



The Camelot

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General Election 2017

On Thursday 8th June, Camelot School will be a Polling Station for the General Election. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes will have to be shut for the day as public voting will use the Rio Hub building but all other year groups will have a normal school day.

Entrance to the Rio Hub for the public will be via the Mauna Kea Gate

What's going on?

In just over 3 weeks' time, millions of adults will visit schools, village halls and other places that are to be used as polling stations, so they can vote which party will form the next government and run the country.

What happens during?

On Thursday 8th June, people get to choose who will represent them in parliament. To vote at the UK general election you must be registered to vote and 18 years of age or over on polling day. When they arrive at the polling station, they will be asked to confirm who they are and will be given a ballot paper.

What happens after?

When people vote, they are not voting for who will be Prime Minister but for their local MP. The political party with the most MPs will form the next government. Counting of the votes begins when the polls close at 10pm and continues throughout the night. By the morning, we will know who has been elected. Perhaps your child could write a manifesto for a mock election on the day? Or talk about why the process takes weeks or months and if they think this is important? You could talk about a comparable situation in school, perhaps a school council if you have one, where a difficult decision has been made through thoughtful consideration and maybe a vote was required? Do we think a vote is the fairest way to reach decisions?

Start of Term 6 Reminder

Term 6 starts on Tuesday

6th June at 8.45 a.m.

**(teacher training day on
Monday 5th June)**

Have a wonderful holiday!

Camelot's Mountains Term

"Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing."

We are all learning about our Camelot Mountains this term and having lots of fun singing songs and thinking about preparing for our climb ahead. Please follow our progress on Twitter at @CamelotSE15

#exceptionaleveryday

Ramadan 2017

Ramadan is celebrated by people of Muslim faith around the world, and this year it starts on May 24th.

During Ramadan, fasting is expected practice for adults but every year we have children who would also like to fast. After receiving advice from The Muslim Council of Great Britain, we were informed that a person must be physically, mentally and emotionally ready to fast. As children are still growing in all these areas they are not deemed to be grown enough. Therefore we only allow fasting while at school for religious reasons in Year 6 and only with written consent from the parents/carers.

Many younger children would like to fast and we welcome you giving them this opportunity outside our school hours.

Thank you.



Key dates for Term 6

Tuesday 6th June—First day after half term

Thursday 8th June—National Election Day

Sunday 11th June – End of season football tournament for our exceptional football team

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th June – Year Six end of school residential trip to Kingswood Centre,

Sunday 25th or Monday 26th June - End of Ramadan, Eid Ul –Fitr

Monday 3rd July—Southwark Splash at the Royal festival Hall

Thursday 6th/Friday 7th July Camelot School Sports Day at Burgess Park Caged Area All families welcome to support children in races and events. 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Thursday 13th July – End of year showcasing evening

Thursday 20th July—Last day of term and the 2016-17 academic year

Celebrating the Histories of Camelot

Throughout Term 6, our curriculum teaching will be focused on the histories of Camelot and learning more about the background to our school's name. We are incredibly excited about Term 6 and will be celebrating across the curriculum but also with our Summer Fayre. To launch the term, each year group will work with a medieval visitor during the first week of Term 6 where they will handle a range of historical artefacts including period clothes for "dressing up", armour, jewellery, chainmail and helmets. Children will also participate in activities include wool spinning, writing with quill pens and ink, brass rubbing, and coin striking. We have also arranged a trip to Winchester to visit the round table and Winchester cathedral for children who have worked exceptionally hard during Term 6 as a celebration of their achievements.



Volunteering Matters at Camelot

On Friday 12th May, a team of volunteers from QBE Insurance visited Camelot to help us improve Camelot Hill. They worked tirelessly to clear the bramble, paint the benches and plant pots, and to re-bed the raised plant boxes ready for new flowers and seeds. Some of our wonderful children had the opportunity to help them, planting strawberries and learning how to look after the new flowers. This is what the volunteering team said about their visit:



We all had a lovely time at

Camelot Primary on Friday; the team thoroughly enjoyed the activities and spending time with the staff and pupils at the school. The staff were welcoming and working alongside the children was a wonderful addition to our day. A group of pupils were able to help plant some seeds, flowers and strawberry plants at the end of the day and it was great to see their smiles!



The children were charismatic, well-behaved and very polite. They looked after us at lunchtime, took an interest in what we were doing with the garden and expressed a keen interest to help. Even when they were called out to help us in the rain, none of them seemed to mind at all. They are an asset to the school and a direct result of the hard work the teachers have/are putting in to the school.



Staff News:

This half term we say thank you and goodbye to a number of staff from Camelot School. In addition, to **Miss Jinks** who has been the school's SENCo for the last year and to Miss Halewood-Dodd who is starting her maternity leave, we would like to say an enormous and exceptional thank you to **Miss Gawthorp**. Miss Gawthorp has been a teacher at Camelot for 23 years in and in that time has filled a number of roles including assistant headteacher and more recently Inclusion Manager. Camelot wishes you well.

The office will forward any words or messages should anyone feel they have not had the opportunity to pass these on to any of these staff members.

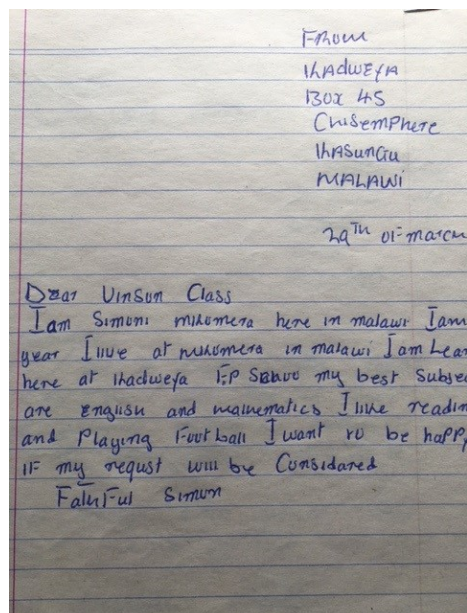
The school has appointed a new SENCo from September 2017 but in the meantime all requests for information regarding special educational needs will be managed by Miss Eisele, the deputy headteacher for Learning and Teaching.



Exceptional Cricket Team—unbeaten in league so far



The new Summer Fair PTA planning



Letter from penpals in Malawi



Exceptional trips all term



The displays around our school are exceptional—come and see your child's class displays