

Hello and Welcome!

Evelina Hospital School is a busy place, providing excellent education and endless possibilities to all pupils.

Whether someone is here for one day or several weeks or months, our school provides a diverse, creative and exciting curriculum for all pupils.

Staff worked incredibly hard this term in maintaining an inclusive and visionary curriculum for our pupils. We welcomed some amazing visitors, who supported us in our inaugural STEM week, where pupils participated in projects and competitions and met real life STEM ambassadors and professionals.

We are also extremely excited to welcome our new Deputy Head Teacher Andy Baldock who joined us to help lead the school. He is a wonderful addition to the team and you can learn more about him below.

What made you want to work at Evelina Hospital School?

As soon as I saw the advert, I felt excitement. It struck me as a truly unique opportunity and this role stood out as something entirely distinctive. It offered the chance to use my skills in a setting where education plays a transformational role at some of the most challenging moments in a child's and family's life.

I also have deeply personal reasons for wanting to work at Evelina Hospital School. My daughter — who is absolutely incredible — has spent a significant amount of time at the

school. She is eight now and thankfully only attends twice a year as an outpatient, but at one point or another she has been admitted to three of the wards. The Evelina Hospital School has not only transformed her life, it has changed all of our lives as a family. I will forever be grateful for the care, expertise and compassion that this hospital offers.

What did you do before you came to Evelina Hospital School?

Before joining Evelina Hospital School, I worked across two schools in Kent. At one school, I served as Co-Headteacher and I also worked at another school as the SENCO.

What is your favourite thing about being a teacher?

I absolutely love being a teacher. In life, I don't take myself too seriously, but I take my profession extremely seriously. I am very proud to be a teacher. I think it's a position that helps children become the person they want to be. Teaching opens up worlds, opportunities, and doors... and isn't that a wonderful thing to be able to do as a career?

What do you do in your free time?

In my spare time I enjoy running, as it really helps me decompress. I am happy to pursue things even if I'm not naturally good at them, which is why I've started learning the guitar and I've recently taken up padel. I also play T1 rugby once a week, which I really enjoy.

What was your favourite thing to do when you were at school?



I actually found the academic side of school quite challenging until fairly late on. Things really started to click for me in Year 9 when I discovered how much I enjoyed the humanities. I consistently loved Computing, P.E and DT. I always felt at my best when I was being active, creating something practical, or experimenting with technology.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

If I won the lottery, I wouldn't quit my job — I'm one of those lucky (and slightly annoying) people who genuinely enjoy what they do. I'd keep working at Evelina Hospital School, but I'd ask to change my working pattern so I could travel more with my family. I'd also love to use the money to support families of children with SEND, as it's something I'm really passionate about and would want to make a meaningful difference. I'd definitely treat myself to membership at the Oval.

Read on in this term's newsletter to discover all the different exciting, stimulating and creative learning that has taken place and what the school community has accomplished this spring!

Lively London!

During our topic about 'Lively London!' Pupils from across the key stages read and learn all about our wonderful city, as well as using excellent vocabulary to describe it.

We are fortunate enough to welcome amazing visitors to our school and we really enjoy working with **Adisa the Verbaliser**, acclaimed spoken word poet and author. Adisa leads writing workshops with our young people, and his latest ones were connected to the theme of 'Lively London'!

With Adisa's guidance, students produced a short anthology of poems on the different London landmarks, as well as using sensory language to describe the sounds of the city. Some pupils wrote their own 'recipe for London', where they discussed all of the 'ingredients' that they feel make up the capital.

Adisa's sessions inspire pupils to get their creative juices flowing, and enable our young people to feel immense pride in their writing!



Riddle me this!

As part of our Lively London scheme of work, students create riddles about landmarks in our city. Can you figure this out?

I stand tall beside the water, dressed in Gothic stone and grace. I'm often called by a nickname, though that's just the bell inside my face.

I've ticked through wars and royal days, keeping time for all to see. If you want to hear my heavy heart, you'll listen for the chime of E.

What am I?

Have a read of this amazing poem about diversity in London by one of our fantastic KS5 pupils!

If I speak of London

If I speak of London

Then I'm speaking about diversity.

And if I speak of diversity

Then I'm speaking about culture.

And if I speak of culture

Then I'm speaking of languages.

And If I speak of languages

Then I'm speaking of people.

And If I speak of people

Then I'm speaking about unity

And I speak of unity

Then I'm speaking about London.

Science & Maths

We have adopted the giraffes from Whipsnade Zoo! We

have regular video calls from Zookeeper Marcus who shows us the giraffes and other animals so we can learn all about them and their habitats. Students complete AQA unit awards and receive certificates for their work writing about our giraffes! Use the QR code to see a video of the Whipsnade Zoo giraffes



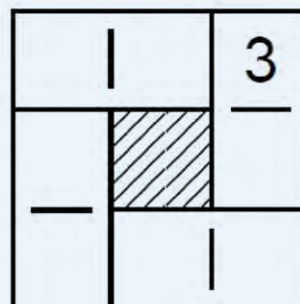
Our science lessons in the classroom involve different practical experiments each week. Some of our lessons include making ooblek - did you know it can behave like a solid and a liquid depending on how

hard you press it? We also make lava lamps with solids and liquids which create gasses. Follow the QR code to see how you can make your own lava lamp with ingredients from the kitchen.



