



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER – 5 Autumn Term 2010

15th October 2010

Consultation on Clubs

Thank you for your responses to our letter. We will collate the information and let you know the results for this as soon as possible.

The Upper Room

A big thank you for all your donations! These were collected by Bruce from the Upper Room on Monday after he led an assembly about how all the food will be used in the future.

Operation Christmas Child

This week, we have launched our next charity, Operation Christmas Child. Look out for more information about this in a special letter and leaflet which will come out next week.

GSK Global Handwashing Day 15th October

As always we work hard with children to remember to wash their hands so that they can stay clean and healthy. We have had a big push on this during this week and have participated in Global Handwashing Day! Many of you will already know about our involvement in this pilot project to promote hygiene last year. Children graduated as 'Handy Heroes' and once again we would like to promote this important message across the school.

SATs Results

We would like to share last year's Year 2 SATs results with you. As you will see from the figures below, we have lots to celebrate! As always, we are striving to consolidate these results and are working hard to make this year's results even better. We look forward to sharing these with you next year.

		<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Speaking and Listening</u>	<u>Science</u>
Level 2 and above	School	91%	89%	95%	91%	91%
	Local Authority	86%	83%	90%	87%	87%
L2b+	School	81%	66%	75%	-	-
	Local Authority	72%	61%	74%	-	-
Level 3	School	39%	13%	27%	43%	43%
	Local Authority	24%	12%	19%	22%	22%

Year 2 Gunnersbury Museum Trip

If you have not already done so, please return your permission slip and donation to the school office for Lime, Pink and Turquoise trips to Gunnersbury Museum this coming Tuesday, 19th October. Your child will not be allowed to take part unless we have a returned permission slip.

Parent Helper Workshops

Early Years Parent Helper Workshop led by Mrs Moxam is taking place on Tuesday 19th October at 9.10am in Red Class. KS1 Parent Helper Workshop is taking place on Wednesday 20th October at 3pm. If you want to help in class after half term please try and come along to these.

Reception Parents and Learning Journal Meeting

There will be a Parents and Learning Journal Meeting on Thursday, 21 October at 9.10am in the Infant Hall

School Photographs and Mufti Day – Friday 22nd October

Next Friday is school photograph day. If you would like your child to be photographed with their siblings (either Nursery, Infant or Junior) please make sure you complete and return the form your child will have been given today to the school office by next Wednesday morning 20th October at the latest. The photographer will also organise sibling photography. As next Friday is also Mufti Day children can also choose to dress in their own choice of clothing - 50p donation please. However, if you wish your child/children to be photographed in the school sweatshirt please indicate on the form your preference for the school sweatshirt. In the absence of a return of form to the school office before Wednesday 20th October, we will assume that you are happy for your child/children to be photographed in their casual clothes.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

This is a reminder that we will be holding a Second Hand Uniform Sale after school on the last Friday of this half term (22nd October). Please bring in good quality, clean uniform as soon as possible and leave at the school office. We are running very low on supplies so any donations would be very welcome.

Lost Property

Please claim your child's lost property by Tuesday, 19th October. After this any un-named items left at school will be taken to the recycling centre.

Junior News Strandite Wins Young Writers' Competition at Chiswick Book Festival

The Chiswick Book Festival joined with ChiswickW4.com to run a Young Writers' Competition this summer. Called 'What I Read This Summer', the competition invited anyone under 18 to write a sparkling review of a contemporary book. The winner of the under 12 category was Strandite, Rachel Jones, for her review of The Lost Island of Tamarind by Nadia Aguiar. The judges were full of praise for Rachel's review and commented on the " *sophistication which the writers have expressed in engaging with the authors' writing and evaluating it critically. They've both gone beyond their first responses to the books and really thought about the authors' choices. Congratulations to the winners - and also to their teachers!*" Hear hear! Well done Rachel.

Friends Coffee Mornings

Friends coffee mornings continue every Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room in the Junior playground. These are not formal meetings, but a chance for a chat and a drink. You are very welcome to bring younger siblings with you.

Strand Toddler Playgroup

Each Monday morning in term time (9am - 11am) parents can meet for a coffee and a chat (including a discussion on the possibility of setting up a crèche) whilst their toddlers play in the Community Room in the Junior Playground. The charge is £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

Friends of Strand Fireworks Event, Thursday 4th November

Welcome Evening

At the start of our new school year, please join the Headteachers and Friends of Strand at our Social Evening, on Thursday 21st October, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Community Room, Junior Playground. Join other parents, carers and staff for drinks and nibbles, and find out more about what the Friends do. The event is free, and old and new faces are equally welcome!

Fireworks Poster Winner.

The winner of our poster competition is Grace Whittaker of 5D. Congratulations! We will shortly be seeing her design around the local area. Grace wins a family ticket to the fireworks event on Thursday 4th November but for everyone else, we will be selling tickets in both schools from next Monday, at drop-off and pick-up times. Don't leave it too late to buy your tickets, as this event sells out every year, and no tickets will be sold on the door. If you are able to help out on the night, please let your Class Rep know, or contact Jo Duddy on 07841-876905.

Estate Agent Boards

We are once again being sponsored by Oliver Finn to put up boards to advertise Fireworks night and the Christmas Fair. They will pay us £10 per board, so this is a welcome source of easy money for us and it also advertises our events, so we get a double benefit. If you would like to register for a board, please e-mail Jane Whittaker asap: jane@logjam.co.uk If you are on our list already, but have moved in the last few months, please let Jane know, also if you would like to be taken off the board list.

The boards will go up at the beginning of October, and remain in place until after the Christmas Fair (the fireworks information will change to Christmas fair information after the 5th November.)

Roll up roll up it's Raffle time!

Are you in a position to donate a prize to the Christmas Fair Raffle?

We are looking for some main prizes, but we want to have lots of winners, so we need lots of smaller prizes too - from games consoles and holidays to experience prizes, chocolates and sweets.

The Raffle always raises lots of money for the school.

If you can donate a prize either through your company/ business or personally, please contact either Sarah Bubb on 07810 083603/sarahjb74@hotmail.com or Amanda Bond on 07747 05299/aj_bond@hotmail.com

***** KS1 STAR AWARDS*****

Turquoise: Flora, Sophie, Dana **Lime:** Oskar, Bennya, Emma B

Pink: Daniela, Finley, Alessia **Purple:** Kyran, Dilys, Hadeel

Yellow: Jakub, Amelie, Ryan **Blue:** Mackenzie, Amalia, Aadam

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!