



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –6 Spring Term 2010

12th February 2010

Cake a Difference!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made donations of cakes and everyone who came along to buy the cakes on Monday. Your support is very much appreciated we raised over £250 to donate to Bliss, the charity for premature babies. Eve Timba who organised the event and who's son Joseph was born prematurely was very touched by the support that was shown by everyone. Once again thank you.

Lime and Turquoise Class Assemblies

Lime and Turquoise really impressed us with their excellent knowledge about the Great Fire of London. They used clear voices and acted very well. There was also some excellent singing.

Class Assemblies – Reminders of Dates

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

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 have completed their Safer Steps training and we really feel this has had an impact on the children's road safety awareness. We would like to thank all the parents and carers who helped for their great commitment to this valuable project. We look forward to a special Assembly on 24 February when Hayley Lennon (the course leader) will congratulate Y1 children on their achievement.

Places of Worship Week in Year 1

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have made this week so successful. The children have visited St Paul's Church (Chiswick), Buddhist Vihara (Chiswick) and the Gudwara (Hounslow). The children showed a great deal of respect in listening and finding out about these important places of worship.

Red Class Library

Again, a big thank you to parents and carers who accompanied Red Class on their Library trips this week. We were very impressed that little legs made such a long walk – the children had a great time!

National Sing Up Day

The choir will be helping us to celebrate National Sing Up Day on 24th February at 3.10pm in the hall. All parents and carers are invited to join us and enjoy the singing!

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.

SPEND A PENNY TO SPEND A PENNY!

Year 2 have been learning about water and how important it is to everyone in the world. Here are some of the things they have written:

Leo (Turquoise Class)

"In London we yous woter in difrant ways. The woter koms from the tap and the water is not bad because the woter is wosht in the factory and in London woter is not preshas we youse it for wosheng your hands and [watering] plants, swimeng, shouereng, youseng the bath, dringkeng."

Blessing (Pink Class)

"We expect clean water to be available all the time. Some times we leave the tap on for over three minutes! Water is very important in our life [...] To have a bath we are useing 80 litres. For a shower you are only useing 20 litres."

Faris (Turquoise Class)

"In the therd world they [sometimes] have to drink derty water. It gives horibel disesis like diareu and kils lots of children. They have to travel six km. just to get derty water because they don't have clean water. People in the therd weld haf to yous derty water to wosh ther selfs and it cills 4000 children a day because it carries lots of diseases."

Constance (Pink Class)

"People in Africa and India [sometimes] have very little water so they have to walk to muddy places and colect water with milions of germs in it [...] Lots of people only have a toilet made of bamboo and they are horrible [...] Every 15 seconds a child dies so in one day about 4,000 die. When the children die it is because of a very dirty water diseases."

We have been stirred into action! Whilst we have been moaning that our toilets are a bit slow in being finished, we have learned that over 2.6 billion people in the world have no toilets at all, nor do they have clean water to wash their hands or even drink! The charity Water Aid raises money to help people build water pumps and simple toilets. This keeps people healthier and means children and women can spend more time in school or at work. We are going to try to raise some money for Water Aid over the next few weeks. We would like you to bring in any spare one or two penny coins and put them into our buckets (by the front door). Perhaps your children could be sponsored to earn pennies for the bucket by doing helpful chores?



Please support us in finding spare change so that others can spend dignified, healthier pennies!

Junior News

Year 3 trip to the Museum of London to Learn about The Romans

Wow! What a fantastic trip! The Year 3 children represented Strand Juniors beautifully and were a credit to the school both in the museum and on the tube journey. They gained a lot of new knowledge about the Romans, which they will put to good use when they set up their own Living Museum later in the term. It was also fantastic to see how much the children already knew! They saw lots of Roman artifacts – including some amphorae in the Roman kitchen - and will be able to use some of the ideas for their own designs when they get their hands on some clay after the holiday! Then of course, there's the Roman banquet for them to start thinking about too – time to blow the dust of that toga!

Friends – Please Help

You will have received a letter last week 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 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.

Friends of Strand schools: pantomime fund raising

We have managed to secure sponsorship for the pantomime from one of the local estate agents. They will put boards up outside parents' houses to advertise the event, and to give themselves some publicity, and they pay us for each board. It is a very easy way for us to earn money and to publicise our events around the local area.

The boards will go up around four weeks before the panto, and will be taken down soon after the event.

If you have not previously had a board or sent in your details for one, but would be prepared to, please send your name, address and phone number to Jane Whittaker via either school office, or directly to jane@logjam.co.uk

Many thanks.

Oh Yes, You Can Paint!

Would you like to help to paint the set for the Panto? We are painting every Tuesday and Thursday evening after half term during the rehearsals. If you can only do afternoons, we can arrange that as well. Please contact Jacobijn Scorer on 07795332662 or leave your name at Junior/Infant reception. Thank you so much for the much needed help.

'Young Sherlock Holmes & The Case of Dick Whittington's Cat'.

The story: "Dick Whittington and Thomas the Cat are looking for adventure in London (Chiswick) but they will end up on a Cannibal Island! Then Sherlock Holmes solves the mystery ... "

Posters to be handed to the office by the end of Monday 22 February. The shortlist will be prepared in the Coffee Morning on Tuesday 23 February, and the finalists will be displayed near the junior office, for everyone to select their favourite.

Don't forget: A4, portrait; make it bold and eye-catching; leave enough space for us to put in the words. Prize: Family ticket to see the show on the night of their choice. Runners- up prizes, one person's ticket to see the show.

Friends Bingo and Curry night

Many thanks to everyone who came to last Friday's Bingo and Curry night. Around 60 people came, we raised over £800, and the evening was good fun. Particular thanks to Jo Duddy and the other Year 4 and Nursery parents and carers who organised the event, and to our novice caller, Mrs Harrison, who soon picked up the patter!

HELP needed

Y1 teachers would like more parent helpers to commit to regular reading support for individual children across the year group.

Y2 teachers are very keen for more classroom support, particularly desperate for help with some filing of children's work!

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

PINK: Georgia, Lucy, Calum **LIME:** Aidan, Ben, Courtney

TURQUOISE: Micah, Jules, All of Turquoise Class

YEAR 1 (PURPLE, YELLOW & BLUE)

are all STARS for good behaviour on the Places of Worship Trips)

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!

