



Welcome Back

It was lovely to welcome you all back at the beginning of our new school year. Our new families and members of staff have all settled in well and we have had a productive start to the term. It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting your children's new classrooms at our open mornings this week and we look forward to seeing the parents/guardians of our Year 1 children on Monday at 9.00am. Now that our Reception and Nursery pupils have settled in, we will be inviting parents/guardians of these classes in for their meetings soon so watch out for your invitation.

Playgrounds

We have opened our new middle playground to the children in Year 2 and Year 3 and the new play sheds in the Reception and Year 1 playground are proving very popular. A new team of Year 5 and 6 Buddies have been trained and they have been very helpful in both of these playgrounds, showing the younger children how to play with the new equipment and games.



School Dinner Choices

Thank you to everyone who has returned the school dinner choices form to us. Please remember to stick to the choice you have made for the whole term. If this needs to change we would ask you to come into the office and fill in another form so that we can make the change on the system. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We are all looking forward to another happy and successful year ahead at Richard Cobden.

Year 6 Netball

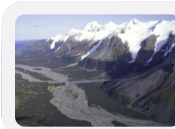
Our Year 6 Netball teams played their first competitive matches of the season at LSU school.



Our B team lost to Fitzjohns and Gospel Oak, but still have three games left to play and are 5th in their group. Our A team lost to Gospel Oak but beat Fitzjohns and are currently 3rd in their group. Both teams can still reach the finals if they win their remaining matches on October 8th. Well done to all the players for some excellent performances so far.



Mighty Mountains Year 6



In Year 6 we have started our new topic, Mighty Mountains by looking at where the major mountain ranges are in the world.

Intrigued and inspired by the many and varied mountain formations we have seen, we have created our own mountain range silhouettes.

First we used oil pastels to create a blended background and then a black oil pastel to create the silhouette of a mountain scene. We will also be looking at some of Georgia O'Keef's art depicting mountain scenes.



Certificates of Achievement

Well done to our most recent certificate winners who were nominated for achieving well in their learning or behaviour. These children will be presented with their certificates in assembly:

Year 1: Mohamed Abdullahi; Bushra Hassan

Year 3: Jeriah Kibusi; Nayr Lopes Holgate

Year 4: Maryam Jalil; Zakariya Miah; Sannah Yaqub; Mawadda Jebari

Year 6: Anes Hamadi; Yassir Sadik; Meriem Bouhafis; Taif Abedin



Best Attendance for this week

1 Elm : 97.4%

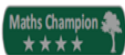
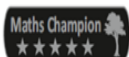
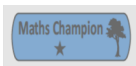
3 Hazel : 98.4%

Well done everyone!



Let's see if we can get our first 100% soon!

Maths Champion Badges



The start of the new academic year has seen everyone challenging themselves to get their **Maths Champion** badges. These badges are awarded to pupils for knowing all number bonds and times tables by heart so that they can recall them quickly to help with solving maths problems and apply this knowledge in their daily maths lessons.

Once children have been nominated for a badge, they will sit a test that needs to be completed in certain time to show that they know them really well. It takes lots of effort and extra practise at home and we are hoping to have our first new Maths Champion awards very soon!

Term Dates

MAKE SURE ALL HOLIDAYS OR JOURNEYS ABROAD ARE BOOKED IN SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIME. HOLIDAY LEAVE DURING TERM TIME WILL **NOT** BE GRANTED.

2018 – 2019 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Half Term Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Oct
Children return Mon 29th October
Last day of term Friday 21st December

SPRING TERM 2019

Staff INSET Day Monday 7th January
Staff INSET Day Tuesday 8th January
Start of Term for Children Wednesday 9th January

Half Term Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb
Children return Monday 25th February
Last day of term Friday 5th April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

Staff INSET Day Tuesday 23rd April
Start of Term for Children Wednesday 24th April
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Half Term Mon 27th to Fri 31st May
Last day of term Tuesday 23rd July

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

Thursday 11th October 3:45pm in the upper hall

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians of children in Year 6 that this is the time to be visiting secondary schools and looking through the online booklet on the Camden admissions website so that you can make your secondary school choices for your children.

Please make sure that you visit the website at www.camden.gov.uk/admissions to register. Please note that you must have a **current, functioning email address** in order to register for any account. After creating the account you must keep the username and password safe as this will be needed to complete your application.

If you are not able to make the application online we will be able to help you at the meeting on Thursday 11th October but you must have registered and bring your username and password with you.

Theme of the week.....

We focus on a different theme throughout each week. This is done in assemblies, in class time and at playtimes.

*Our next two themes will be : **Democracy** and as part of Black History Month we will be considering **Equality***

We ask all children and adults to reflect on our weekly themes and to think about the messages they give us to help us in our daily lives. Please reflect on these themes with your child.