

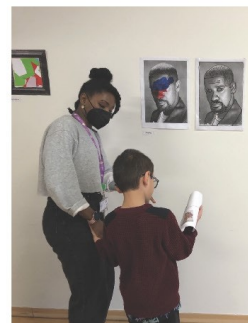
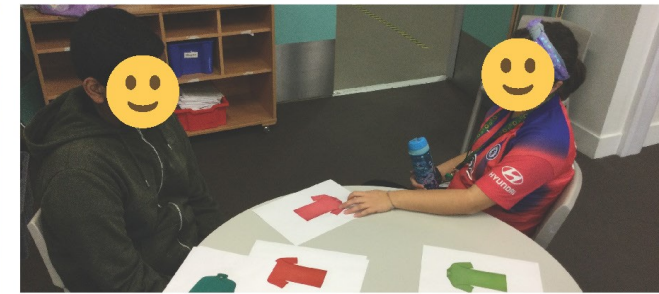
# HALF TERM NEWSLETTER



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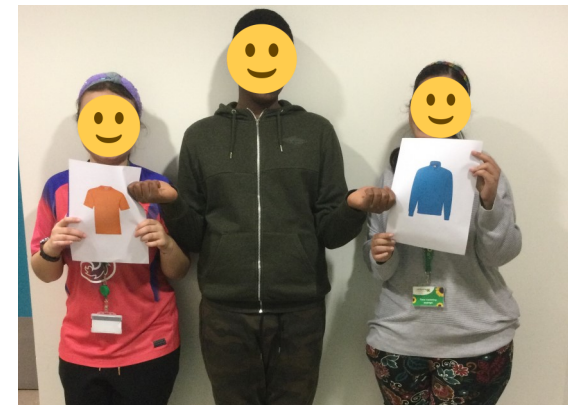


# Our Half Term Themes for Learning

Our learning themes for this term have centred around the concept of time, the creative arts, and technology. We held weekly outdoor challenges for classes to take experience so that learning could take place safely beyond the classroom despite the pause in community-based learning. It was wonderful to observe each class exploring and problem solving the wider environments whilst being physically active. Art has been a central learning theme with a focus on design creative piece and end product. Classes showcased to the wider school community through our weekly assemblies and we held one art exhibition so that pupils could also feel the gallery experience.

## Student Council

The Student Council met this half term with a focus on PE, healthy schools, and fitness. The students wanted to review our PE kit and worked collaboratively together to agree the new colour and design of their PE t-shirt and jumper. Discussions centred around the choice of colour, design, logo and comfort for the whole school. Everyone had a voice, good debates were had and the chosen designs are showcased here!



# Camden Local Authority Whole School Training Programmes: Positive Behaviour Support School & Trauma Informed Practice School



Camden Local Authority have invested in a borough-wide training programme to underpin their commitment to inclusive education. We are working directly with the Camden Educational Psychology Team to complete full staff training on the special school programme. Throughout this academic year, all staff are completing a series of modules focused on two areas: Positive Behaviour Support and Trauma Informed Practice. Both training programmes are accredited and take place across the year in order to enhance knowledge, practice, and provision.

There are three tiers for Positive Behaviour Support. Tier 1 is a foundation of strategies for all pupils then develops into personalised strategies for Tier 2 targeted support, and then coordinated Tier 3 intensive support. Working with families at all three tiers continues to be at the heart of the PSB approach which is a person-centred approach.

Camden Mosaic CAMHS Team are a strategic partner of the school and grant funded the pilot programme for Positive Behaviour Support. As a school we have also introduced a Positive Behaviour Support Team. This is a team of 5 Positive Behaviour Support Mentors to work across classes directly with pupils and class teams. This alongside our core model for engagement for learning and climates of learning to support the Trauma Informed Practice approaches will ensure our provision continues to grow and develop.



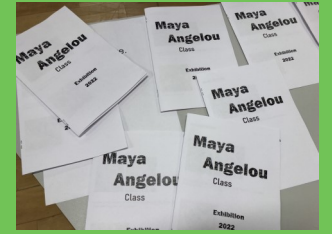
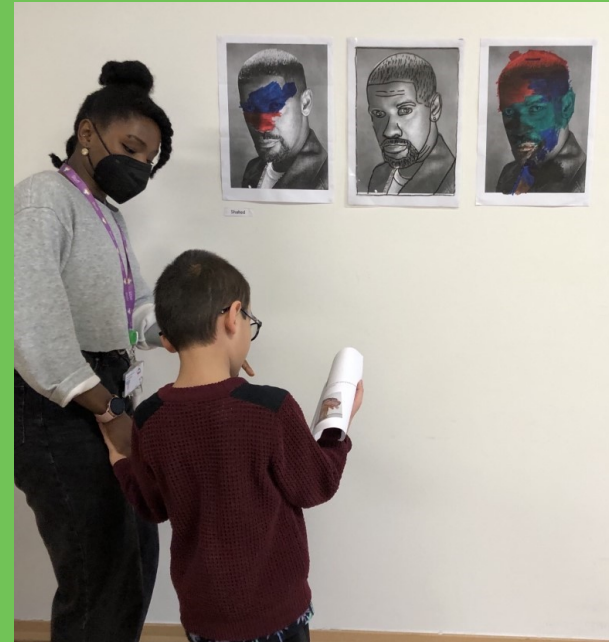
# Highlight:

## Maya Angelou Art Exhibit

The Maya Angelou Class completed a very creative series of lessons focused on the creation of artwork. There was a range in the types of artwork explored, and it culminated in an 'Art Exhibition'.

