

Staffing News

Happy New Year and welcome parent to all our children and families. We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday.

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the Aspire Team.

Mrs Smith - Teacher (opening Rosen class)
Miss Prendergast - TA (Donaldson class)

They are really excited to have joined us at Aspire and are looking forward to meeting all our children and families moving forward.

Class names

Donaldson class - Mrs Phillips
Coelho class - Mrs Adebisi/Miss McGuinness
Silverstein Class Miss Stanislaus
Lear Class - Miss Hage/Miss Lee
Milligan Class - Miss Kelsey
Rosen Class - Mrs Smith

Art: Collage

The children will be developing their collage skills this term by creating collages from various different materials. They will be looking at the work of Lance Letscher and Pablo Picasso and recreate pictures in their style. The unit of work will finish with a whole school art competition where the children will each design and create a final collage using materials of their choosing. The winning pictures will be framed and displayed in the meeting room in our school house.

This Terms topic: Arctic and Antarctic

This term the theme around the school is learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. Children will be carrying on developing their map skills being able to find continents and countries around the world.

They will then be specifically looking at the areas of the Arctic and Antarctic. They will be finding out about their key human and physical features such as: the weather, animals that live there and the landscape. They will then be comparing the similarities and differences between the two areas. The older children will look at why it is so cold in these regions and learn about the Tundra biome.

At the end of the unit each child will be making a model of either the Arctic or Antarctic to showcase their learning.



Thank you

Thank you to all our families who helped to raise money in our sponsored walk last term. We raised £1500 which is staggering. We will be looking to see what we can spend it on to enhance our sensory equipment. We also raised £90 in our Christmas raffle which will go towards our year 5 / 6 PGL trip.

PE

We are fortunate at Aspire to have a PE coach who teaches all classes on a weekly basis on a Tuesday.

This half terms focus will be gymnastic skills Pupils are to wear their PE kits to school every Tuesday. This is purple Aspire t shirts, black bottoms and trainers. Pupils to wear school jumpers or fleeces.

Miss Stanislaus and Miss McGuinness' class be also have weekly swimming lessons on a Wednesday at Crook Log sports centre.

Trampolines

We are so excited that we have had two outdoor trampolines installed at Aspire. The pupils have started to use them and feedback is really positive.

This was possible thanks to a donation of money from our Academy (LSEAT) of which we are very grateful.

Watch this space for more outside developments over this year !



Dates for the Term

More details to follow on trips in individual letters.

Wednesday 11th January - Whole school Lion King Trip. Return to school 6:30pm

Friday 13th January - Children's university launch day. Parents invited in the afternoon

Monday 16th January - After school clubs start

Wednesday 18th January - Aspire choir singing at the Young Voices concert at the O2.

Friday 20th January - National Penguin Day. Donaldson, Lear and Rosen class trip to Colchester Zoo.

Wednesday 1st February - Special league football tournament

Friday 10th February - INSET DAY (no school for pupils)

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February Half term holiday

Monday 13th March - Parents day (pupils to attend school for appointment time only)

Music

Mrs Matthews from Bexley music will be teaching music sessions in Mrs Smith and Miss Hage's classes this term.

Aspire school reward systems

Golden time

Pupils at Aspire earn minutes throughout the day which is used for golden time at 2:30pm. Minutes are earned through completion of work and following the Aspire rules. Pupils who have not completed all their work will complete this during the golden time session or may be required to stay after school.

Uniform Reminders

Grey shorts/trouser/skirt
White/school logo polo shirt
Purple Aspire jumper/fleece
Black school shoes

Trainers are only permitted on PE days.

PE Kit - Purple Aspire t shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts, Aspire jumper/Fleece, trainers

Green Letters

Pupils can earn a green letter for having a good day at Aspire and making the staff and themselves feel proud. If your child comes home with a green letter please celebrate this with them.

During Friday's achievement assembly pupils can earn a gold certificate (5 green letters) or a silver certificate (4 green letters) as well as certificates for upholding the Aspire values.

Over the year the classes green letters are added together to earn the class money for a reward treat. Last year's treats included: ice cream at the park, pizza for lunch and trips to gravity.

After school clubs

Mondays 3pm - 4pm: Football or art
Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm: Badminton or Dinosaur club

Please sign up for these clubs using return slip on letter.



Aspire Core Values



WE DO IT THE ASPIRE WAY !

Pupils are working hard to learn and uphold the Aspire Values.