Challenge!

Can you make the dominoes below add to 10 in each column and row?



1 - 5 2 - 3
3 - 4 3 - 5

In Maths, we aim to make learning engaging and interactive. Dominoes provide a fun learning opportunity for children (and adults) of all ages!

Are you in Year 11 and looking for additional maths practice to prepare for you GCSE exams? Try some of these free websites!



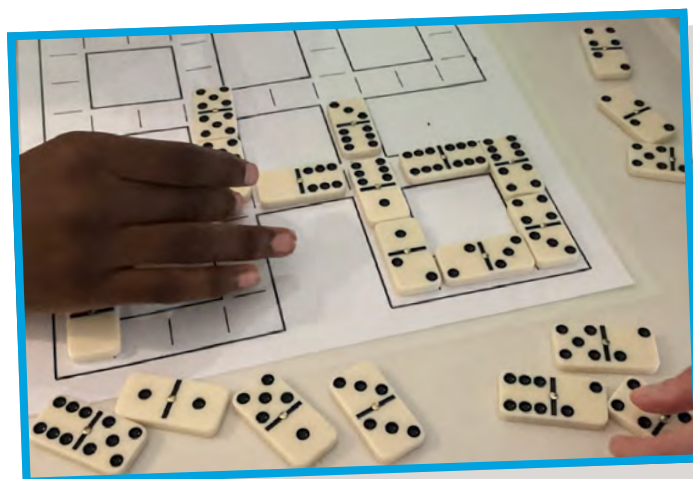
Maths Genie



Dr Frost



Corbett Maths



STEM week

STEM Week was a fantastic celebration of curiosity, creativity, and hands-on exploration.

Pupils enjoyed visits from an inspiring range of STEM professionals, including Megan from the Bank of England, who shared the fascinating history of currency and the role of gold reserves.

Geoscientist Ceylan led pupils through engaging experiments on extracting oil from the ocean bed, while Brendan introduced the principles of aerodynamics through exciting aircraft investigations.

Ambassadors from STEM Learning added even more colour to the week with coding bracelet workshops and vibrant 'exploding rainbow' experiments.

Pupils also took part in a school-wide engineering challenge to build the tallest tower—our winning design, constructed entirely from paper straws, reached an impressive 167cm!

In Food Tech, pupils applied mathematical thinking to bake delicious tessellating biscuits. It was a wonderful week of learning, laughter, and STEM discovery.



Dance Sessions

Our pupils are thoroughly enjoying their weekly dance sessions with Caroline.

Each session is adapted so that every child can take part comfortably, confidently and safely.

Every Thursday, the children are diving into an exciting 'Under the Sea' theme. Together, we explore what we might see, hear, and feel beneath the waves. Pupils combine imaginative movements with a variety of props to bring the ocean to life, waving colourful scarves to create a moving coral reef, rolling spikey balls along pathways like gentle swimming turtles, and stretching up high before diving down low to discover the ocean floor.

Through music, movement, and creative exploration, pupils are building confidence, developing coordination, and most importantly, having lots of fun.

It is wonderful to see so many smiles each week and to watch children expressing themselves so freely. Dance brings a bright, uplifting moment to our school week and offers every child the chance to feel active, creative, and connected.



Why not continue the fun at home?

Put on some 'Under the Sea' music, make a big splash with a jumping dive, glide through the space like a colourful fish, and see where your underwater adventure takes you!



Computing

Pupils of all ages love getting creative with computers. We are lucky at Evelina Hospital School to have a wide variety of ways to learn not just how to use technology, but also to design imaginative computer programs that can solve all sorts of challenges and help improve people's lives.

In the classrooms, pupils make use of our Lego SPIKE robotic kits to program motors and sense their environment using colour and light sensors. Whether working independently or part of a team, pupils are always proud of their efforts when their robot bursts to life.



Computing at Evelina Hospital School is not just about coding, we take ICT and digital literacy just as seriously. As part of our 'Lively London' pupils have been introduced to the amazing world of sound design. Using special audio software, learners are challenged to create a believable soundtrack to accompany a video of the



London Underground rail network. See and listen for yourself by scanning this QR code, everything you hear in this video was chosen by a pupil!



BlueShift Coding

Around the wards we have a new addition to our Computing offer, thanks to the coding expertise of Richard from BlueShift Coding. Richard is supporting pupils to become videogame designers, using the amazing MakeCode Arcade platform! Try playing one of our pupils' games for yourself to see what can be achieved, and then when you're ready, head to arcade.makecode.com if you're inspired to make your own.

