



# STRAND NEWS

## NEWSLETTER –2 Spring Term 2010

15<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### New Children

Welcome to Ibrahim In Green Class. He has made a great start and has settled well.

### Year 1 SEAL Showcases

We hope you all enjoyed the sessions in class this week – finding out about the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning.

### Snow and Ice

We hope that the cold, icy spell is over for now! But please do keep an eye on your texts and emails. If we are shut you will receive a message before 7.30am. If you do not receive a message please assume we are open as usual.

Unfortunately we did have to cancel our Gunnersbury Museum visit (Year 1) due to slippery pavements. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Some Year 2 children worked on a snow piece for the newsletter; Sharu, Adele, Willa, Rachel and Aiden and Ronan worked very hard. Two examples are shown below (to inform you further about snow at school!).

#### *Snow at Strand Infants by Ronan Aherne*

*It has been a surprise these two weeks because a lot of snow has fallen! We got to play on the field and have snow ball fights! Some people built a snowman and a snow mountain!*

*One day we even got a day off because there was so much snow! We went sledging, snowball fighting and snowman building! Some people think it's good but you could miss learning.*

*When people made giant snowballs and snow mountains some people kicked them down. Thankfully those people got told off and sent on the thinking bench.*

*Suddenly it stopped and the snow's melting. We keep on looking at the weather forecast and fingers crossed for more snow.*

#### *Snow at Strand Infants by Aiden Aherne*

*We've had a lot of snow this term.*

*The children have had a lot of fun. But the children have got hurt from their hard snow balls.*

*The children have been sliding on their backs and heard their selves. We were playing on the field last week and this week but today and yesterday we have been playing on the playground. If you could please bring Wellies because children have been falling over because they got shoes on so please bring wellies.*

*Last Thursday the reason the school was closed because the teachers couldn't get to school. Some year 2 and year 1 have been making sculptures and receptions have been knocking down the sculptures and making year 2 and year 1 cry. Thank you for not complaining about the snow.*

### Mrs Afraz Update

Mrs Afraz is due back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Up until that time Mr Byrne will continue to work in Nursery with the rest of the team.

### Toilet Update

School Council have visited the toilet build and were very pleased with their inspection. You may have noticed that there are pictures of the internal build up on the large screen in the entrance.

## **Library**

Many of you will know that Library use has been limited to school time recently as we have had some technical difficulties with our computerised Library borrowing system. We are keen to get the children borrowing our fantastic books so you should find that KS1 children have all brought home a Library book this week. These books will be changed on the same day each week and this will be detailed in the Year group curriculum information letter this week. If your child does not return their book to their teacher on the designated day they will not be issued with another. Please support us with this new system by ensuring your child brings back their book on the right day! Reception children already bring home real books from their classroom but they will also have a chance to make Library visits this term.

## **Strictly Panto – Auditions 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January**

You'll be great in Panto, OH YES YOU WILL!!!!

We are looking for cast members and helpers (set painters, costumes, music, etc). This year's Panto auditions are Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Junior School Hall. (Panto shows are from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March). For more information call Jacobijn Scorer – 07795 332662.

## **Junior News – 3N make contact**

After much planning and preparation, 3N finally made contact with their French counterparts yesterday. The video conference went off without a hitch and the children spent 45 minutes chatting to their new friends from Montpellier. Alice and Joe from 3N gave this feedback "It was very exciting because it was the first video conference in Strand's history! It was also quite funny because the French children were very excited and kept on saying hello all the way through. We asked them lots of questions practicing our French like "Quel age a'tu?" "Comment ça va?" "Comment t'appelle tu?" They knew a lot more English than we knew French as they had been learning it for longer because they were in Year 4. They had already got our powerpoints and so knew a bit about us and we had seen their fact files. Their accents were very good – Mr Naslund even managed to get in a question about rugby because they play it there. I'm really looking forward to the next time – we're going to play a game called monsters!" Bien fait 3N!

## **Junior Open Day**

If you have not yet had a chance to visit the Juniors, we have a dedicated Open Day coming up on 28<sup>th</sup> January and would love to see you there so watch out for your individual invitation at the beginning of the new term.

