



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –5 Spring Term 2010

5th February 2010

Science Week

We have had an exciting Science Week.

Nursery have been exploring our 5 senses of sight, smell, hearing, touch and taste and a variety of hands on messy activities.

Reception made boats and aeroplanes predicting and testing them using different materials.

Year 1 sorted and tested materials for warmth, transparency and absorbency. They also investigated magnets.

Year 2 grouped and changed materials through force, cooling and heating. They made popcorn and bread and investigated the water cycle.

Our rocket launches were fantastic. We hope you had a chance to look at all the learning that took place in school during this wonderful week. Thank you to all the staff and parents for making it so successful.

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 3 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.

Places of Worship Week in Year 1

We are looking forward to our visits next week. Please ensure that you have completed all the required permissions: ***If we have not had a slip returned giving permission for your child, they will not be able to go.***

Monday 8th Feb 1.00pm Visit to the Vihara

Wednesday 10th February 9.15am Visit the Gudwara

Friday 12th February 9.15 Visit St Pauls Church

If you are helping please remember a rucksack. Also please note that you will be asked to remove your shoes at the Vihara and the Gudwara. You will also need to wear a headscarf at the Gudwara. Thank you to all those parents and carers who are helping next week and making all these learning experiences possible.

Chinese New Year

We are looking forward to doing a special Assembly and Chinese New Year activities with the children next week. 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.

Toilet Update

You will already have noticed that the toilet project is overrunning. We are extremely keen to bring this project to a close and start to enjoy the new facilities. We are working closely with the contractors but unfortunately we still have uncertainty around the completion date. We will let you know when we have a new launch date as soon as we can.

Junior News - Plans for Friends funds

The School council met on Wednesday to discuss how to proceed next with our playground improvement programme, and the best way to spend the amazing funds raised by Friends of Strand. It was decided that we should concentrate on several new projects including making the school grounds more attractive and green by adding planters. These could be used to grow flowers, vegetables and herbs. The children were keen to add to the range of activities to do at playtime in the quiet area by creating themed 'treasure boxes', for example with musical instruments, drawing materials and dressing up for the younger children. Another idea was the enhancement of the stage and performance area by adding musical instrument panels and drums and buying an outdoor 'boom box' so the children can perform to music. The School Council also agreed that the Christmas collection money should go to 'Water aid'.

Friends – Please Help

You will have received a letter today from Miss Purser and Mr Newton inviting new recruits to support some of our long standing Friends. Please think carefully about what support you can offer and fill in the attached reply slip. We really do appreciate all the community and fundraising support that Friends offers the school and it really does improve the quality of provision that we can offer here at Strand.

Friends Curry and Bingo Night

Don't forget, the Friends curry and bingo tonight at 7.30. There are a few tickets left on sale by the school offices at drop off, 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.

Remember Cake a Difference!

There will be a cake sale in the Infant School hall on Monday 8th 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 8th 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 and www.cakeadifference.org

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

All children are stars for their fantastic Rocket designs!
Well done!

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!