Compass Eko Trust

All achieving, without exception

Friday, 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a great half-term break.

This week, we held an Open Morning for prospective parents, who have a child due to start Reception in September 2027. It was lovely to hear their positive feedback as we visited all the classrooms. Once again, if you know anyone, who has a child due to start Reception next year, please do kindly point them in our direction.

Our whole school is currently shining the spotlight on handwriting. This is timetabled to take place daily. The school uses Little Wandle Handwriting for Reception, Year 1 and 2, and uses Nelson Handwriting for Years 3-6.

Research suggests handwriting may offer specific advantages when it comes to memory retention and comprehension; Automatic letter formation frees up mental energy, allowing students to focus on higher-level composition, planning, and content rather than the physical act of writing. Our best handwriting, of course, may demonstrate personal pride, discipline, and attention to detail. We have explained to the children that the emphasis is about improving on your own best effort, whilst not comparing yourself to others. If you would like further information about how you can support with this activity at home, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

This week, children in KS2 took part in an additional PE session, which was led by a Blackheath Rugby Coach. This 5-week opportunity is being provided to increase physical activity, develop fundamental movement skills, build confidence, and provide positive sporting experiences for our children. The Blackheath Rugby Community Programme is delivered by qualified RFU coaches and provides inclusive TAG and Touch Rugby sessions for Key Stage 2 pupils.

Here are just a few comments from the children, following their fantastic session:




*'I am not only having fun and getting to play with my friends but also learning a great new sport.'*

*'Tag rugby is already really fun and the coach helped me to understand the game clearly.'*

*'It was really fun and it felt like it was professional rugby! I can't wait to do it again.'*

**Attendance**

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.1%, which is currently below the national average at this point in the year. As you are aware, improving attendance is one of our targets from Ofsted. Every day really does count! The class with the best attendance this term is Willow Class, with 97.8%. Being in school every day contributes to academic achievement, a child's confidence, emotional resilience, and overall mental health!
Working together, we can exceed all expectations.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and enjoy the fireworks, keeping both yourselves, loved ones, and pets safe.
Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

**Key events**

**Wednesday, 11th November**

Year 5 visit to Vue Cinema

**Friday, 13th November**

Children In Need: Wear Yellow or Spots

**Friday, 4th December**

Christmas Fair

**Friday, 11th December**

Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day