



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and express our sincere condolences to her family.

In line with other LSEAT schools today, we have held a one minutes silence at 11am and talked to the pupils about this historic event.

Next week we will be setting up a book of condolence for pupils and staff to write in. If any parent would like to contribute to this book please speak to Mrs Hopkins.

Activities at Aspire will carry on as normal during this period of mourning and we will notify you as soon as possible to any arrangement made once the date of the funeral is announced.

Class names

This year our classes are all named after famous poets. Pupils have been learning about their poets and reading their poems during this last week.

Donaldson class - Mrs Phillips

Coelho class - Mrs Adebisi/Miss McGuinness

Silverstein Class Miss Stanislaus

Lear Class - Miss Hage/Miss Lee

Milligan Class - Miss Kelsey

This Terms topic: Ancient Greece

This term pupils will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. Their lessons will be focusing on answering 4 main questions

- Who are we learning about?
- When did they live?
- How do we know?
- What did they do for us?

The pupils will be answering these questions by experiencing many different lessons including looking at and handling historical artefacts and a Greek drama workshop. The workshop will take place on **Friday 9th September**.

Sculpture

Our art lessons this term will be focusing on the skills of sculpture whilst also looking at how the Ancient greeks used artworks to tell stories and create designs. The pupils will be looking at the work of two artists 'Lucie Rie and Kate Olivia Malone' who are talented female sculpturers.

They will have the opportunity to practice and refine their skills of creating patterns and artwork both on paper and on clay.

They will then investigate ways of joining and shaping the clay. Each child will end the unit of work by designing and making their own clay vase.



Computing

This term pupils will be focusing on learning and developing their computing coding skills. They will be working on chrome books using a range of different platforms including purple mash and scratch.

After school clubs

Mondays 3pm - 4pm: Football or art
Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm: Basketball or board games

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

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 tag rugby and ball skills. Pupils are to wear their PE kits to school every Tuesday.

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

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

Music

We are excited to welcome Mrs Matthews from Bexley Music to Aspire this term. Mrs Matthews will be teaching music sessions in Mrs Phillips and Mrs Hage's classes this term.

All pupils will work with Mrs Matthew's during the course of the year.

Dates for the Term

Wk beg Monday 19th September
- after schools clubs begin

Friday 23rd September - school football match

Friday 30th September - Meet the teacher coffee afternoon for parents

Wednesday 5th October - schools special league football tournament

Wednesday 12th October - primary pentathlon event

Wednesday 19th October - Bexley special schools football tournament

Monday 24th October - Friday 4th November - Half term holiday

Friday 25th November - Parents day (pupils to attend school for appointment time only)

Tuesday 20th Dec- last day of term

Wednesday 4th January - Pupils return to school

More details about each event will be provided nearer the time. Dates for Christmas events to be decided.



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.



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.



Aspire Core Values

- A** - Achievement
- S** - synergy
- P** - Perseverance
- I** - Independence
- R** - Responsibility
- E** - Equality

WE DO IT THE ASPIRE WAY !

Pupils have been working hard to learn and uphold the Aspire Values.