



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –7 Spring Term 2010

26th February 2010

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 Assembly

Thank you to Hayley Lennon from Hounslow Local Authority for her fantastic input into Year 1's Safer Steps programme. We celebrated children's learning over the last 4 weeks with a special Assembly on Wednesday. Once again, we would like to thank all the parent/ carer helpers who made all of our learning walks in the local area possible.

Green Class & Orange Class Library Visit

Again, a big thank you to parents and carers who accompanied Green Class and Orange 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

Wednesday 24th February was National Sing Up day. The staff sang during the morning briefing and as a school we took opportunities throughout the day to sing with the children. We all very much enjoyed the Choir's performance at the end of the day.

Parent/ Carer Consultations

We were delighted to meet so many of you yesterday evening. Please remember we have further consultations on Tuesday, 2nd March.

SPEND A PENNY TO SPEND A PENNY!

You may remember that following Year 2 's learning last term about the importance of water, we have decided to support Water Aid. The Year 2 children were horrified to hear about the millions of people across the world who do not have access to proper toilet facilities. Mrs Curtis has left our 'collecting toilet' near the front entrance for people to 'spend their pennies' (donate their small change).



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

Junior News - Music at Strand Juniors – OFSTED sing our praises!

The report of our recent Music OFSTED was published during the holidays. The full report, which is captured in a letter from the inspector, can be read at the link below but here are the highlights! The report described the overall effectiveness of music as 'good'. It said that teaching was 'well focused and lively', commenting that children were engaged 'directly in making and responding to music, which enabled them to make good progress'. David Williams, the inspector who visited Strand, was impressed by our African Drummers in particular, saying that 'by the end of Year 6, pupils' attainment is above average and in some aspects, for example, in performing on African drums, it is outstanding.' We are sure that you will want to join us in congratulating Claire McAslan, our music subject leader, and all the children for the well-deserved praise they received. If you would like to hear our drummers, they will be performing tomorrow night at the Haiti benefit gig at Grove Park Primary School which will help them overcome their nerves for a big conference they are launching in Central London in March.

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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.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale at the end of this term. Please leave any good quality clean uniform with the school office.

Book Week

We are looking forward to Book Week next week. There will be drama workshops on Monday for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The theme of this workshop is 'Around the World' and teachers will be looking at stories and poems from around the world. We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday when all children and staff will dress up as Book characters.

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

PINK: Blessing, Sakshi, Isha **LIME:** Ruby, Javell, Pariss
TURQUOISE: Faris, Gabriel, Abdiaziz **Purple:** Delesha, Juliette, Oskar
Blue: Esha, Nicole, Jacob **Yellow:** Javon, Selene, David, Orla

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!