Classes across the school were able to book a time to view and explore the Art Exhibit within the safe space in our drama studio.

It was wonderful to see the pride the pupils showed in sharing their artwork, and the way classes across the Lower and Upper School enjoyed the art exhibit experience.

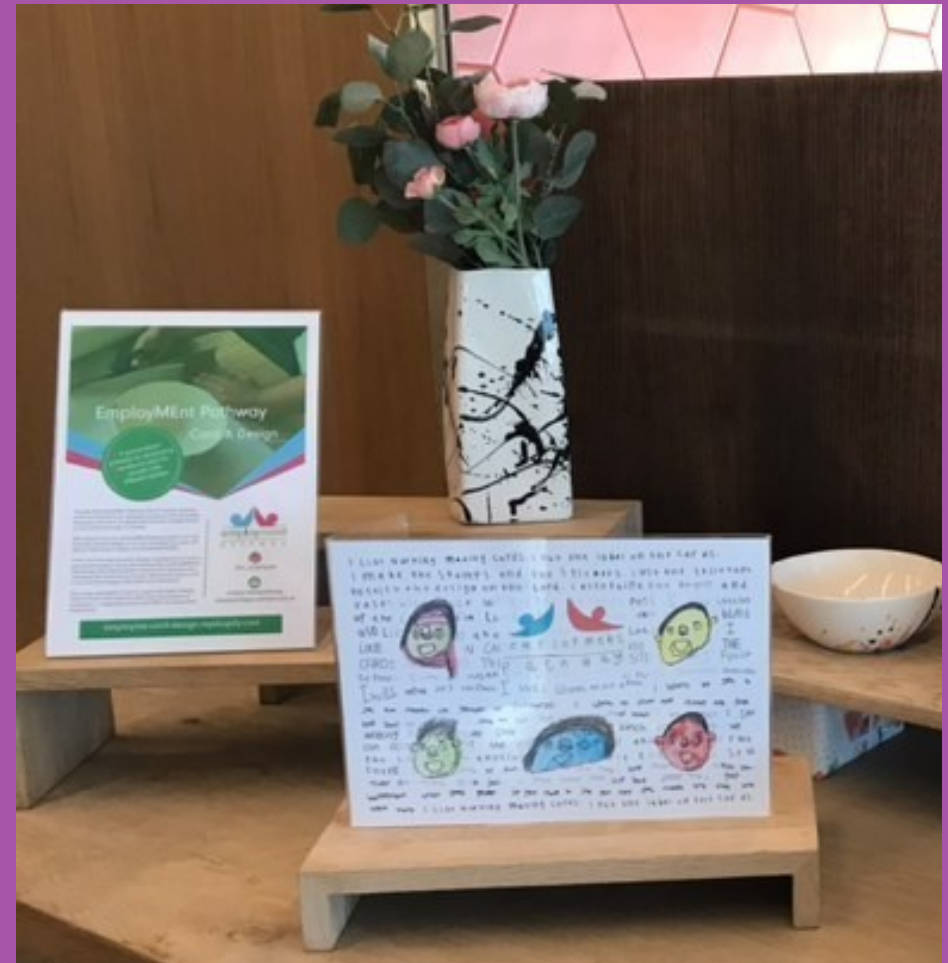


# Highlight: EmployMEnt Pathway in the City!

The Sixth Form social enterprise curriculum takes place through the 'EmployMEnt Pathway'. The pupils design, create, produce, package, and post greeting cards and pottery through their work place lessons in school.

The pupils received exciting requests to feature their products in two locations: a local café in the Swiss Cottage locality and in The Sky Garden within the Fenchurch Building in central London.

We are so excited that they are becoming a part of the community through this social enterprise programme.



# COVID-19 Summary

The school had a total of 64 positive cases of COVID-19 from 4<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The safety measures in place were beyond the requirements, and Public Health England recognised that our increases in cases are due to factors beyond the school. The staff continued to wear PPE with a significant number of staff completing daily lateral flow testing as a precaution.

Our community is very vulnerable and we appreciate the steps you have taken to support the safety as the wider society reopened. Your support with home testing and the flexibility if your class had to move to virtual remote learning for a set of days was equally recognised by the Public Health England team when they completed our regular risk assessments.

We hope the half term is a safe period for your family and the next half term is more settled. We will begin to restart community learning and cross-class curriculum activities from 28<sup>th</sup> February after we monitor the first week back to the school.

# Term Dates

## Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

Thursday 2nd September 2021: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

Friday: 3rd September 2021: **First day for pupils**

Monday: 18th October: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

**Half-Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021**

Friday 17th December 2021: **Last day for pupils**

**Winter Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022**

## Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022: **First day for pupils**

Friday, 28th January: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

**Half-Term: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022**

Friday 1st April 2022: **Last day for pupils**

**Spring Holiday: Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022**

## Summer term 2022

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd July 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022: **First day for pupils**

Monday 2nd May 2022: **May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils**

**Half-Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022**

Monday, 4th July 2022: **Staff training day – no school for pupils**

Friday 22nd July: **Last day for pupils**

**Summer Holiday: Monday 25th July 2022 -**