

News from the Hill

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*"Learning Together, We Will All
Be Exceptional"*



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Our Values
respect one another
every individual matters
take responsibility
strive for excellence

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fun-packed week this week with parent/carer meetings, World Book Day, cycle confident training and a netball competition. Next week, we have Science Week activities to look forward to! If you were not able to meet with your child's class teacher, you can still make an appointment to see them at a mutually convenient time.

Calling parents/carers who work in STEM roles....

If you or another family member works in the field of science, technology, engineering, mathematics at any level, we would like to hear from you! We are looking for parents/carers/family members to come into school to speak to a class about your role during Science Week, next week. If you can offer some time, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Ms Gentleman or Ms Trehwella.



Happy International Women's Day to all the inspirational women in our community! We value you all!

All parents/carers are role models to our children and on this day, we take the time to think about the valuable role of women in our society.

Please may I request that parents/carers complete the Parentview questionnaire? It is a repeat of the questionnaire we used at this time last year and has the same questions as the Ofsted Parentview questionnaire. Your responses are really helpful in shaping our provision to support you and your children. Make your voice heard!

<https://forms.gle/oRsbMFr1CxvMVept9>

Please remember to complete the packed lunch choices for your child in the survey that was sent out recently. Once you have done this, we will retain the information to use for school visits for the rest of this year.

Attendance – Our rates of attendance continue to increase which is great news! In fact, from September until now, our school attendance is 93.7% whereas national attendance is 93%. Even though we haven't reached our target yet, it's good to know that we are higher than national!

Overall attendance for last week was 95.4% with 6AC at 100%. Well done AGAIN 6AC!

Finally, I would like to share the good news that Ms Wade gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 26th February! Congratulations to Ms Wade and her family.

Best wishes,
Sarah Wilson
Head Teacher

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World Book Day



On Thursday, our World Book Day celebrations gave us lots of fun and above all celebrated the enjoyment of reading! During the day, Ms Trehella and Ms Gentleman walked through the school with the bell. Every time the bell rang, the children and staff had to 'drop and read'. One of those times was even during assembly!



Thank you for supporting your children with their costumes and comfies. Staff made a great effort too with their costumes – I could hardly recognise some staff!



The competition entries were really high quality and it was so difficult to choose! There is 1 winner per year group and they will be announced in Achievement Assembly on Thursday!

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Cycle Confident Training



It was great to see the children's confidence and skill improving over Thursday and Friday! They really worked hard and showed resilience, overcoming their fears and learning from setbacks. Well done!

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Netball Competition

On Thursday, Ms Greta took a team of Y5 children to the netball competition at Kennington Park. The children played really well and were matched against secondary schools. They didn't win any of their matches but they told me about how well they played and how hard they worked as a team!



Eco Warriors

As you may know, Ms Gentleman now leads the Eco Warriors. She is working on a range of projects with the children and has split them into groups. Here is an update:

This term, the eco team has completed an environmental review, this will support our application for the Green Flag award at the end of the year. The environmental review asked the children to consider the categories of biodiversity, energy, global citizenship, healthy living, litter, marine, school grounds, transport, waste and water. This review enabled the children to establish the eco topics that will be our focus this year - biodiversity and waste.

They have also worked with Robyn from 'Dirt is Good'. The 'Dirt is Good' school programme enables children to take action on the environmental and social causes that they care about. Robyn facilitated a workshop with the eco team, where they considered their shared values and decided on the projects that they thought were important. We have tried to tie these projects with our eco topics. The eco team (22 in total) have now been organised into groups. These groups have the responsibility of organising different projects throughout the term including:

- a big clothes swap (parents will be invited to bring in old clothes and we will hold a clothes swap event,
- the big plastic count (whereby the whole school will be involved with recording the plastic waste that they throw away each day during a week)
- a recycling collection (whereby children will ensure that recycling is collected and distributed to a shared area in school in order for the waste to be disposed of correctly).

Within each group, the children will have different areas of responsibility including; project manager, researcher, communicator, presenter, reporter and reflector. We are also excited to have been awarded a £2000 grant from Lambeth Future Fit schools to develop the nature garden in the EYFS area. The eco team will be involved with considering how we can encourage biodiversity in this area.

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School Council

Ms Trehwella now leads the School Council and they have been hard at work!

