



The Camelot

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Managing Covid—what now?

The UK Health Security Agency published updated guidance on 24 February

- no longer recommends regular testing for pupils/staff without symptoms
 - ends legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.
- positive tested adults/children advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they have received 2 negative test results
 - unvaccinated contacts no longer asked to self-isolate if in contact

If your child tests positive please ask for advice as full isolation is not always necessary

Thank you for attending Parents Evening

Research on parental involvement in their child's education has shown...

"What's the most accurate predictor of academic achievement? It's not socioeconomic status, nor how prestigious the school is that a child attends. The best predictor of pupil success is the extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve themselves in their child's education. When parents are engaged in their children's school lives, students have the home support and knowledge they need to not only finish their school work but also develop a lifelong love of learning. Teachers who focus on parent engagement often see a profound change in their classrooms. The more parents involved in their children's education, the better their entire class's motivation, behaviour, and the outcomes become."

*"Parental involvement is essential for child development and offers many benefits. ... It also **helps improve pupil behaviour in the classroom**. Having parents and teachers communicate more helps students feel more motivated in their classes; their self-esteem and attitudes in class improve "*

If you were unable to attend your appointment the school will be chasing to rearrange this... for the reasons explained above

Calling all parents/carers.

Please attend the **World Book Day** parade in the Rio Hall on Thursday 3rd March from 8.50 a.m.

1. We get the children into school by 8.45 a.m.
2. We invite parents in from 8.50 a.m. via the main school gate
3. Parents/families take their seats in the Rio
4. Children parade through from 9.00 a.m.

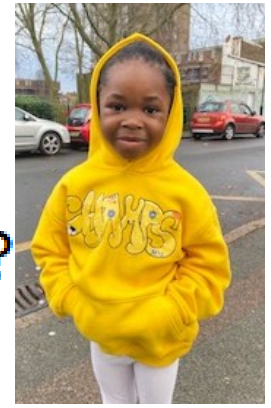


World Book Day 2022 is nearly here and everyone is invited to dress up as a book character!

We love reading at Camelot school and want to celebrate all of our brilliant readers. One way of celebrating a love of books arises on **Thursday 3rd March** when everyone at Camelot School will celebrate the 25th annual World Book Day by dressing up as a book character. Your child will also receive a book voucher to buy a book for just £1.



CHAMPS



What is CHAMPS you may ask?

#CHAMPS

CHAMPS is Camelot's Holiday Provision which is run for 8 weeks every year.. yes that's eight additional weeks of free activities and fun in addition to the usual 38 school learning weeks in a year.

#theonlyschool

Camelot School is the only school in Southwark that can offer 46 weeks of free provision to its pupils.

How is this offered? The school has to work really hard to source the funds to offer CHAMPS and to ensure we have the staff to provide everything for the children.

#No.1inLondon

In 2021, the school was the No.1 provider of food parcels to its community after taking on the responsibility requested of schools. Again in 2022, Camelot finds itself as the No.1 school in London for providing free provision to its community. At the heart of this offer is CHAMPS.

In 2022, Camelot will expand its CHAMPS offer to children of neighbouring schools so if you have friends with primary aged children please be ready to sign them up for Easter CHAMPS 2022.

Through CHAMPS, Camelot wants to be **#heartofourcommunity**

Troy Deeney calls for more diversity in English schools' curriculum

Footballer and father says children should be given a 'balanced and inclusive understanding' of Britain



📷 Birmingham City's Troy Deeney has three children in the education system. Photograph: Andy Shaw/ProSports/Rex/Shutterstock

The footballer Troy Deeney is launching an impassioned plea for more widespread teaching of black, Asian and minority ethnic experiences by schools in England, to help combat racism and give children "a balanced and inclusive understanding" of Britain.

