The Camelot

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Ofsted 2018— Camelot School—Good in all areas
Report highlights to re-read

#its_now_our_time

All leaders know the school and its local community well. They have high expectations and a strong vision, captured by the school motto, 'Exceptional every day'. Pupils, staff and parents share leaders' ambitions.

The school's focus on reading is having a positive impact on pupils' attitudes to reading. As a result, the standard of reading is good.

The standard of writing is good across the school because pupils are given the opportunity to practise their skills across a range of subjects.

Additional funding for disadvantaged pupils is used effectively to provide targeted work and guidance. As a result, these pupils are making good progress.

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"Ofsted know the journey and are grateful for what has been done"



Key event for next week:

World Book Day—Roald Dahl Character Costumes needed Thursday 1st March

Every child is invited to dress up next week… Fantastic Mr Fox style; Matilda style; BFG style; Charlie & the Chocolate Factory style; Willy Wonka style; James & the Giant Peach style; or even Mr & Mrs Twit style or many more Roald Dahl character styles (easy search on the internet)

Secondary School Offer Date—Thursday 1st March

If you are a parent/carer of a Year 6 child then next Thursday is the first day when you will hear about your child's secondary school allocation (the outcome will be sent to your email address after school on the Thursday). Please speak to Mr Robinson if there are any questions about your offer or about the information sent to you.

ExceptionalEveryday Events coming up:

Wednesday 28th February—School Council Reward Time No.2

Disco and Dancing opportunity

Parents/Carers—there is a quick way to find out if your child is reaching the accepted standard for their behaviour in class currently? This is to check they are attending the monthly School Council Reward Times. The School Council requested a monthly reward for all the children who were making the right choices day in day out in the classroom and this month it is a special disco and dancing opportunity run by the team from the exceptional Glim Performance.

Well done to all the children who are invited as they are setting the examples to others and making big efforts to ensure their efforts are always the right choices.



The children!

The teachers !



Friday 9th March

Bake off for Africa

All children are invited to enter the school's special bake off competition to win a special restaurant trip to the Leon restaurant next the Tate gallery and the River Thames.

Rules: Your child will need to make 12 individual cup cakes/biscuits and bring them in on Friday 9th March for judging and then selling to parents/carers/children.

Winners: The winning cake makers will be invited to a special trip to the Leon Restaurant in London on Monday 12th March where they will learn about food preparation as well as eat some of the delicious food that is made in the restaurant, as well as choose a special cake to eat or share from a London bakery.

Bake Sale: On Friday 9th March, the remaining cakes will be sold to raise money to develop the school's link with our partnership school in Malawi, Africa. We are currently fundraising to promote teaching links that will benefit all our children.

What a lucky bunch we are!

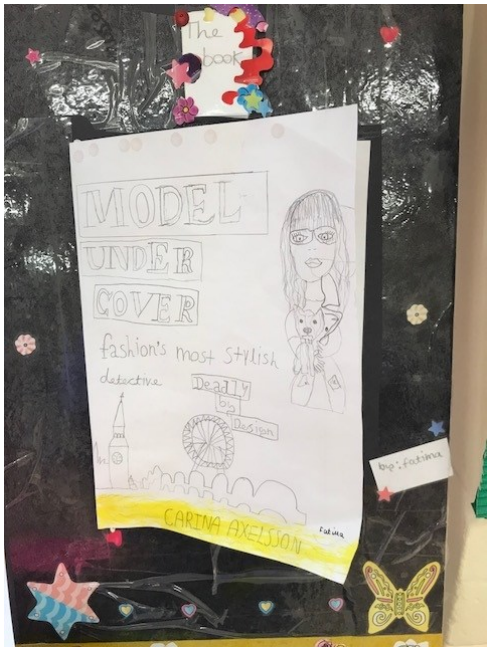
Next week is World Book Day and while everyone else is watching The Biggest Book Show on Earth online, we can actually be some of the very few that say we saw it live!

The event will be watched by 500,000 children around the country next week and as well as seeing the amazing authors they might even catch a few glimpses of us in the audience.

We were fortunate enough to see a range of authors including Andy Stanton, Nadia Shireen and the Children's Laureate for 2015 - 2017, Chris Riddell.

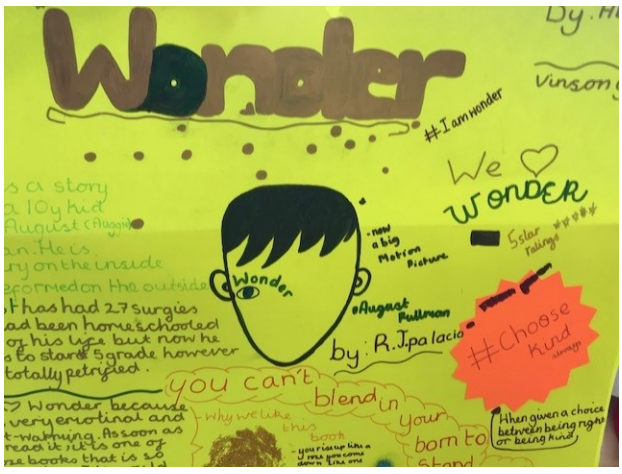
It was inspiring to hear them tell the stories they had written, stories about why they became writers or illustrators and get some top writing tips from some of the best in the business.

