



# STRAND NEWS

**NEWSLETTER –4 Spring Term 2010**

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

## **Nursery Learning Journal Meetings**

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.

## **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 <sup>th</sup> February	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**

Year 1 children have made a great start and completed Week 2 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 Expectations Meeting**

This meeting was very well received and we have taken on your feedback that it would be even more useful during the Autumn Term next year. We always set the Year Two expectation meeting for October and we will endeavour to do the same for the Year 1 version. If you didn't attend you should have received the handouts.

## **Reception SEAL Showcase**

Reception children and staff were delighted to show off their work towards the social, emotional attitudes to learning (SEAL). They showed off some Music and Movement, circle time and some of their ideas.

## **Science Week**

We are all looking forward to Science Week. You will have received a letter detailing how you can help support your child during this exciting week. We are hoping for a fantastic response to the Rocket Launch project just as we did last year. Enjoy the growing display in the corridor over the week!

Remember to send your child in with

- A bottle of water (labelled)
- A Healthy snack or fruit
- £1 towards all of the practical, hands on investigations over the course of the week.

## **Chinese New Year**

We are looking forward to doing a special Assembly and Chinese New Year activities with the children when this special time of year comes along. If there is anyone who does celebrate this and would be happy to talk to the children please let Miss Purser or class staff know.

## **Junior News - Music Ofsted**

On Wednesday we welcomed David Williams in from OFSTED to carry out a one day subject inspection for Music. We arranged a day packed with music and he saw the Year 3 five lessons with Lee Neale, drumming with Miss McAslan and class music lessons with Miss Sharma and 5S, Mrs Pryce and 4C and Miss Taylor and 3T, choir and gifted and talented drumming groups even having time to squeeze in a singing assembly. Phew! The children were, as ever, charming and confident and showed what a super range of music we have on offer at Strand. We will have the official report in two weeks – watch this space!

## **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 are on sale by the school offices at drop off and collection each day, 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 pm at 1 Coniston Close, off Hartington Rd and on Tuesday, 30 March at 7.30 pm at 25 Oxford Gardens. Everyone is welcome.

## **Bottle Tops and Sweet Wrappers**

Keep collecting! The response has been fantastic!

## **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.

## **Labelling of scooters**

Please clearly label your child's scooter when it is being brought to school.

## **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.

### **Dog Fouling**

It has been brought to our attention that dog fouling in the local environment is a growing problem. Some parents/carers are keen to complain about this issue to the council and we have included the details of the Animal Warden team below.

Email: [animalwarden@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:animalwarden@hounslow.gov.uk)  
Or write/phone the Team as follows:  
Animal Warden Team  
Street Management & Public Protection  
London Borough of Hounslow  
Bridge Road Depot, Pears Road, Hounslow, TW3 1SQ  
Tel: 020 8583 5555 / Fax: 020 8583 5088

Alternatively you can complete an online form on Hounslow Council's website  
[http://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?&formid=A015\\_A019\\_COM\\_ENVIR\\_REQ](http://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?&formid=A015_A019_COM_ENVIR_REQ)

### **Haiti Disaster Relief**

Many thanks to those who generously brought to and bought at Friday's Sale in aid of Haiti Disaster relief. We raised an amazing £268 pounds, far beyond what was expected, which is now on its way to the DEC. A special thank you to Mrs Wigley, Sarah Morelli and Tracey Bentley who stepped into the breach to man the stalls!

We have raised in excess of £100 by collecting at the door this week so thank you for your kind donations.

### **Cake a Difference!**

There will be a cake sale in the Infant School hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February to raise money for Bliss, the special care baby charity. This charity is dear to the hearts of a few of the staff at Strand. We would like parents and carers to help and support us with this event by donating cakes, which will then be sold after school. Donations can be left with the school office on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February then please come along at the end of the day to buy a tasty treat! More information can be found at [www.bliss.org.uk](http://www.bliss.org.uk) and [www.cakeadifference.org](http://www.cakeadifference.org)

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

Blue: **Daniela, Sadaf, Isobel** Yellow: **Eliza, Tom, Sophie**

Purple: **Angie, Bennya, Robinique, Michelle** Pink: **Sophia, Ronan, Liam**

Lime: **Mateo, Charlie, Javell** Turquoise: **Micah, Jake, Bella**

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