



Headteacher's Message:

As we bid farewell to the dark winter months and welcome the promise of spring, it's with great satisfaction that I reflect on my second term as Headteacher of TCES East London School. It's been a bustling period filled with excitement and challenges, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire East London School community for their unwavering support.

This Easter, I urge all staff to take a well-deserved rest and cherish quality time with loved ones. A special acknowledgment goes out to our dedicated staff, our resilient pupils, and supportive parents and carers. Without their commitment, our achievements this term wouldn't have been possible.

Our pupils have actively participated in various events, including mock exams, work experiences tailored to their interests, and sporting triumphs like winning the TCES Annual Inter-school Football Tournament. We've also celebrated diversity through assemblies focusing on LGBTQ month and World Book Day, along with engaging educational trips.

Finally, I would like to express my admiration for the excellent community we have here at ELS. I encourage Parents and Carers to support their children through this crucial period.

In closing, I want to express my admiration for the incredible community we have at ELS. Our outstanding staff, supportive families, and exceptional children make every day a joy.

We take pride in being a warm and welcoming school, and we look forward to collaborating to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school's success. Your supportive partnership makes all the difference.

Wishing everyone a joyous Easter and Eid, and I look forward to another successful term together post-holidays.

Warm Regards,
Mr. Ishamar Blake



Mr. Ishamar Blake, Headteacher



TCES Annual Inter-school Football Tournament

On Wednesday March 13th, TCES hosted its annual Inter-school Football Tournament at The Brentwood Centre in Essex. The event featured several participating teams including TCES East London, TCES North West London, TCES Create Learning Primary, and TCES Create in the Community. Despite overcast weather, the team spirit in the atmosphere was evident, as all the pupils and staff demonstrated



sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork skills. TCES East London emerged victorious after a thrilling penalty shoot-out! A massive congratulations to all our pupils and staff that participated in the Football Tournament.



LGBTQ Workshop

We welcomed Charlie and Leonie from **'Just Like Us'** to celebrate LGBT History Month. Just Like Us is an LGBT+ young people's charity that works with schools and young people across the UK. Charlie and Leonie shared their personal journeys, struggles and triumphs. They spoke about the importance of fostering empathy, understanding, and creating a more compassionate community for everyone. This was a great opportunity for staff and pupils to come together, learn from each other and reflect on our inclusive values at TCES of showing respect and appreciation to everyone.



Pupil Wellbeing Day

Wellbeing day provides our pupils with an important opportunity to unwind, relax, and take care of their wellbeing through exciting and therapeutic activities. On Friday 9th February, our pupils participated and engaged in art therapy, sensory play, music sessions, slime-making, football, baking and sensory play. Wellbeing day is not just about individual wellbeing – it is also about creating a supportive community. Our pupils are building connections, fostering empathy, and learning that being there for each other is what truly makes a difference.



World Book Day

Our pupils participated in a storytelling workshop with an author, Emeka Egbuonu, on World Book Day. Emeka helped the pupils to write their own unique and exciting



stories, which they shared and presented amongst each other at the end of the workshop.



Key Dates

Friday 29th March: Bank holiday (End of term)

Monday 1st April: Easter (Bank holiday)

**Tuesday 2 April - Friday 12 April 2024:
Easter holiday**

Monday 15th April: Pupil Induction

**Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024:
Start of Term**

School calendar can be found [here](#).

Nomora Bank Visit

We had two pupils visit the Nomora Bank, for a stall shop setup. Both pupils worked diligently to organise the stall and make it look presentable. Once everything was in order, they positioned themselves on opposite ends of the shop to interact with customers.

During the sales process, one pupil excelled in selling the mini cactuses, effectively



communicating their unique features and benefits to customers. The other pupil demonstrated remarkable salesmanship by selling 90% of the mini honey bottles available. Their combined efforts contributed to the success of the shop, with each of them utilising their strengths to meet the needs of customers. This was a great display of teamwork, professionalism and commitment.