We were thrilled to be representing our school at such a special event and are adding this to the list of exceptional opportunities at Camelot.









Pupil Book Cover Designs

Sample of the winning entries. Hope you will all agree… what a lucky school we are to have so many talented children



We are all noticing increasing exposure of our children to both the benefits and risks of easier internet access. At Camelot, we are taking increased measures to make our children aware of both sides of the internet.

Safer Internet Day 2018 follow up

Here are some ideas of online safety resolutions you could make as a family in 2018.

Have an open and honest conversation

The easiest way to get involved with your children's online lives is through discussion. You might like to start by asking them about what they enjoy doing online to help you start a discussion. However you choose to do it, resolving to talk with your children regularly about their internet use is a fantastic way to help keep them safe online in 2018.

Create a family agreement

A great way to think about your internet use as a family and to help make sure that everybody understands the importance of staying safe and positive online.

Take a look at your accounts, whether gaming, social media or email

This is a really practical resolution that might help start a conversation with your children about their digital footprint. By taking a look at accounts, you can check your privacy and security settings and review what each member of your family has shared online in 2017 (or even further back!) and whether you're happy for it to stay there. You could also consider whether you're still using old accounts and think about deleting or deactivating any that you don't use anymore.

Play and use the internet together

The internet has lots of exciting things to see and do – why not resolve to spend some time as a family exploring the online world together? You could play some of your child's favourite games or research a topic you both find interesting. This is a great opportunity to make sure that everyone is aware of the safety features offered on different games or to talk about what information we can trust online.

Know how to report and block

There are lots of really useful tools online to help you deal with behaviour or content that is upsetting, and it is important that you as a parent know where to go to if your child needs help reporting or blocking online. For 2018 a good resolution might be to look at the different options for reporting and blocking available on the sites your family use and to make sure that everybody understands them and feels confident using them. More information about reporting can be found on our social media guide, these have guidance about a range of sites including Snapchat, Instagram and Movie Star Planet.

RE: Important online safety messages



SnapChat, an app used regularly by many children and young people, has recently launched a new feature called SnapMaps that lets users track each other's movements in real time. This has raised safety concerns and fears of bullying and stalking. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where users are.

Childnet International have posted on their website a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe (http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat).

You may find the information useful and want to share it with your children and discuss with them the dangers of such functions.

Please also be mindful that **the recommended age limit for Snapchat is 13** so we would warn against any persons of primary school age using this or similar apps.

The scourge of the mobile phone*

A Camelot School response

Our children deserve our undivided attention and we need to model best communication practice to them when bringing them to school and picking them up from school.

If we are seen as over reliant on our phones and if we always put our mobile phone as our first priority then we will only reinforce a growing obsession among our children that using a mobile phone is more important than face to face to face communication.

Mobile phone communication also brings more risks to our safety and is clearly not exceptional everyday in action!

This being the case, the school requests that our school and playground is mobile phone free between the hours of 8.45—9.00 a.m. and 3.15—3.45 p.m. every day. We are smoking free and dog free at these times and the now we want to address the scourge (*the menace/bane*) of the mobile phone.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter

Literacy (Helping your child with English)

We will be running a series of Literacy workshops for parents over four consecutive weeks.

They will be held in Rio hub 12:30 -2:30 pm. On the following dates:

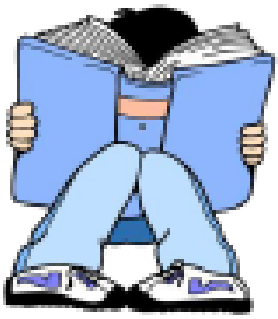
Tuesday 27th February

Tuesday 6th March

Tuesday 13th March

Tuesday 20th March

The focus will be on how best to engage, and support your children with Literacy at home in a fun, stimulating and interactive way. At the workshops, real life problem solving skills, the use of games and online resources will be discussed.



(Please book with Miss Wilkinson at the school office)

Parents/Carers from Early years, KS1 and KS2 are all welcome to attend.

Come and meet your local Southwark Community Worker and find out what's available free to Parents/Carers with children under five in the local community!

Friday 9th March 2018 9.30am in the Lower Junior Hall!

Meet other Parents/Carers and children while having a coffee/pastry.





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