



11<sup>th</sup> June 21

Dear families,

## NEWSLETTER

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the weather which has been lovely - we really need the warmth and sunshine!. Do ensure your children come to school with sun hats and put sunscreen on them, so they are kept as cool and safe as possible. Classes have been customising their outdoor areas with parachutes and saris to create colourful, shady spaces for the children.

There is so much lovely work happening in school at the moment. Everywhere I go I see staff encouraging children's independence, communication and problem-solving skills and I see pupils bursting with pride as they do such things as: walk upstairs for the first time; find their own way from the bus to their classroom; work out how to solve a tricky problem. It really feels like such a purposeful, fun and effective learning environment

Below is important information about the school and the trust



### MOVE Centre of Excellence Accreditation

We are extremely proud to have been re-accredited as a MOVE Centre of Excellence. This is due to the hard work of our MOVE Coordinator, Katie Chapman and her team. Despite having had a range of roles during the pandemic, Katie and the MOVE Practitioners have worked hard to ensure the children on the programme meet their goals. Thank-you also to all you parents who joined the MOVE Zoom sessions and who continue to work so hard with your children. It is a real tribute to everyone's commitment that the children did not lose skills during lockdowns.

**BKWT Forum:** A reminder that the Brent Knoll and Watergate Trust will be holding a Forum meeting this coming Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you haven't already signed up please follow the link [here](#) to do so. The Forum will be a great chance to find out more about the Trust and the successes



that have been achieved over the last couple of years and what development is envisaged.

The Trust has a fundraiser and she has asked me to share the following with you all about an opportunity...

*Good Morning!*

*14-20 June is Learning Disability Week.*

*Over the past 12 months I have given up buying take-out coffee and amazingly it added up to quite a large sum.*

*I have turned that coffee into one laptop for Brent Knoll students!!!*

*How?!!! Every pound I donated has been matched by The Childhood Trust via The Big Give's Champions for Children campaign, which aims to help London children affected by COVID.*

*The campaign ends on Tuesday 15 June at 12pm. It would be really great to be able to raise the money for more pupil laptops, by donating the funding for half that number. If you have been able to save a few £s due to lack of spending opportunities, please consider this worthwhile home for your money which could really boost children's home learning.*

*Any donation will be doubled, so please give if you can – via this link <http://rb.gy/xfchtg>*

*THANK YOU!*

*Very best wishes*

*Anna Somerset*

*BKWT Fundraiser*

## **Lewisham Live Festival - Lewisham Live Dance 2021**

You will be aware that we are submitting a video for Lewisham Live Dance Festival. Our music teacher Paloma recorded her own version of a classic Brazilian Samba song (Samba Le Le) and Marlina (HLTA), worked on the choreography. Schools from across Lewisham have submitted videos and these will be made into one fabulous film, which will be shared with the world via YouTube on Weds 7th July – we will send you the link as soon as we have it. I have just seen our film and it is really beautiful and joyful – I can't wait for you to see it.

## **I AM FESTIVAL 2021 - A New Direction**

The I AM FESTIVAL is an Art Festival organised by A New Direction. See the link for more information. <https://www.anewdirection.org.uk/what-we-do/schools/i-am-festival-2021>

For the festival we are submitting portraits in the form of an installation. This installation takes its inspiration from the artists Antony Gormley and Hew Locke. It includes clay models made by the whole school community, alongside model boats that pupils have made. The models represent all the people of Watergate and the boats represent the journeys we have all taken to get here. The festival takes place between 14th -18th June and photographs of our installation will be



available to view as part of the online exhibition of portraits.

### End of School Year Events

We are really hoping that there will be a lifting of restrictions soon, as we miss being able to invite you into school. At the moment we are planning to have:

**Parent Consultation** meetings during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Leavers celebrations** will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> we hope to invite the school community to a **Carnival Celebration**. Arrangements will be made as soon as we know what we can safely do and we will give you as much notice as possible.



### Family Support Update

Many of you will have met Rani, our Family Support Worker has been doing some amazing work since she joined us in September. Rani says:

“It has been lovely to meet the parents of our new starters at our Friday Zoom Coffee Mornings. If you would like to attend the coffee morning it is every Friday at 10am, I would love to meet you and you will be able to chat with other parents. It is a great opportunity to build a community for you and your children. A zoom link is sent out each week to log in to the session.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our previous Wellbeing Group, and thank-you for all the lovely feedback about how helpful the sessions were for you. Our next Wellbeing Group will be held via zoom on **Monday 5th July 2021**. Please contact the School office to book a place. “

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and enjoy

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a simple horizontal line.

Fiona Veitch – Interim Headteacher