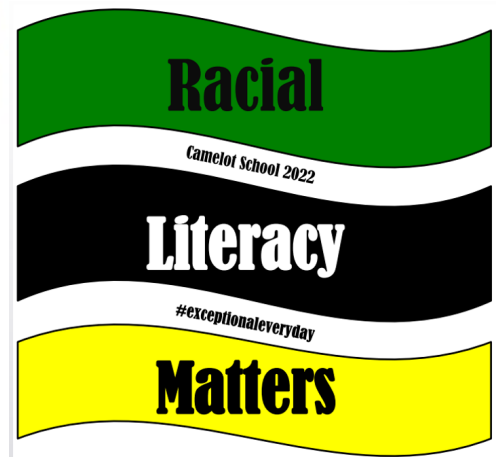
In an open letter to the education secretary, Nadhim Zahawi, Deeney said he had been frustrated by the lack of progress on tackling racism in the two years since the killing of George Floyd in the US, saying that "an eerie quiet" had ended public debate.

SOUTHWARK
STANDS TOGETHER

Southwark Stands
Together pledges to:

- promote an open and transparent culture where those who may experience/see racism or discrimination are able to raise it and expect the issue to be dealt with swiftly and fairly
- champion organizations that address racial injustice and organizations that promote equality and diversity

Camelot School has accepted the challenge of helping Southwark Schools to guide themselves through the minefield of curriculum delivery in a school at this time. We look forward to updating you all on how we get on going forward.



The survey of 1,000 secondary and primary school teachers, carried out this month, found that only 12% felt empowered to teach "optional" black-related topics such as colonialism, migration and identity ahead of competing optional topics, while 75% said they were not aware that resources to teach cultural diversity across the curriculum were available.

It found that 54% of teachers believed the school system or national curriculum has a racial bias, rising to 93% among minority ethnic teachers.

"My only experience of black history or black culture was through the food or music I experienced at home, whilst at school I felt detached. Not only was I not taught about positive role models who looked like me, I was even told by one teacher that I'd be dead by the time I was 25," Deeney said.

He was excluded from school at the age of 15 and left without any qualifications. Later, as a professional footballer, he studied and passed GCSEs in English, maths and science.

"As my mum always says to me, you can't understand where you're going if you don't understand where you've come from. Whether it's too late for my generation, we need to lay a pathway for longer-lasting change for our kids as I believe the current system is failing children from ethnic minorities," Deeney said.

Every term we are celebrating the children who are being exceptional Spanish



Spanish Award winners

Year 1 – Fareedah, Haleemah and Janelle

Year 2 - Nicole and Jeremiah

Year 3 – Samuel, Davina and Adesuwa

Year 4 - Gibril and Sara.

Year 5 - Frances and Adesola.

Year 6 - Destiny, Fathia, Manuel and Favour.



We are buying school bikes and want to encourage more children to cycle.

**CYCLE
CONFIDENT**

One way you can help your child to cycle is to sign up to a Cycle Confident course. Highly recommended