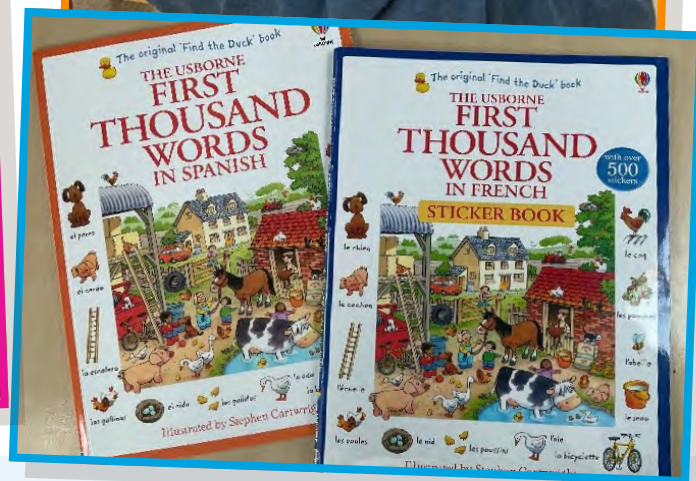
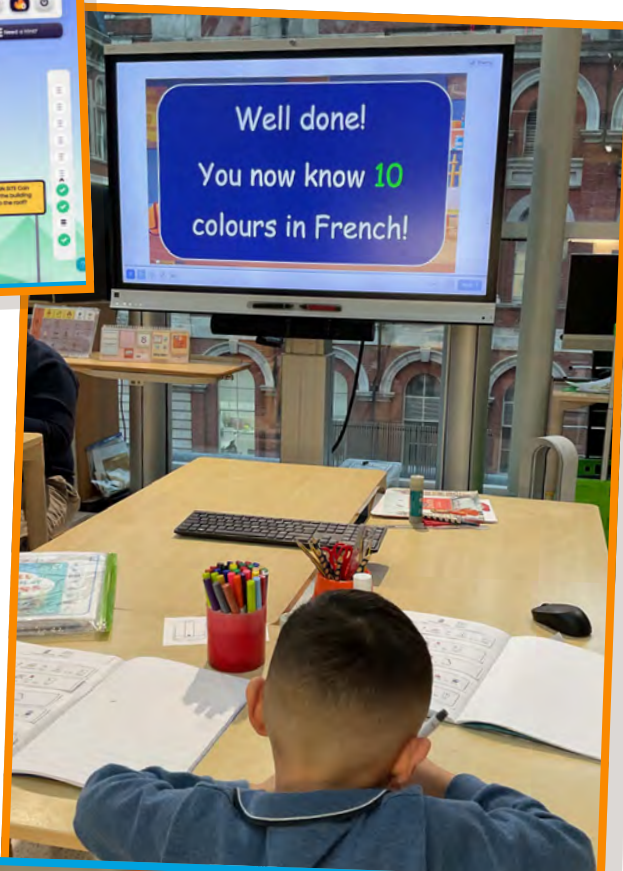
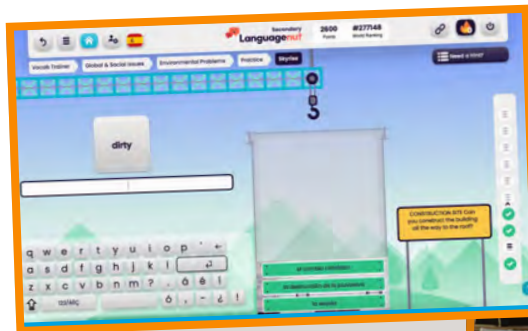


Modern Foreign Languages

Modern Foreign Languages play a vital role in today's interconnected world. We practice our language skills through interactive lessons and real-world conversations.

Our pupils engage with songs, speaking and listening activities and interactive games.

Studying languages, such as French and Spanish, not only helps students communicate across cultures, but also deepens their understanding of global communities and broadens their personal and professional horizons. Pupils can express themselves in other languages and create opportunities to open doors to international travel, higher education, and a wide range of career opportunities.



Quick Quiz

Scan this QR Code and challenge your Languages knowledge with this fun quiz on Countries and Languages.

Challenge your MFL knowledge by scanning the QR code and putting your language skills to the test. See how much you can remember as you work through this fun quiz!



School information

Our Vision: Excellent Education, Endless Possibilities

At our school, we are proud to offer an outstanding, personalised education for every pupil. We are committed to helping each child achieve positive educational outcomes while feeling valued, nurtured, and respected.

Admissions

All young people aged 3-19 who are inpatients are welcome to register with our school. We welcome 2-year-olds (the term after their second birthday) on a part-time supported basis. The school works together with the wards to decide day-by-day whether children and young people are well enough to participate in sessions. We consider enquires about siblings on a case-by-case basis, in exceptional circumstances only.

Teaching times

School is open in the morning 10am-12pm and in the afternoon 1:30pm-3:30pm.

School enrichment

School offers an additional 10 days creative programme across the year during school holidays.



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Feedback

Your feedback and views on our school are really important to us and help us to improve our offer to pupils in the future. Scan these codes below, depending if you are a pupil, or a parent/carer of a pupil. It should take between 8 - 10 minutes to complete.



Pupil survey



Parent/
carer
survey

