Headteacher’s Message:

This term has been short and busy with the Year 6 and 2 students sitting their SATs tests. The children were incredibly well behaved and I have every confidence the results at the end of the year will reflect the hard work that the children and the staff have put in over this year.

In addition to the SATs, I am delighted to share with you that the school has secured much needed funding from the Local Authority for some essential building works. These include renovating the toilets, fixing the drainage system in the playground and creating an environment that feels not only more Eco friendly but also more child friendly. I hope that you will join with me in thanking our Director of Education, Cathy Twist, for ensuring that our school was not overlooked.

I would personally like to say a massive thank you for the hard work put in by the PTA for organising the Summer Fair on the 6th of July. We are hoping to raise enough funds to buy a set of (30) Recorders, Ukuleles, Glockenspiels and other essential musical equipment. Keep an eye out as they will be selling raffle tickets for some very interesting prizes!

Cycle training

Lambeth Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle training courses for children over the May half term on Clapham Common and in Brockwell Park. Courses are suitable for all ages and there are complete beginner, intermediate and on-road course levels. Bikes are available to borrow at Clapham Common or children can bring their own. For more information or to book a place, visit https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lambeth/ or call the Cycle Confident office on 020 3031 6730.

Art—Following the path of Vincent van Gogh

This term, we have all been creating art inspired by Van Gogh’s Sunflowers. Here are just some of our amazing artists!

Kulthum (Reception)  Emilia (Year 2)  Edward (Year 3)  Thomas (Year 4)  Tyler (Year 5)
**Nursery class**

This term in Nursery we have been learning about Minibeasts. We have enjoyed going on minibeast adventures in the outdoor area where we have found spiders, ants and snails. We have also been given some stick insects which we are doing a very good job of looking after. We have read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we are able to talk about the life cycle of a butterfly. Some of us have been able to see the life cycle of a butterfly and came back and told our friends about the cocoons.

We have also been busy learning to write our names as well as learning our numbers. We have been practising counting objects and matching up with the numeral. We have also been practising our sounds and most of us are able to recognise the initial letter that our names begin with.

**Reception Class**

Wow! What a busy term Reception have had. When we returned from the holidays, we discovered that Reception had transformed into a forest. We heard birds singing, insects chirping and buzzing and there were long vines hanging from the ceiling. We decided to investigate, who lives there. We looked closely at mini-beasts, such as snails, slugs and stick insects, watching them grow and transform!

At the beginning of the term the Clapham Learning Centre visited and taught us.

**Year 1**

This term Year 1 have used their Green Fingers to learn all about plants. We began the year by writing an acrostic poem about Vincent Van Gogh’s Sunflowers. We learnt about the artist’s life and recreated this famous painting by using different shades of colour and different brush strokes. We explored the garden outside our classroom to find different types of plants and designed our own garden. We also planted our own beans. We have taken care of them and have observed them grow over time. Hopefully, next term we will have some beans to eat!

**Year 2**

Year 2 have had an exciting and rewarding term! We have learnt about Vincent Van Gogh: drawing our own dreams and colouring sunflowers using pencils and tissue paper. We have also moulded our own sunflower bowls out of clay! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic on James and the Giant Peach, creating poems and making our own newspaper reports in English lessons. In science, we have learnt all about the life cycle of plants and have even planted our own sunflowers making pots out of plastic bottles to help reduce waste in our environment. The children have all worked hard revising and attending booster clubs for assessments this term and the year 2 team are extremely proud, and as always thank you to parents for the continued support, we receive!
Year 3

This term Year 3 have been enjoying learning about rocks and soils. We have explored different soils and how they are made. We investigated different rocks and their properties and we have really enjoyed reading Pebble in my pocket which explains how the Earth has evolved over the last 480 million years! We really enjoyed learning about how volcanoes work, where they are in the world and we even created our own exploding volcanoes! This was finished off with a fantastic drama workshop delivered by freshwater theatre.

As part of a whole school art project we looked at the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh and used a range of different techniques and mediums before creating a final masterpiece using our own preferred medium. They were fantastic!

Year 4

This term, Year 5 have been studying ‘Habitats and classification’ and ‘Rivers’.
In Science, we used classification keys to group and sort living things, then used our knowledge to make our own classification keys.
In geography, we have been studying the locations of major rivers, as well as naming the parts of a river. Finally, we considered how rivers and their surrounding cities have developed over time and as a result of environmental changes. Our learning experience was a Now Press Play immersive journey through the water cycle.

As part of the whole school art focus we have been studying Vincent Van Gogh and his art, in particular his ‘Sunflowers’ painting which we created our own versions of in pencil and pastels.

Year 5

This term Year 5 have been studying ‘Living Things and their Habitats’.
We have looked at the life-cycle of plants and animals and compared the different stages. During the first week, Zoo Lab came to visit us. We were introduced to various animals such as large spiders, giant snails, lizards and snakes. Some of us battled our fears and touched the animals too!

We were also given a batch of baby caterpillars and throughout the weeks we observed the stages of their cycle. It was wonderful to see them build a cocoon then hatch into beautiful butterflies.

Year 6

A huge well done to all our Year 6 children who sat their Key Stage 2 SATs last week. We were exceptionally proud of each and every one of them. They showed real resilience and confidence in their attitudes towards the tests and we could not have asked any more of them. All of the preparation and hard work that they put in during the run up to the tests will have certainly paid off. Well done year 6!

As an end of SATs celebration, we had the pleasure of taking part in a circus skills workshop on Monday. We were all able to practice walking on stilts, balancing a peacock feather on our elbows and noses and juggling to name but a few of the activities. The children showed great skill and enthusiasm during the workshops and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.
Dates for Parents/Carers
Term 6

Tuesday 4th June – Back to school

Week beginning 10th June – Phonics Screening Year 1
Thursday 20th June – Reception Sharing Assembly 9.15 am
Tuesday 25th June – Year 5 Sharing Assembly at 9.15
Thursday 27th June – Year 3 Sharing Assembly at 9.15
Tuesday 2nd July – Year 4 Sharing Assembly at 9.15
Thursday 4th July – Year 2 Sharing Assembly at 9.15
Saturday 6th July – Summer Fair
Thursday 11th July – Year 1 Sharing Assembly at 9.15

Friday 12th July – Reports sent home
Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15
Thursday 18th July – Parents Evening (Informal Drop-In) 3.30 – 5.00
Monday 22nd July – Reception/KS1 Sports Day (more details to follow)
Tuesday 23rd July – KS2 Sports Day (more details to follow)

Wednesday 24th July –
Break up for Summer Holidays! 2pm finish