## **Friends Curry and Bingo Night**

The first Friends event of 2010 will be a curry and bingo night on Friday 5 February at 7.30. This event will be organised by Nursery and Year 4. This is a new event for the Friends and promises to be lots of fun. Tickets are limited, and will go on sale by the school offices from Monday 25 January, priced at £7, which includes entry to the event, curry and games of bingo led by our in-house caller, Sue Harrison (aka the Junior head!). Additional bingo cards will be on sale on the night. There will also be a cash bar, a raffle, and a few special prizes up for auction.

Please book a baby sitter, buy a ticket, and come and join in the fun!

## **Friends dates**

The next Friends meetings for this term will be on Wednesday 24 February at 7.30 at 1 Coniston Close, off Hartington Rd and on Tuesday 30 March at 7.30 at 25 Oxford Gardens. Everyone is welcome.

## **Bottle Tops and Sweet Wrappers**

We need your help to build up a large number of bottle tops for an upcoming art project. Please bring in all shapes and sizes of tops/lids and caps from bottles and jars (shampoo tops/washing liquid caps, vitamin caps etc). There will be a large container in the office area from Monday, please rinse the tops/lids and caps and drop them in there for us! Thank you once again for your support . A wide selection of shapes, sizes and colours are needed!).

We are also looking for sweetie wrappers for another Art project.

## **MULTI SPORTS, FOOTBALL CLUB AND RUSSIAN CLUBS – SPACES still available**

London Athlete are running the following clubs at school and there are still spaces.

Multi Sports	Mondays Reception*, Year 1 and Year 2	A different sport every week.	Hall ** (during the Spring Term cold weather)
Streetdance	Tuesdays Year 1 and Year 2	Learn to dance like a pop star!	Hall
Football	Thursdays Year 1 and Year 2	Learn to play like a real pro!	Field

**\*Please note Multi Sports is now offered to Reception children.**

**\*\* Please note that Multi Sports is held in the hall**

Please contact Paul at London Athlete on 07886 302963 for more information.

Russian Club still has places available on Wednesdays after school. Please call Xenia Buckley directly on 07944 288 906.

### **Lost Property**

This is the last day for Lost Property to be claimed. Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be recycled this evening.

Please do label all your children's items. It is impossible to reunite items like school sweatshirts with their owner unless they have a name label inside. We have also found that parents and carers have not named hats, gloves and scarves and this has meant a real rise in the very unsightly lost property pile.

### **Foundation Stage Profile Meeting for Reception Parents Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

If you are a Reception parent/carer you are invited to attend this meeting to find out about how we assess children in the Early Years and how this feeds into the next steps. You can be involved in this process and really benefit your child's learning.

### **Prospective Nursery and Reception Parent/Carer Meeting and Tours Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

If you are thinking of applying for a place for Nursery or Reception 2010 you are invited to find out more about the school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. Mr Newton, Miss Purser and School Council will be sharing information about the school and the curriculum. The meeting will last about 40 mins and will be followed by group tours lasting about 30 mins. We would really like to see you there even if your older children are already current pupils.

We are offering two alternative times; 9.15am and 1.45pm.

### **Class Assemblies – Reminders of Dates**

You are invited to join us for your class Assembly.

Pink Class	Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Lime Class	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10 am
Turquoise Class	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.10 am
Blue Class	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.10 am
Purple Class	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.10 am
Yellow Class	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.10 am

### **Safer Steps for Year 1**

We are all looking forward to meeting Hayley who will be working closely with our Year 1 teachers and parents/carers to help the children understand the importance of Road Safety. The children will be making weekly local walks, wearing Hi Viz jackets. They will be taught to stay alert, find safe places to cross and follow safety codes. We teach Road Safety as part of the Every Child Matters Agenda which all schools are required to follow nationally.

### **End of Year 1 Expectation Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am**

Your questionnaires showed us that some Year 1 parents and carers are not clear on what is expected of children by the end of Year 1 for Reading, Writing and Maths. Miss Purser, Mrs Dwyer and Miss Bradburn will share examples of work in an informal meeting in the hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am. This will also help you understand how you can support your child at home.

### **\*\*\* KS1 STAR AWARDS \*\*\***

**Blue:** Tiarny, Stevie, Jernade    **Yellow:** Stan, India, Anna  
**Purple:** Ramla, Etienne, Tom    **Pink:** Jack, Jonathan, Theo  
**Lime:** Aidan, Lara, Omar    **Turquoise:** Leo, Rachel, Charles

**Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!**