Science Week

The theme for Science Week 2024 was 'Time'. Despite the heavy showers, our pupils were enthusiastic and engaged with the various science attractions at the museum.

Our pupils visited the Greenwich Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory and Queen Ann's House.



This provided our pupils with new and interesting scientific knowledge. Exploring the Royal Observatory gave them a deeper understanding of Greenwich Mean Time and the concept of time zones across different hemispheres. Learning about British Submarine workers and the evolving roles of women over time added a historical and societal dimension to our pupil's science education.

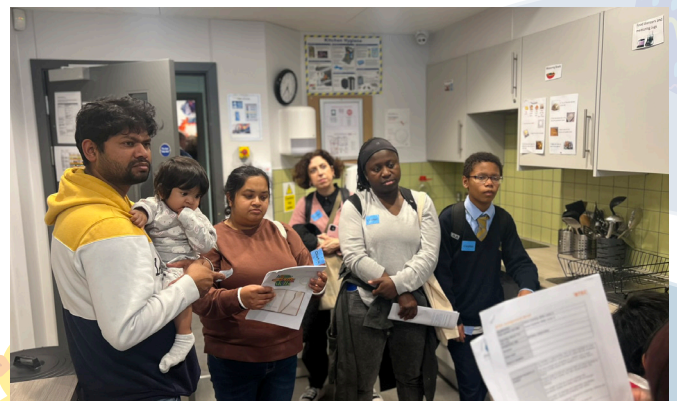
The support from the teachers contributed to a productive learning environment, which allowed our pupils to fully engage with the exhibits and displays.



Open Day

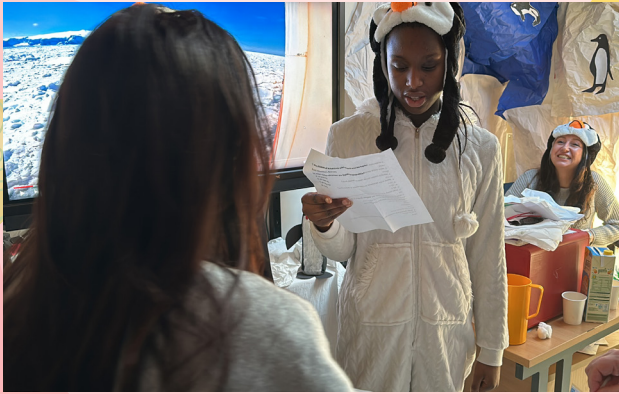
We held a successful open day on Thursday 14th March. The event was well-attended by a mixture of parents and professionals who were interested in learning more about our school. Mr. Ishamar Blake, the Headteacher, delivered an engaging talk that covered various aspects of TCES, including our curriculum, therapeutic education approach, and how to enrol. The feedback session following his talk went smoothly, with support from the TCES senior team and on-site staff.

The Open Day was a great success and we received positive feedback from parents, one mentioned: ***"Thank you very much, it was very insightful! I wish more schools and settings worked as hard as you do to not give up on children!"***



Culture Week

Pupils across our schools and services celebrated Culture Week. The day commenced with a fabulous fashion show, where pupils proudly showed a panel of judges the designs they had made throughout the week. The pupils designed colourful costumes that represented their country or continent of choice. We had pupils and staff representing Senegal, Trinidad & Tobago, Thailand, Australia, Canada, and Antarctica. After



the fashion show, the pupils warmly welcomed the judges into their classrooms, which were decorated beautifully with flags and ornaments from their chosen countries. The judges were treated to food from the various countries, which they thoroughly enjoyed. A massive well done to all the staff and pupils involved on the day.

Staff Wellbeing Day

Staff organised and planned a 'Sip and Paint' session to celebrate Wellbeing Day. This was a great opportunity for staff to unwind and engage in creative activities such as painting and drawing. A variety of refreshments were provided to staff members.



The importance of prioritising self-care and mental health is vital not only for our pupils, but also for our staff.

Wellbeing day provides a chance for everyone in our community to interact, unwind and take a deserved break. Such initiatives not only promote individual well-being but also foster a supportive and positive work environment.



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