well done to both the children and the staff for a fantastic production.

Sporting round-up



Sports Day was different this year with a carousel of activities in the morning followed by flat races in the afternoon. It was close but the winning team was the yellow team representing Wimbledon.

Children have also been out to represent the school at district sports and the speed stacking county final for our girls team. Year 4 also participated at a recent football tournament hosted by Watford football club, The boys won overall and came back with a trophy and Eve Scott was named as Player of the Tournament. Well done!

It was a very hot afternoon for the Nursery and Reception Sports Day. However, with plenty of water to hand and assisted by the Year 5 buddies, the children had a great time taking part in a variety of fun races.

Thank you to so many parents, carers, friends and family for coming to join us at both events and for being prepared to take part in the adults races too! The PA ice-lollies at the end of the events were definitely much needed this year!

A busy time for our Y5 JTAs

We have continued to keep road safety issues as a focus this year by once again appointing children in Year 5 to take on the role of Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs). Over the year they have supported our development of a new travel plan, raised awareness of road safety and sensible parking in assemblies, collected data and promoted being active in Walk to School Week. They also helped to deliver scooter training and pedestrian skills. Well done to Megan, Elliot and Sara K, ably supported in their role by Anne Dunlop.

A big thank you must also go to governors Louise Larkins and Jennifer Mitchell and parent Tim Angove for working to promote and evidence the work the school is undertaking. I am pleased to let you know that we have just been granted the 2018 bronze award in recognition of our efforts.



Phasels Wood visit



Year 3 and 4 had an enjoyable active day at Phasels Wood activity centre near Hemel Hempstead.

The highlight of the day was definitely the climbing wall and abseiling.

Our Happy Campers breakfast and after school club is already very popular for next term with some days fully booked.

Please contact Maria directly on 07531 011113 to check bookings. Thank you very much