

News from the Hill



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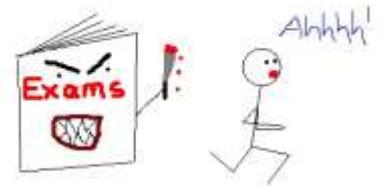
Quality, Creativity, Consistency, Collaboration

We encourage all members of the Sunnyhill Community to **respect one another**, to know that **everyone has an important part to play** in making the school as good as it can be, to **take responsibility** and be responsible, to **strive for excellence** and to **try one's best** in everything we do.

Testing, testing.... 1,2,3

It's that time of year again... in primary schools across England, children are sitting their Statutory Assessments (SATs).

As I am writing this, Y6 have just finished theirs'. We are all extremely proud of how mature and sensible they were during these exams. Well done to Y6!



Year 2 start their assessments next week... I know you all would want me to wish them the very best of luck for them!

Thank you to everyone who has prepared the children for the tests, and for everyone who has supported them during this period.



Around the World... in 63 days!!

Phileas Fogg has nothing on us... it took him 80 days a lots of different modes of travel to get around the world... at Sunnyhill, it takes us just 63... and we don't even leave Streatham!



Our Summer whole school focus is around Global Citizenship. It is so important that our children know that wherever you live in The World our similarities far outweigh our differences. Our children will be learning about what it's like to live and grow up in countries all around The World- we will be working with the charity *Free the Children* and raising money for the countries our children learn about in class.



Nursery: Tanzania (to raise money for Nkhungu, our linked school through the British Council)

Reception: Tanzania (to raise money for Nkhungu, our linked school through the British Council)

Year 1: Ecuador

Year 2: India

Year 3: Kenya

Year 4: Haiti

Year 5: Sierra Leone

Year 6: Nicaragua



A date for your diaries: Enterprise Day will be on the 7th July this year- please come along to help us raise money for Free the Children from 1.15.



Friends of Sunnyhill need YOU

Ms Martin and I met with the recently elected leads of Friends of Sunnyhill, Jodie Dyke and Gemma Blankson last week. They have lots of ideas and energy to make Friends of Sunnyhill a real visible presence in the school community- but they can't do this by themselves, or just with the die-hard few.

Their big focus this term is going to be Enterprise afternoon and the Summer Fair that takes place immediately after it. If you can spare any time to help organise this event, speak to Jodie and Gemma in the playground... or we can put you in touch with them via the school

office.



Sunnyhill (and Jamie's) meals in minutes...

The School Council has been very focused on investigating food waste and food poverty this academic year. You may remember that, with your help, they collected over 1000 items for our local food bank last term. The next step in their plan was to put together and sell a cook book to raise money for The Trussell trust, a charity that supports our local food banks.

They sent home a recipe template over the Easter break and asked you and your children for your favourite recipes. They were so impressed with the response!

In total, 60 delicious recipes were submitted and ALL of them will now form the Sunnyhill Cook Book. Thank you everyone!

The School council are meeting with Hassane from our school kitchen to decide which dishes should win and be selected for a special "Sunnyhill Menu Day" at the end of term. The top main courses and dessert will be cooked for the whole school by ISS, our school meal provider.

If this wasn't impressive enough, the School Council wrote to Jamie Oliver asking him if he would help in some way with their cook book. The letter was hand delivered by Lima, Maggie and Kip's mum. Jamie has said YES!

We are going to send him a collection of our Sunnyhill recipes and he is going to choose his favourites – this is too exciting!!!



Watch this space for the celebratory endorsed Sunnyhill cook book launch date and the winning recipes!

Charity begins... in Y2

After being inspired by a Year 6 project to raise money for Free the Children, a small group of Year 2 girls came up with a plan to "help children who don't have anything." They set about creating beautiful shopping bags to sell to their peers in the playground. After weeks of work and spreading the news in assembly, they sold their items on Friday 5th May, raising a wonderful £58.50 for their chosen charity. Well done girls!

In a time when the world seems a bit topsy-turvy, it is so fantastic that our children are so keen to help others... we should all be very proud of them.



Beetle-mania

It's important that our children have aspirations for their futures... that they know that what they learn and experience in school does matter and will impact on their future lives. This isn't about tests (it seriously isn't) ... but it is about being inspired! That they have memorable experiences that stay with them forever.

From the feedback from the children, we organised one of these inspiring events on May 5th. We were delighted to welcome best-selling author MG Leonard, author of 'Beetle Boy and 'Beetle Queen', to Sunnyhill.

"Captivating," "spellbinding," "**amazing**" - were some of our children's impression of MG Leonard's fascinating presentation. She covered everything from facts about beetles to the environmental impact of beetles. We were all captivated by her story of how she turned her phobia of beetles into a love of beetles- it took her 6 years to write Beetle Boy (writing and researching while she overcame her fear of beetles!)

and 9 months to write Beetle Queen. She talked about her research at The British Library and the process of writing her books.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the to meet a real author, to understand the of writing and publishing- let's hope this



you

I BEGAN TO REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO BE AN ENTHUSIAST IN LIFE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SOMETHING, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, GO AT IT FULL SPEED. EMBRACE IT WITH BOTH ARMS, HUG IT, LOVE IT AND ABOVE ALL BECOME PASSIONATE ABOUT IT. LUKEWARM IS NO GOOD.

-Roald Dahl

children process visit inspires them to write! Thank MG Leonard!

A final thought:

Important dates:

End of Summer 1: Friday May 26th, 3.15pm

Start of Summer 2: Monday June 5th

School closed- being used as polling station for general election: Thursday June 8th

Summer Fair: July 7th (3.30- 5.45)

End of Summer 2: Friday July 21st, 2pm