



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –6 Autumn Term 2009

16th October 2009

ICT Week

Next week is our annual ICT week! This week children across all year groups will be exploring a variety of exciting ICT resources to access and develop their learning. As well as enjoying an ICT enriched curriculum, we will also be discussing e-safety and some of our older children will be working on projects linked to our upcoming 'ICT Night'. Look out for our pictures on the big screen in the entrance.

Handwashing Heroes GSK Global Handwashing Day

We welcomed representatives of Glaxo Smith Kline to school this week for a special KS1 Assembly to discuss the importance of washing hands and remembering the most important times in the day when we must do this. Mrs Curtis is leading the pilot project within school and she has also visited Reception classes to demonstrate this in their classrooms.

Year 2 Parents/ Carers

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to a meeting on Monday morning to explain Teacher Assessment and SATS in Year 2. This will start at 9.10am and we will explain how we make judgements and what the children will be expected to achieve by the end of the year.

Parent Liaison Roles

Mrs Murray and Mrs Bevan are contacting those of you who have not discussed your home school agreement with your child and have not returned a signed copy to school.

School Photograph Day

Next Friday, 23rd October is school photograph day. If you would like your child to be photographed with their siblings (either Nursery, Infant or Junior) please make sure you complete and return the form your child will have been given today and return to the school office by next Wednesday, 21st October at the latest. Please ensure your child looks smart in their school uniform. The photographer will also organise sibling photography.

Mufti Day

Mufti Day this year is Thursday, 22nd October and not Friday. Strand Children are allowed to wear their own clothes on Mufti Day. (Please make sure the clothes are practical for school). A contribution of 50p is asked for.

Toilet Update

Next week we are expecting delivery of certain manufactured parts to site and we look forward to the large crane arriving over half term. This may affect arrangements for the location of holiday club – please check with holiday club for further details.

Helping at School

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Parent Helper Training sessions this week – we hope they were useful. If you are able to help in class after half term you are very welcome. You will need to liaise with your class teachers to arrange this. It is most helpful when you can commit to a regular time slot each week.

Friends Coffee Mornings

Friends coffee mornings continue every Tuesday after drop off in the Community Room in the Junior playground. These are not formal meetings, but a chance for a chat and a drink. You are very welcome to bring younger siblings with you.

Cake & Second Hand Uniform Sale – Friday, 23rd October in the School Hall at 3.30 pm

Time to get baking - Cakes (bought or made) will be gratefully received for our Cake Sale. Please bring in your contributions on Friday morning or just before the end of the school day.

Please continue to bring in any good quality second hand uniform for our sale next Friday and leave with the school office.

School Travel Plan Questionnaire

Please complete the Travel Plan Questionnaire sent home today with your child and return by next Friday, 23rd October. The first hundred replies will receive a free gym pass and all responses win a WOW badge.

Welcome evening

Many thanks to the Friends for organising such a fantastic welcome event last night. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and is looking forward to other Friends Social Events and fundraising.

Friends of Strand Schools: Fireworks event, 6 November

Thanks to everyone who entered the poster competition. Congratulations to Yumi Morishima, 5A, whose winning design will be on show soon around the school and the local area. The runners up were: Jasmine Grinhaff, Red; Orla Santos, Yellow; Willa Hodson, Turquoise. They will each receive one free adult firework ticket.

All entries will be displayed in Infants for the firework display. Thanks to all the children for their great entries. Please remember to always name your poster competition entries, and do them in portrait layout - otherwise, we automatically can't use them!

Tickets for the Fireworks event will be on sale before and after school, by the school offices, from Monday 19 October. Prices are the same as last year : pre school children free; Strand aged children £3; adults and older children £5.

There are a limited number of tickets and none will be available on the door, so please buy them soon.

Doors will open at 6.30; the fireworks display will start at 7.10.

We are looking for some volunteers to be stewards for the evening please. They need to be available for a briefing at 6.00, and able to stay until 8pm. Not only do stewards not need to buy a ticket, they also get to wear groovy hi-visibility jackets! Each steward will be given an area of the school or playground to keep an eye on. We are always very grateful for the large number of staff who help with stewarding this event but we do still need some parents too.

We also need a few more volunteers to make popcorn and mulled wine before the event – we will supply ingredients and recipes – and to man the bar and the other stalls that will be running on the evening.

If you are able to help with any of this, please contact Jane Whittaker (jane@logjam.co.uk) 07905 035615

Friends meeting, Thursday 22 October

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22 October at 7.30, at 25 Oxford Gardens. Everyone is welcome.

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Please remember to get your gift-wrap paper orders in to the school office by the end of half term. For every £3 spent, 66p goes towards the School's fundraising.

News from the Juniors "I dream of Learning" room takes shape

Earlier this year a team of pupils from Strand Juniors won a borough wide "I dream of Learning"(IDOL) competition to design a classroom of the future. This means that our media room and Year 6 garden will be turned into flexible learning spaces filled with £30,000 of cutting edge technology. The design team have been working hard to realise their vision: visiting the V& A, meeting with architects and this week spending time at Brentford CLC checking out innovative storage solutions. The first new pieces of kit, 10 Samsung mini notebooks, have arrived in school and the IDOL team are looking forward to putting them through their paces next week. Why not pop into the Junior entrance hall where the winning design is displayed on exhibition boards.

Uniform Labelling

Can you please check uniform labels and return anything that does not belong to your child.

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

All children were stars for their fantastic dancing in our workshop this afternoon

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!