

End of term highlights, news, and upcoming events

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Culture Week

Find out how pupils showed appreciation for different cultures

Celebration day

Celebration day was a little different this but that did not stop pupils having fun.

Day out at Design Museum

Pupils learned about the history of popular footwear



Cultural week

Create Learning celebrated Cultural Week in March.

Each class 'adopted' a continent and spent their time researching information on the chosen area. This included exploring the cuisine of the countries within the continent and different national dress.

Each class presented their research during our celebration assembly. The pupils (and the staff!) learned a lot about other cultures and customs and really enjoyed sharing their new knowledge with other classes.

Activity day

On a beautifully warm and sunny day in May, we held our annual Activity Day. Pupils participated in a range of events, the most exciting of which was a basketball match against the staff! We were impressed with everyone's skills and sportsmanship.

TCES Create Learning



Virtual summer camp



As part of our summer programme, all TCES pupils have access to a range of virtual summer camps to engage and entertain over the summer break.

Camps includes music, nature, sports, planets and building their own city.

No matter what they are interested in, there is a camp for everyone.

Visit the Pupils information section on our website for more information:
www.tces.org.uk.

Celebration day

In June, we held our annual Celebration Day.

Despite some pandemic restrictions remaining in place, we were able to hire Newham Leisure Centre and had a fantastic day centred around our seven values: Respect, Excellence, Courage, Equality, Friendship, Inspiration and Determination.

The atmosphere throughout the day really embodied these values and everyone enjoyed themselves. The day culminated in an awards ceremony where pupils received medals and trophies for their achievements.



Exam success

Many of our pupils undertook Functional Skills exams in English and Mathematics earlier in the year.

- Nine passed their Mathematics.
- 16 passed their reading paper.
- 15 passed their writing paper.
- 13 passed their speaking, listening and communication exam.

These were excellent achievements and they all worked hard to obtain these results.



Create Learning Primary

In April, we opened Create Learning Primary in Barking which offers a nurturing approach to education for neurodiverse children aged 7-11.

Our Create Learning Primary lead, Lucy Mannion told us: 'We have already seen some wonderfully creative and playful learning outcomes that build upon our youngest pupils' strengths and interests.

We are so excited to welcome more children to our school in the new academic year!

We're proud to have extended our Create model to support primary years and look forward to seeing it grow.

Trip to design museum

In June, a group of students and staff visited the 'Sneakers Unboxed' exhibition at the Design Museum in Kensington.

Our pupils (and staff) learned about the history of trainers and were taken on a journey through the design process behind some of the most technically inventive shoes of today.

The exhibits displayed some of the iconic trainers from history.



Graduation

A global pandemic and subsequent lockdowns have not stopped our pupils' determination to succeed after lots of hard work.

Congratulations to pupils graduating from TCES Create Learning on 22 July.

New term

We hope you have a wonderful summer break. For your information - these are the back to school and term dates.

Back to school

Pupil induction day:
6 September

First day of half term:
7 September - 21 October

INSET Day:
22 October

Half term holiday:
25 October to 29 October

Second half of term:
1 November to 21 December

INSET day:
17 December 2021

Christmas holiday:
22 December

2020/21 end of academic year message to Parents/Carers



As another academic year comes to an end, it is time to reflect on what has been an extraordinary year!

Despite the unprecedented challenges brought about by the pandemic, I am so proud of the way our amazing pupils have adapted to different ways of learning. We have seen first-hand, how COVID-19 has affected our pupils. Our brilliant school staff were able to set up immediate distance learning to make sure pupils received all the support they needed during lockdowns.

As government restrictions change and the long-term impact is shrouded with uncertainty, one thing that is certain, is our commitment to support our pupils and their families in the best way we can. This includes building on our group processes - a key ingredient to our therapeutic education approach.

The highlights in this newsletter show that, although it has not been easy, pupils have worked hard and achieved so much under difficult circumstances. Our amazingly talented pupils will continue to shine and grow, and we will continue to be challenged and find new ways to support them.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Thomas Keaney