

Dear Parents and Carers

We have so much to celebrate and be proud of this year. Our pupils never cease to make us feel proud. Whether they've learned to ride a bike, use a VOCA (an electronic communication aid), tried new foods, risen to the responsibilities of a work experience placement, volunteered their time to help prepare meals for a local nursery, worked in our award winning nature trail, played with their friends from Muswell Hill Primary during weekly 'reverse inclusion' or lunch club, or exchanged an object of reference for the first time—we are immensely proud of their achievements.



Becky Jones

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all my colleagues in school, whether in teaching roles, the admin team, facilities, finance or HR for their tireless commitment, hard work and enthusiasm that has enabled our young pupils to learn, thrive and achieve this year.

Developments for the school year 2015-16

As I have been talking with you and listening to your ideas over the course of this school year, a number of you have mentioned that you would like an opportunity to meet with all the members of your child's team earlier in the year. Some families have also suggested that a mix of daytime and evening meetings would work better for them because it would make it easier for members of the family who work to attend evening meetings. I am therefore pleased to let you know that we have scheduled two Parents' Evenings for the new school year. The first will be held from 17.00– 18.30 on 23 September. Your child's classroom will be open for the evening and the team, including their ABA Tutors, will be in class to meet with you. The class leader will talk through the class timetable, check medication and permissions records with you, and confirm meeting dates for the upcoming year with you. We will also share copies of the updated Parents' Handbook. The second Parents' Evening will be held on 13 January 2016. We anticipate that the format will be similar to the September meeting, although there may be some changes depending on your feedback about how the first parents' evening works for everyone. The Parents' Evenings will be in addition to your individual pupil appointments. Details of your own appointments will be sent out in August.

Another development for the new year is the re-purposing of the room that is currently my office. This will become our TreeHouse School Families Room. This will give us a bigger more comfortable space for large meetings such as Transfer Review meetings, as well as being a space open to parents throughout the year to wait in before meetings or to meet together if desired. We hope the room will be ready to use from our first Parents' Evening onwards. I will be moving to an office upstairs where I can be closer to other members of the school Leadership Team.

Summer contact

A member of the school leadership team is available through the summer should school involvement be needed in an emergency. If you need to contact one of us, please leave a message with reception who will alert us to your call.

With very best wishes for the summer.



City Bridge Trust Growing Localities Awards

I just wanted to share the good news about the City Bridge Trust Growing Localities Awards. We entered our wildlife garden into this and were shortlisted to the last 12 of 96 entries. I am pleased to say that we **WON**. This is a huge achievement for our students and I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all the students and to thank them and the staff for all their hard work in making this an award winning garden.

Read more about it on their website: <http://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/CBT/News/NewsArchive/2015/Growing+Localities+Awards+2015.htm>

Paul Atkinson (Horticulture Specialist)

Sports Day - KS1-3

It was another successful TreeHouse Sports Day for Lower School. Ashley was showing his Yoga skills, Zebbi dancing and Shane making sure everyone taking part and watching had water and ice lollies. All our pupils got involved with creating and making team flags and fashioning amazing team t-shirts. Oak class dressing as minions was a particular highlight. All Lower School pupils came out to take part in their Sports Day, with Farhat welcoming the parents and opening the games. The Dance and Yoga stations were a new feature this year and we could all see how much our young people have progressed and enjoyed taking part in these.

(Stacey Welfare, Sports Coach)



Sports Day - KS4



Sports Day - KS5



Lee Valley Trip

I had so much fun during Lee Valley trip!

I did some kayaking, swimming, climbing and many more. I also participated in camp fire and film night!

(US4 pupil)



2015 TreeHouse Summer Art Exhibition

This year's TreeHouse Summer Exhibition was as bright and colourful as always. The show gave our young artists of the 6th form the opportunity to share their achievements and creations from across the year and, as always, I was struck by the individualism and creativity expressed by each pupil. Many of the young artists visited the display and sat proudly alongside their work as visitors browsed the exhibition. A number of the artists involved were this year's graduating pupils and the display was a fitting tribute to their achievements as well as a backdrop to their Graduation ceremony. Congratulations to everyone involved, including the Upper School pupils who all managed to contribute a piece to the exhibition.

