

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been delightful to watch our pupils achieve their goals throughout the year and an honour to be able to support them with their progress in times of challenge. The dedication and commitment of the staff team working alongside our pupils during a difficult transition is commendable.

This year we have been getting used to our new Varley Road site; we have some work to do to brighten it up, but it is safe to say that the pupils have certainly found their feet and are beginning to get used to a much larger space. They have engaged in a range of exciting activities such as Nature Therapy- this involved the entire school, snails and Zones of Regulation, Drama Workshop involving fancy dress and role play and trips to the Imperial War Museum and Madam Tussauds to name a few!

As part of the relocation process on June 5th, challenges were faced in adapting to change, but we appreciate the outstanding support from the staff and parents/carers during this period. We understand that continuous improvement is necessary, and we believe in the dedication of everyone involved in shaping the lives of our young people.

We have also incorporated creative and interactive activities involving making snail farms to represent the different zones of regulation with pupils. This hands-on approach allowed children to visually and kinaesthetically explore the varying emotions associated with each zone. Our pupils enjoyed practising the skills they have acquired and loved the freedom of being in the water. The pupils also attended the end of term trips that are chosen by them, one of these was a visit to the Natural History Museum.

This past year has not been easy, and we haven't always got things right, but we want to thank you for



Katrina Medley, *Executive Headteacher*

'Never Giving Up', we appreciate your unrelenting support and patience. One of our focuses for the next academic year must be '**Parent & Carer Participation**', we understand the importance of building positive relationships with you all and we will try hard to make necessary improvements. We can't wait to have more opportunities to meet and discuss your children and also school-wide initiatives.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Create Primary is your children's school, so your views and feedback are valuable and welcome.

We look forward to seeing you back in September 2023.

Warm regards,

Katrina Medley,

Executive Headteacher

Key dates

- **Monday 4th September - INSET Day**
- **Pupil Induction Day - 5th September**
- **Wednesday 6th September – Start of term for pupils**

The school calendar can be found **here**:

Key updates and reminders for Parents and Carers

INSET Day

Pupils are not required to attend school on this day. Pupils are expected to resume back to school on 6th September.

Pupil Induction Day

Our staff will be meeting with parents and carers to discuss their child's success report, contact details are also confirmed in case of any updates, and they review the pupil's pathway plan.

TCES Celebration Day

TCES held its annual 'Celebration Day' at Lambourne End Centre, Tuesday 20th June. All schools and services participated in a series of team-building activities throughout the day.

It was eventful and competitive where our pupils demonstrated common themes of leadership, perseverance, communication, teamwork and building relationships. It was a great experience for everyone to participate and support one another.

It was a pleasure to see our pupils build and support each other. One of our TCES community values is that **'We never give up!'**. We always encourage our pupils to show positive attitudes and mindsets in what we do and when working together.

Our CEO and Proprietor, Thomas Keaney gave a



speech to honour our pupils and staff to highlight their achievements for the day.

To celebrate our pupils, medals were presented to each individual and trophies for recognising their achievements.

Huge thanks to Lambourne End Centre for having us. Well done to everyone, as well as to Create in the Community for winning the 'Celebration Day 2023' title for the **'Overall Champions'** award.

It was a huge success, and we look forward to Celebration Day 2024!



Enrichment program

Our Enrichment activities have been fantastic this past term with our pupils attending rock climbing and weekly swimming sessions, which the pupils adore!



Create Learning Primary's new home

As you are aware we have moved to 41 Varley Road, Newham E16 3NR. Embracing a new location, we are beginning the process of settling in and moving forward. We do understand that relocation can be unsettling for some, but with your positive attitude and determination to adapt, we are already on the right track. This will allow room for growth and the discovery of new opportunities here at Create Primary.



Family Council Cross-Company Lunch

On Wednesday 12th July 2023, TCES held its first inaugural cross-company family council lunch, marking an important milestone for our organisation. Parents and carers from various schools and services came together to partake in a delightful 3-course lunch, providing them with an opportunity to reflect on their experiences with the family council over the past year. Events like these provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to connect, share their experiences, and contribute to the improvement of services and support within the organisation.

Our family council has created a strong network of support, allowing individuals to connect, share their challenges, and celebrate their successes together.

Parents and carers of all TCES pupils are welcome to join their school or service's Family Council, in which they can actively participate in all elements of their child's school life and connect with other parents/carers of complex ASC, SEND, or SEMH pupils.

For more information view [here](#).



Become a school volunteer!

As part of our Create Primary Team, we welcome parent and carer volunteers to support us in school. If you are interested in this opportunity

and would like to chat about what it entails and how you might help, please contact us via email at admin.createprimary@tces.org.uk.

Nature Therapy

At Create Primary we use Zones of Regulation and our emotional literacy framework to support students in developing emotional regulation skills. The approach teaches children to recognise and manage their emotions effectively. The Zones of Regulation recognise emotions into four colour-coded zones: blue for sad or tired, green for calm or happy, yellow for frustrated or anxious, and red for angry or overwhelmed. By helping pupils identify and label their emotions, this framework enables them to better understand and regulate their reactions. Through activities, discussions, and visual cues, Zones of Regulation equip children with the tools to express their feelings appropriately, make positive choices, and create a harmonious learning environment.

This year, we have incorporated creative and interactive activities involving making snail farms to represent the different zones of regulation with our pupils. This hands-on approach allows children to visually and kinaesthetically explore the varying emotions associated with each zone. Creating the farms involves designing different habitats for the snails, with each habitat reflecting the characteristics of a specific zone. Through this engaging activity, students not only develop a deeper understanding of their emotions but also cultivate empathy and a sense of responsibility towards living creatures.

We have been encouraging messy play, this past term. The messy play holds immense importance in a child's development. It offers opportunities for sensory exploration, fine motor skill development, and cognitive growth. Messy play allows children to engage their senses, stimulate their imagination, and experiment with different materials and textures. It promotes creativity, and problem-



solving skills, and fosters a sense of autonomy and decision-making. Messy play also provides a safe space for children to make decisions, take risks, and learn from their mistakes. Overall, incorporating messy play activities, like making snail farms, alongside the Zones of Regulation framework can enhance children's emotional regulation skills whilst fostering holistic development. Our Nature therapy has been a real hit with our pupils, and we will be exploring this in our new school outdoor space in the next school year.



Celebration and Graduation Day Assembly

We celebrated the graduation of two pupils on Thursday 20th July at Create Primary. The event was a testament to the success of TCES' commitment to change and development throughout the year. Our pupils were acknowledged and thanked for their hard work and commitment to their accomplishments.

The graduation ceremony was thoughtfully organised and intimate, where everyone enjoyed and shared the joy of this momentous occasion. The ceremony was hosted by Frankee Winch, Senior Lead Teacher, who did an outstanding job.



Teachers shared heartfelt words about their pupils at the ceremony, making the event even more special. The relationships formed between our pupils and staff are sincere. It is evident in the continuous development of our pupils.

Pupils were given ice lollies at the start of the ceremony to celebrate their hard work throughout the year and to set the mood for the day.



The occasion was positive. A great farewell to our graduates as they embark on their new journeys. The graduation ceremony was a beautiful event that marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

We look forward to celebrating new graduates in 2024!



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