The school council has been working on developments in the playground and how we can make the best use of the space we have. Children have voted for a quiet space which has been agreed to be the bus. At the moment they are collecting ideas for what children want in the bus. They also collected ideas from the children for Craze of the Week which will begin when we have purchased a dedicated set of equipment for this purpose.

The school council collected ideas for what children would like as their reward for the class with the best attendance. The school voted for looking after the guinea pigs. The school council have now completed their training and they will be able to help their class with looking after them when their class wins the weekly attendance reward.

The school council has been giving out books from the book trollies at the end of the day on the Sunnyhill road and Harborough road gate.

Other Pupil Leadership Opportunities

We try to offer opportunities to as many children as possible to help increase their confidence and develop their leadership skills.

Reading buddies

Year 5 have been going to read with reception daily from 1-1:30. There is a rota for this and two children go each day. There has been good feedback from the teachers so far.

Lunchtime monitors

Year 4 have a rota where they help reception/yr1 and 2 in the hall. Their duties include:

- Help reception and year 1 and 2 find somewhere to sit, get water and cut their food up
- Help the smaller children to clear their plates when they have finished
- Encourage the children to eat all of their food, especially their vegetables
- Serve children on the salad bar
- Top up the knives, forks and spoons

Translators

Pupils who speak more than one language have been offered the opportunity to be translators for other pupils. Those who have volunteered, will have their picture and the language they can translate on the door of their classroom. They will be asked to translate for new children about the routines of the day and the values. They may be asked to show visitors around the school who cannot speak English.

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Dates for your diary

w/c 11 th March	Whole School Science Week
13 th March	Year 1 & 2 Road Safety Theatre visit to Sunnyhill
15 th March	Year 5 visit to Wonderlab (Science Museum)
18 th & 21 st March	Year 3 visit to The Garden Museum
25 th March	Year 2 Lambeth Singing Festival
26 th March	Whole School STEAM Exhibition
Thursday 28 th March	End of term – children finish at 2pm

Useful School Contacts

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of days
Term One	INSET DAY 1&2 - 1st & 4th September 2023 Tuesday, 5th September 2023	Friday, 20th October 2023	36 days
Holiday Monday, 23rd October 2023 – Friday, 27th October 2023			
Term Two	Monday, 30th October 2023	Thursday, 21st December 2023	39 days
Christmas Holiday Friday, 22nd December 2023 – Friday, 5th January 2024			
Term Three	INSET DAY 3 - 8th January 2024 Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Friday, 9th February 2024	25 days
Holiday Monday, 12th February 2024 – Friday, 16th February 2024			
Term Four	Monday, 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	29 days
Easter Holiday Friday, 29th March 2024 – Friday, 12th April 2024			
Term Five	INSET DAY 4 - 12th April 2024 Monday, 15th April 2024	Friday, 24th May 2024	30 days
Holiday Monday, 27th May 2024 – Friday, 31st May 2024			
Term Six	Monday, 3rd June 2024	Friday, 19th July 2024 INSET DAY 5 - 22nd July 2024	36 days
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Term One	INSET DAY 1&2 - Monday & Tuesday, 2nd & 3rd September 2024 Wednesday, 4th September 2024	Friday, 25th October 2024	40 days
Holiday Monday, 28th October 2024 – Friday, 1st November 2024			
Term Two	Monday, 4th November 2024	Friday, 20th December 2024	35 days
Christmas Holiday Friday, 23rd December 2024 – Friday, 3rd January 2025			
Term Three	INSET DAY 3 - Monday, 6th January 2025 Tuesday, 7th January 2025	Friday, 14th February 2025	30 days
Holiday Monday, 17th February 2025 – Friday, 21st February 2025			
Term Four	Monday, 24th February 2025	Tuesday, 8th April 2025	32 days
Easter Holiday Wednesday, 9th April 2025 – Tuesday, 22nd April 2025			
Term Five	Wednesday, 23rd April 2025	Friday, 23rd May 2025	22 days
Holiday Monday, 26th May 2025 – Friday, 30th May 2025			
Term Six	INSET DAY 4 - Monday, 2nd June 2025 Tuesday, 3rd June 2025	Friday, 18th July 2025 INSET DAY 5 - Monday, 21st July 2025	36 days
			195 days