



Every Child Matters

The Campsbourne Weekly

Campsbourne School's Weekly Newsletter

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As we draw to a close to this school year I reflect with a lot of pride on what has been achieved at Campsbourne this year. It has been a real team effort from staff, parents and children. I have always felt that my role is to raise and maintain high standards whilst retaining the joy of learning through a broad and rich curriculum and I believe we have made great progress in achieving this.



This year the focus has been on the teaching of writing through the implementation of **Talk for Writing**. This program was introduced so that we could improve the quality of writing with the focus remaining on children enjoying writing stories, poems and nonfiction texts rather than reducing writing to a series of grammar and punctuation lessons. It means a great deal to me to hear parents tell me how much their children enjoy writing.

We have also introduced **Accelerated Reader**. I would like say a special thank you to Corrali and some of our parents, especially Kate Milmo, who have helped to organise the books for this program. It has been a long task but one which is well worth while.

Every day I have children coming to me to get their prize book for completing quizzes for 6, 18, 30 and even 46 books and telling me how many quizzes they have to go. This program combined with the school library is really helping to develop a love of reading amongst the children.

We have made big strides in providing more opportunities for children to be active throughout the school day and to introduce children to a wider range of sporting activities. Since the start of the summer term we have employed a PE coach who works with groups of children every lunch time and in the past few weeks your children have been enjoying their end of year trips introducing them to canoeing, BMX riding, orienteering, indoor rock climbing and Go Ape. These trips will be a regular annual opportunity so children will have the opportunity to enjoy all of the different sports as they move through the school.



This year has also seen us introduce **Forest School** to our nursery. Watching Fiona and the children learn in Alexandra Palace Park has been very special. Throughout this year we have been working hard on developing the outdoor space next to the Eco Room which is now completed and ready for next year. Lauren Hartley, who works in Reception will shortly become a fully qualified Forest School practitioner and will be delivering Forest School sessions to children across both classes each week.

Janine Shaw will be joining us in September and delivering Forest School sessions to children on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school. Each term will see a different year group enjoy Forest School sessions beginning with year 1 in September. One class will have their session on Tuesday and the other class will have their session on Thursday. The classes will be split into two groups with half the class enjoying Forest School in the morning with the other half being taught by the class teacher and then the groups rotating in the afternoon.

In September we will be introducing a new science program called **Empiribox** which focuses on providing teachers with the resources and training so they can deliver engaging and practical experiments / activities. When investigating this program I was struck by how the first thing they would tell me is how much the children enjoyed science lessons.



We have also been working hard to develop the **art curriculum**. We have recruited a resident artist called Sandie who will be working on projects each half term with a different year group. This year she has completed projects with years 5 and 6. You can see the year 6 art work in the junior hall and the year 5 art work will be going in our dining hall next year. During the summer holidays we will also be busy converting the parent room, which is located near the school office, into a dedicated art room. Year 1 and 2 will continue to have art lessons each week with years 3 – 6 now enjoying regular art lessons when they have their swimming lessons. So whilst half the class are swimming the other half will be working on art projects in the new art room. These lessons are in addition to the projects which they will enjoy with Sandie.

All of the above is only possible because of all the staff who have embraced the changes and work so hard to continue improving the school for your children. I am sure you will join me in thanking them before the end of term.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Tanya and everyone in the HSA who works so hard to raise money and dedicate their time to improving the school. I can say with some confidence that our new infant playground and climbing wall are the envy of many local schools, some of who have come to visit to see what we have created. This September our midday meal supervisors will also be receiving training on how to use the loose parts which include tyres, rope, wooden planks etc to further develop play at Campsbourne.

Key Dates for Next Year

Term Starts	Wednesday 6 th September
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Open Morning	Friday 6 th October
Parent Workshop (Emotional Health) (Focus on Y1 and Y2 but all welcome)	Tuesday 10 th October 9.00 – 10.15
Year 2 and Year 3 Open Morning	Friday 13 th October
Rec and Year 1 Open Morning	Friday 20 th October
Campsbourne Cultural Celebration	Friday 20 th October
Parents' Evening	Monday 13 th and Wednesday 15 th November

I hope that you are able to enjoy some great quality family time which can be so hard to find in our busy lives. Thank you for your support and I look forward to welcoming you back to a new school year in September.

Jonathan Smith

Head Teacher