



## May 2018 Newsletter

### A note from the Head of School

Dear Staff, Students, Parents and Carers,

I will once again pick out some key highlights from this half term that demonstrate the ways in which our students are making progress. These two events both happened on the same week and were also picked out by MS-District in their student section which can be found on page 4.

The first in the Residential trip. This year we branched out from our usual PGL visit and the students spent a week working on a farm in Devon. As well as fence mending and animal feeding, they also took part in activities such as sea-kayaking and crabbing. The feedback from staff and students was exceptionally positive especially around the way they all worked together as a team.

Those students who did not attend the Residential took part in our WE event this term. This was a Walk for Water and was arranged by the Middle School students who were onsite. The focus, thought and hard work they put into the event was enormous and this is borne out by the amount raised so far. We are keeping the on-line giving site open for a couple more weeks as are planning to add to the total through some additional fundraising.

In my last newsletter I wrote about the Poetry Slam for World Book Day. We felt the standard of poems was so high that we decided they deserved to be seen by more people. We have therefore collated these into a poetry anthology that is available to buy and details on this can be found on page 5. Any proceeds will go to the We Walk for Water total.

I would like to wish you all a sunny, restful and fun Half Term. I look forward to seeing everyone after the break, especially at the parents' events that are coming up.

*Rachel Maddison*



## Dates to remember

### Term resumes:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Art Fair:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Science Fair:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### INSET day for graduation

### (no school):

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Prize & Sports Day:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### -Term Ends -

Next Year's Term dates can be found at the end of the newsletter





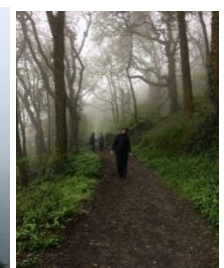
## East Soar Residential Trip



What a trip it was! From sleeping in freezing cold tents to getting muddy helping the National Trust build new fences and paths, it was such a blast!

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 16 students and 3 staff set out on a long bus journey for 4 nights in Salcombe, South Devon. On arrival we were greeted by a smiling Schalk (our host), Daisy the dog and an array of farm animals.

Over the next few days we participated in a number of fun activities. These included: feeding the animals, fire making, shelter building, crabbing, kayaking, clearing tracks, scenic walks, and field games. We also completed the John Muir Qualification in which we had to explore the countryside, conserve the local area and share our experiences of our trip. We all





thoroughly enjoyed the trip. It was pleasing to see the students developing their team work skills, making new friends, becoming more independent and stepping out of their comfort zones. Well done to all involved. A special thank you goes to Ms Alexander and Miss Polegaj for giving up their time to make the trip happen.



### The Royal Institution Science Trip

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May the HSD class went on a trip to the Royal Institution to attend '**Ri Unconference 2018: A matter of privacy**'. The event benefited our students greatly in gaining a profound understanding of the impact of media on our privacy from the insightful keynote speakers, discussions in breakout sessions and final debate. Our students joined different discussion groups where they contributed their views with confidence. In the final debate, one of our students, Lucas, did us proud by representing his group to present their idea to the audience and panel of experts.



### RA Art Workshop

Two artist educators from the Royal Academy of Arts, Harry and Cash, visited our school and led an exciting Art workshop for a mixed group of Upper School and High School students.

The workshop included a discussion about pieces of artwork depicting landscapes and creating an imaginary landscape using different printing techniques.

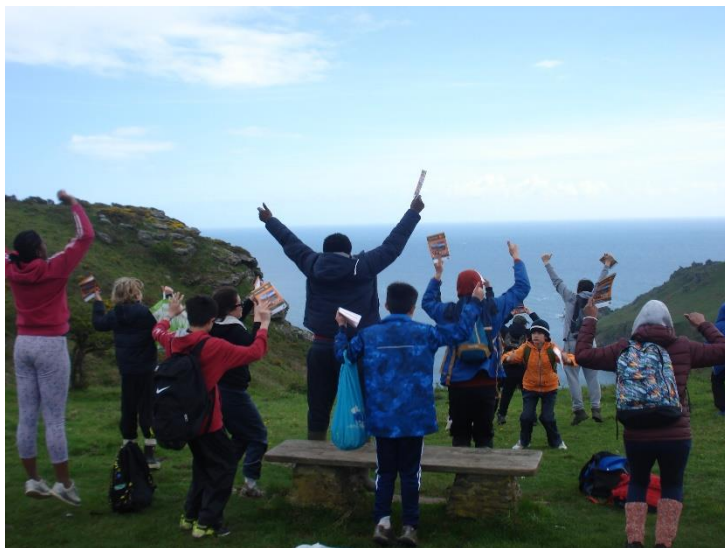
We had a fun, productive and inspiring day of Art!



