



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –3 Spring Term 2010

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Haiti Assembly and Appeal

Miss Purser talked to KS1 children this week about the earthquake and the emergency situation in Haiti. We would like to collect donations on the door for the Appeal during next week.

Foundation Stage Profile Meeting for Reception Parents

We hope that this week's meeting was useful. It was well attended and we look forward to your partnership in moving your child's learning on.

Pink Class Assembly

This was absolutely fabulous. Children were dressed in role and explained London life during the plague prior to The Great Fire of London. The children sang beautifully and were confident and clear with their information and role play.

Class Assemblies – Reminders of Dates

We look forward to the next Class Assemblies. Remember you are welcome to come and support your child.

Lime Class	Tues, 9 th February	9.10 am
Turquoise Class	Wed 10 th February	9.10 am
Blue Class	Wed 10 th March	9.10 am
Purple Class	Wed 17 th March	9.10 am
Yellow Class	Wed 24 th March	9.10 am

Safer Steps for Year 1

Year 1 children have made a great start and completed Week 1 of their 4 week Safer Steps program. Thank you to all the parents and carers who are giving up a lot of their own time to support the project.

End of Year 1 Expectation Meeting Tuesday 26th 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 26th January at 9.10am. This will also help you understand how you can support your child at home. Please do come along.

Reception SEAL Showcase Thursday 28th January 9.10am

Reception parents/carers are invited to find out about how we teach Personal, Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning in school. The Reception children will work with their teachers on an (unrehearsed) activity such as a story or circle time to help you understand some of the methods we use.

Learning Journal Meeting for Nursery parents/carers Friday 29th January 9.10am or 2.45pm

Nursery parents/carers are invited to find out about the Learning Journals and how they can support with their child's learning and assessment in school and at home.

Mrs Afraz Update

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Afraz back! She is due back on Monday 25th January.

Junior News – Strand win Borough Indoor Athletics Championship

A squad of 10 Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Borough Indoor Athletics Championship at the Brentford Leisure Centre yesterday. The whole day event involved testing the team's skills in basketball, hockey, hurdles, relay, obstacle racing and rugby. 48 schools took part and, having won 6 out of 7 of their heats, the Strand team went forward to the semi finals where they won the relay and faced Smallberry Green and Springwell in the final. After another relay race, where the team and the coach had a tense few minutes after dropping the baton and allowing the opposition to take the lead, the Strand team won! Congratulations to the team of Sophie, Mia, Olga, India, Cecily, Tyrese, Keenan, Dexter, Julius and Prakash who proudly collected their shield from an equally proud coach in assembly yesterday. Thank you to the parents who came along to lend their support – the team had a great day. Strand now has the complete set of indoor athletics shields as Strand won the Year 3 and 4 event earlier in the year.

Junior Open Day

If you have not yet had a chance to visit the Juniors, we have a dedicated Open Day coming up on 28th 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

Don't forget, the Friends curry and bingo night is on Friday 5 February at 7.30. Tickets are limited, and will go on sale by the school offices from Monday 25 January, priced at £7. This 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 – prizes include two portable DVD players - and a few special prizes up for auction, including the opportunity for your child to be head of their school for a day . 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.

STREET DANCE AND RUSSIAN CLUBS – SPACES still available

London Athlete still has spaces for the following club.

Street dance	Tuesdays Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Learn to dance like a pop star!	Hall
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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.

Labelling Uniform

Once again we must urge parents/carers to label all items of clothing (especially gloves, scarves and hats) as it is near impossible to return an unnamed item to the right child.

Music School at Chiswick Community School

Music School is run by local volunteer parents with professional teachers every Saturday morning during term time at Chiswick Community School. CSMC is a non-profit making charity which has been running for 30-odd years and they currently have spaces for drumming, piano and guitar. They are starting waiting lists for clarinet/sax, flute and singing. If any child or parent is interested please contact Carol Tait on 020 8742 0912.

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

Blue: Finley, Sasha, Tom **Yellow:** Abdibasid, Kyle, Mieke
Purple: Rayna, Emma B, Jude **Pink:** Oli, Louis, Simran
Lime: Toby, Catherine, Derin **Turquoise:** Willa, Sam, Lamar

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!