

## Cultural Capital at CPA

**Cultural Capital is about giving children opportunities or experiences they otherwise might not have, to enable them to be successful in life.**

At CPA we recognise that for students to aspire and be successful academically and in the wider areas of their lives, they need to be given rich and sustained opportunities to develop their cultural capital.

**Cultural capital** gives children power. It helps them achieve goals, become successful, and rise up the social ladder without necessarily having wealth or financial **capital**.

**Cultural capital** is having assets that give children the desire to aspire and achieve social mobility whatever their starting point.

### What we offer at CPA:

#### The Childhood Promise

**This is something unique to the Park Federation.**

We believe that childhood is a very special gift that should be treated with the utmost care. As key adults in a child's life, we need to respect this unique gift and ensure that it is as perfect as possible for each boy and girl. We think that every child, without exception, is entitled to a set of experiences that they can deposit in a bank of childhood memories to remember and savour for a lifetime.

Experiences like ... a walk in the woods ... a paddle in the sea ... a picnic in the countryside... an outing to the theatre ... a river boat journey ... a trip on a train ... a sightseeing tour of London!

Each school year the federation arranges and funds one of these special experiences. All of the outings and trips noted above will be free of charge.

#### Federation inter-school competitions and events

At CPA children have additional opportunities to represent the school at a wide range of Federation sporting and academic events gaining confidence and experience and raising aspirations.

- Young Musician of the Year Competition
- Look Who's Talking – Public speaking competition
- Spelling Bee
- Maths Challenge
- Basketball Competition
- Netball tournament
- 5 a side Football Tournament
- Dodgeball Competition
- Cross Country Championships



## **Cultural Capital at CPA CONT'D**

Netball Competition  
Tennis Tournament  
Cricket Competition  
Athletics Championships

### **The Centre for Excellence in the Performing Arts**

CPA has a number of teachers who have a particular talent for dance, drama and the performing arts in general and run our own Centre For Excellence. They perform annually at the local theatre as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Recent performance have been 'Much Ado About Nothing' 'Macbeth' and 'Romeo and Juliet'



### **Career Aspiration Events**

Speakers are invited into assemblies to talk about a range of career options. Year 5 have the opportunity to take part in an annual Federation Hub Aspirations Day with their parents and visit a variety of career workshops.

Year 4 visit Kidzania annually to open their eyes to a range of career options.

### **Building Brilliance in Early Years and Key Stage 1**

The Building Brilliance programme supports pupils and families entitled to Pupil Premium Funding. It is a series of practical workshops with resources to take away. Sessions are provided to parents, who attend along with their children, to support learning.

### **University Links**

We have links with a number of Universities, most closely Brunel. As a result Year 6 children go along for a taster day to find out about University life.



### **Curriculum trips and in school workshops**

We support cultural development through visits to:

Science Museum  
Chiltern Open Air Museum  
Tower of London  
Lincolnsfield World War 11 experience  
Windsor Castle  
Local theatre trips and in school theatre workshops  
Local places of worship