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CYCLE SKILLS



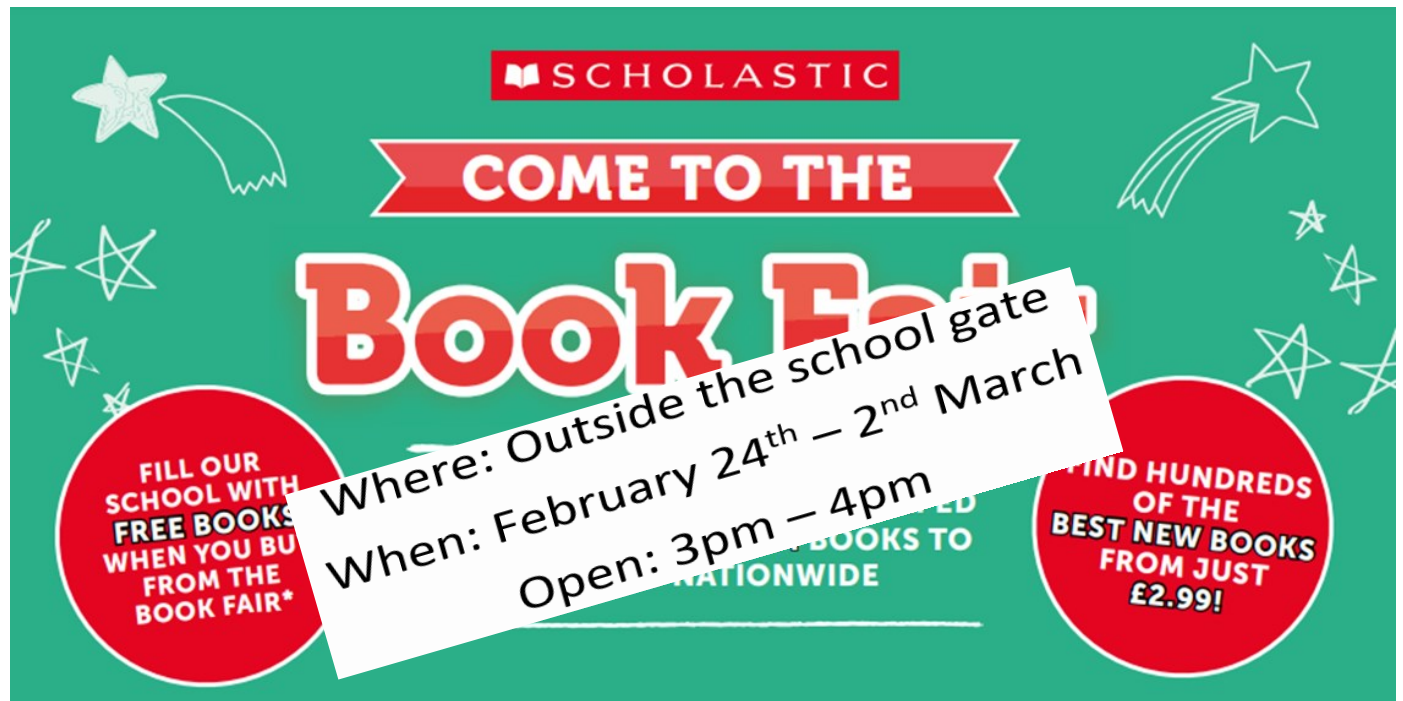
Whether you are a first time rider or a regular cyclist looking to improve your skills, our free training sessions are for up to 3 people and can be tailored to suit your abilities and goals.

Choose the course that's suitable for you from the following options:

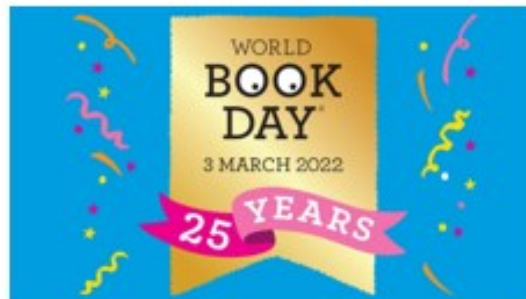
Basic

Cycle in an off-road environment with a qualified instructor. You'll learn the basics, build your skills and gain the confidence to be able to navigate around your local area.

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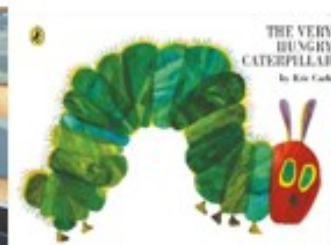
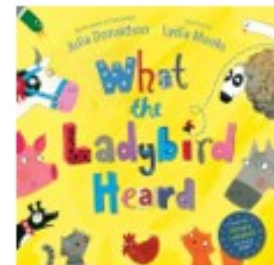
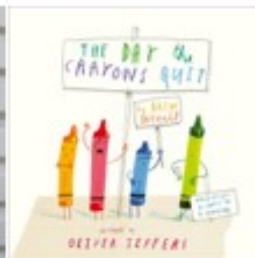


**World Book Day
is next Thursday
3rd March**



**We will all be
dressing up as a
book character... and
parents/carers are
invited to come and
applaud us all!**

If you need any help in thinking up a simple but effective costume, then have a look at the ideas below:



You are also invited to buy books from our Book Fair from **25th February – 2nd March** and help earn free books for the school.