## Residential Trip

It was a four-hour trip to get to **East Soar**. When we got there we had long walking trips, beach visits, sea-kayaking and animal feeding. We also went crabbing and did conservation work.

At night time it was freezing and it was a tiring week. However, we helped one another, bonded together and had fun!



## We Walk for Water

The We Walk for Water event was organised by Alaniss, Benjamin, Farren, Grace and Mackenzie. The aim was to raise money so that people in Kenya would have access to clean water and although it was hard work they were proud of the results. On the day students did one lap around **Wandsworth Common** and it was attended by all students who were not on the residential.

Money was collected in school and online. The online donation page will stay open until after half term so there is still time to donate.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CentreAcademy>

## Upcoming events

We are excited about the following upcoming events:

The Science Fair – we are currently picking the projects we will present to the judges.

The Art Fair – we are working on top secret works of art to be revealed on the day!

Our Video Project – we are making an introductory film to show prospective students.



## Finally...

We would like to wish all the students taking exams 'Good Luck'!

## Pablo Picasso Workshop for Parents/Carers & Students

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Please join us for an informative, inspiring and creative afternoon of making art in the style of the great, influential artist Pablo Picasso! This event is designed for Parents/Carers to come to School and work with their child to create artwork that will then be displayed at the School Art Fair in June.

During the afternoon, we will look at various pieces of artwork by Picasso, discuss some background information and create artwork in the style of this famous artist. The workshop will start at 2:15pm on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June and finish before 5pm, with a refreshment break in the middle.

Please book early as spaces are limited to a maximum of 16 participants (8 parents/carers together with 8 students). We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincere regards,

Ms Sinanan and Miss Kiss

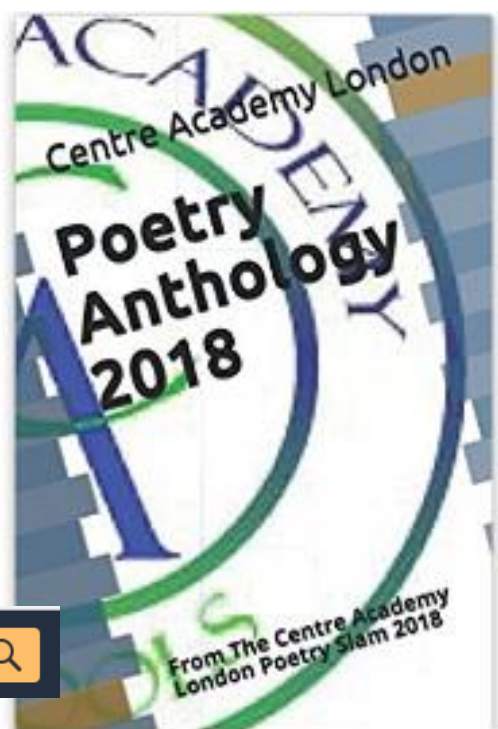


## Poetry Anthology

We are excited to announce that our Poetry Anthology from our March Poetry Slam is now available to purchase on [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). The poems were inspired by our trips with the National Literacy Trust to the Museum of London and the Tower of London.

The books can be found on Amazon by searching 'Centre Academy Poetry'. Each book costs £4.50, with £3.50 covering the printing costs and the extra £1 from every book going towards our 'WE walk for water' campaign.

Please get online to buy the books both to read our creative poems and support such a great cause.



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## Calendar

### 2018-2019 Term Dates

#### Autumn Term

##### **INSET DAYS (no school):**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

##### **First day:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

##### **Half-term:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

##### **Last day:**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### Spring Term

##### **INSET DAY (no school):**

Monday 7<sup>TH</sup> January 2019

##### **First day:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

##### **Half-term:**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

##### **Last day:**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### Summer Term

##### **INSET DAYS (no school):**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

##### **First day:**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

##### **Half-term:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

##### **Last day:**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Calling all CAL Artists!!

The annual Art Fair is quickly approaching! This year it will take place on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June.

All CAL students are welcome to create artwork for the Art Fair choosing any medium including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, mixed media and photography. The artwork will be judged by a panel of students, members of staff and visitors and there will be an opportunity to win prizes!

Please see Miss Kiss for further details if you are interested in exhibiting your work!



### Fundraising

US-Bakerloo class organised a Non-Uniform Day on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March to raise money for Sport Relief, which took place in the UK between 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March. They led an Assembly to raise awareness and give more information about this cause.

We would like to thank all students, parents, carers, staff and friends who donated money for Sport Relief! Our school raised a grand total of **£46.00**.

The money we raised is to be spent by Comic Relief to support some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the UK and around the world.