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Celebration Day

In June, we celebrated our students' hard work with Celebration Day! Miss Charlotte organised a fantastic schedule of fun activities, sports, and an awards ceremony where we congratulated everyone after a year of hard work and achievement.

Normally, Celebration Day would be enjoyed with whole school taking part in activities like rafting and team-building. To make do with COVID-19 restrictions, we created 'mini' versions of the usual activities on school grounds.

We started with a competition to make rockets and boats out of paper, card bottles, and other recycled items, which had to survive being launched in the air or floated on a paddling pool. Our pupils organised a range of fun activities, from baking and making jewellery to football and archery. There was even a game of laser tag between pupils and staff!

Finally, the day ended with a special rewards ceremony out in the sunshine, where pupils received rewards for attendance, progress, and the LIFE programme. We also congratulated and rewarded the winners of the boat and rocket competition.

Everyone had a fantastic day - rewarding our talented pupils and letting them take a break off school with a special day just for them. Seeing their creative side, and letting different year groups interact, has been sorely missed during the pandemic, and we are looking forward to next year!

West Ham Game Changers program

TCES East London played host to West Ham, who recently visited as part of their Game Changers programme.

The Game Changers Programme is a special 10-week scheme that West Ham ran with some of our pupils as part of a literacy intervention program.

They finished earlier this half term and the pupils who were involved received not just their certificate but also a special West Ham jacket!

Thank you to West Ham for coming in and congratulations to everyone who was involved in Game Changers.



School activity day

We held a football tournament, which ended up turning into a whole school activity day! Our pupils got involved in a huge range of fun activities.

Everyone got into the spirit of the Euros which included a special keepy-uppy challenge, and a penalty shoot-out. We also led some fun fitness tests like a sit-up and press-up challenge, and a bean bag throw challenge.

Other activities available included table tennis, basketball, and archery, which you can see a picture of above. Congratulations to every pupil who got involved!



Arts Week

We had a company called Bud Studio come in to help design a mural for our outside space.

All pupils took part in the design in some way, submitting their ideas and working to produce this design, and will be spray-painting the real thing with Bud Studio.

We can't wait to see the real thing!





Graduation

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

This is a fantastic milestone in their education journey - it's great to see that all their hard work has paid off.

Congratulations to pupils who graduated on 20 July.

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

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