(Naomi Delamore, Art Vocational Specialist)



Dates for your diary

31 August	School Closed (Bank Holiday)
1 September	School Closed (INSET Day)
2 September	Term starts. School open to pupils from 9.00
16 September 9.45 - 12.00	Wendy Bellis, Dentist, in school
23 September 17.00 - 18.30	Parents' Open Evening
15 October 10.00 - 14.00	Family Support Seminar - The Care Act 2014 and rights to support, London EC1N 7AB, email training@ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk for more info
21 October 9.45 - 12.00	Wendy Bellis, Dentist, in school
23 October	School Closed (INSET Day)
26 - 30 October	School Closed (Half-term Holiday)
2 November	Term starts. School open to pupils from 9.00



Graduation Day

This year 6 young people graduate from TreeHouse School. It was great to join with parents and carers to celebrate the achievements of our learners. A presentation was held, accompanied by the students' favourite music and a short montage of photographs showing highlights of each young person's time in the school. We all enjoyed clapping and dancing with each pupil as they collected their leaving gifts which included a certificate, a graduation booklet and a TreeHouse School Hoodie. After the ceremony we had a photo shoot and then enjoyed a lovely lunch together.

We wish all our leavers every success for the future.

(Kaz Birk, Assistant Head, 6th Form)



Science Museum special event

On 12 September 2015 The Science Museum will open at 8.30 exclusively for families who have a child with autism under the age of 14 (Early Bird). The Museum opens to the general public at 10.00 but some interactive areas will remain exclusively open to Early Bird families until 11.15.

This event is popular amongst families so you will need to book in advance if you would like to attend. Bookings open at 10.00 on Friday 14 August 2015. To book please call the Science Museum booking team on: 020 7942 4777. Booking lines are normally open on Mondays to Thursdays from 8.45–17.00, and on Fridays from 8.45–15.00. For more information and to download a Visual Story of the museum please visit: http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/Plan_your_visit/events/other/

Staff Updates

Welcome to...

Katie Carter, ABA Tutor Trainee
Maria Apostolaki, ABA Tutor
Charlie Barnett, ABA Tutor Trainee
Kathryn Brown, ABA Tutor Trainee
Stephanie Gedge, ABA Tutor Trainee
Emily Hinett, ABA Tutor Trainee
Irene Kounnou, ABA Tutor Trainee
Konstantina Marapa, ABA Tutor Trainee
Nathan McCalla, ABA Tutor
Maria Mina, ABA Tutor Trainee
Daisy Pumphrey, Behaviour Analyst
Lily Nwosu, ABA Tutor Trainee
Eleni Pechlivani, ABA Tutor Trainee
Garima Rathod, ABA Tutor Trainee
Vikki Roper, ABA Tutor Trainee
Mary Rowlands, ABA Tutor Trainee
Georgina Seymour, ABA Tutor Trainee
Lin Tong, ABA Tutor Trainee
Khush Valji, ABA Tutor Trainee
Rachel Weaver, ABA Tutor Trainee
Poppy Bonsor, Class Teacher
Tanyel Salih, ABA Tutor Trainee
Katie Whitworth, Class Teacher

Congratulations to colleagues on gaining promotions..

Magda Apanasionok, Senior ABA Tutor
Mercedes Castellano, ABA Supervisor
Linda Crewes, Admissions Team Manager
Ciaran Dalton, Class Teacher (Schools Direct)
Maria Dimopoulou, Senior ABA Tutor
Kerry Groom, Senior ABA Tutor
Rachel Holgate, Senior ABA Tutor
Charlotte Jones, Class Teacher (Schools Direct)
Birte Kleine, Class Teacher (Schools Direct)

Allison Knight, Assistant Head, Lower School (Maternity Cover)
Michelle Lambourne, School Office Team Manager
Agnieszka Lawinska, Senior ABA Tutor
Amy McKenna, ABA Supervisor
Andrea Moldovan-Grunfeld, Behaviour Analyst
Julie Murphy, School Data Manager
Joel Pearson, Senior ABA Tutor (Acting)
Alexandra Reitemeier, Senior ABA Tutor (Acting)

Goodbye to..

Caroline Bennett, Class Teacher
Emma Chantler, Senior ABA Tutor
Rosie Evans, ABA Tutor Trainee
Kelly Fakolade, ABA Tutor Trainee
Tegan Ferguson, Occupational Therapist
Lazina Gheyselink, Music Teacher
Corinne Ginty, ABA Tutor Trainee
Emma Greene, Class Teacher
Holly Henderson, Senior ABA Tutor
Sarah Hobson, ABA Tutor Trainee
Nibarna Kannathasan, ABA Tutor Trainee
Sandra Kempell, ABA Tutor Trainee
Eamonn Lavery, ABA Tutor Trainee
Marie-Louise Meaton, ABA Tutor Trainee
Kerina Murray, ABA Tutor
Shadia Nanyonjo, ABA Tutor Trainee
Andrea Olguin, ABA Tutor
Amelia Osbon, Senior ABA Tutor
Anna Pichierri, ABA Tutor Trainee
Hannah Price, Senior ABA Tutor
Jalpa Shah, ABA Supervisor
Ruki Weerasinghe, ABA Tutor Trainee
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