



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –7 Autumn Term 2009

23rd October 2009

ICT Week

ICT Week has been great fun. The children have been using digital cameras, hand held discos (video cameras) and a variety of other ICT equipment to help with their learning. KS1 children enjoyed a special ICT Assembly by Miss Millington and have also worked towards planning our KS1 ICT night on 5th November.

Year 2 Parents/ Carers Teacher Assessment and SATS Meeting

We were really pleased to see so many of you at the Year 2 Teacher Assessment meeting this week. We had good feedback from parents and carers and have decided to repeat the meeting for those of you who were unable to attend on Tuesday, 24th November (the meeting will last approx 1 hour 15 mins). Please return your slips to let us know whether you can attend. Repeat customers are also welcome!

GSK Orange Day

Many thanks to Orla's Mum (Yellow) and GSK employees who worked hard at Strand this week. They filled our planters outside the entrance with soil, spread some more bark and planted some bulbs ready for the Spring.

KS1 Golden Ticket results

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Golden Ticket competition for this half term. The class who has earned the most Golden Tickets (for following the Golden Rules) wins a Community Treat. This is something fun that helps people in or around our school community.

Year 1	Purple	A session fixing the dinner hall flowers. Miss Purser and Mrs Ross will help the children mix glue, sand and water to fix the flowers in their pots.
Year 2	Turquoise	A surprise for the teachers – children will make Christmas decorations in class and secretly arrange them in the staff room for the teachers next half term.

School Photograph Day

School photographs of individuals and siblings were taken today. We look forward to circulating order forms early next half term.

Cake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to those parents/ carers who contributed to the Cake Sale and second hand uniform sale today. As always your help is very much appreciated.

Helping at School

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Parent Helper Training sessions last 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.

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 affects arrangements for the location of holiday club – this will mainly be held in the Nursery.

We are working hard with the children to care for our temporary toilets whilst we are waiting for the brand new ones to be finished. We have discussed this in class and at Assemblies and there is now an additional member of staff on duty at playtimes stationed at the entrance to the toilets.

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.

School Travel Plan Questionnaire

Many thanks to those of you who have completed your questionnaires and collected your free gym pass and WOW badge. If you still haven't completed yours we will accept them the first day back after half term.

Friends of Strand Schools: Fireworks event, 6 November

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 pm; the fireworks display will start at 7.10 pm.

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

Friends of Strand Christmas Fair

Posters needed. Closing date is Monday 16 November. Please remember - posters must be portrait (i.e. tall, not wide), leave space for Friends to add words. Keep it quite simple and bold. Good luck! Posters will be displayed for the fair, and returned afterwards.

We will be having a Strand Stall at the Fair. We would be grateful for any unsold harvest soup recipes.

Children's Halloween Party on the Rec

The Friends of Strand are organising a Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, 31st October at 3.30-5.00 pm. Come and join them at Strand on the Green Rec for traditional games, storytelling, a Halloween costume parade and pumpkin lantern competition. Cost is a suggested donation of £1 per child to cover costs. Contact the Friends for more information or if you can help with organising the event at friendsofstrandrec@hotmail.co.uk.

News from the Juniors – Sporting Success

Competitive sport in Hounslow is thriving at Primary level! Strand Juniors are always keen participants holding the Borough Athletics title and last year winning the Year 3 and 4 indoor sports day event. This year's sporting calendar is already well underway with netball, cross country and football events, in which Strand finished a respectable second and third. Within school interhouse events have started with the Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala last week. Green team won the event with keenly fought heats in the front crawl, backstroke and 4 x 50m relay. The event was great fun and everyone worked hard to earn points for their team in a range of events including the raft race, the dressing up race and the 50m scramble. We are looking forward to a full interhouse schedule this year with interhouse netball, football, tag rugby and athletics, as well as lots of borough competitions to win! Watch this space.

Reception Foundation Stage profile and Learning Journal meeting

Reception parents and carers are invited to a meeting when Reception staff will explain our assessment systems and your role in this. Please do attend on Thursday 5th November at 9.10am.

Important Health and safety Note: Signing in if late

If you are unavoidably late for school please remember to sign your child in. The 'Late Book' is not only used to monitor lateness, it is there so that we know who is in schools at all times. If you do not sign your child in and there is a fire or other emergency we may not be aware that your child is missing if you haven't signed them in.

Club Pick Up

Please remember that you must wait for your child after clubs at the white door (near the red shutter gates). It is essential that parents/ carers do not wait inside or in the playground because children will be coming in and out of clubs to use the toilets. We must ensure that the site is secure at this time.

Parking

Once again, we have to remind parents and carers that you MUST not park illegally or inconsiderately on our neighbours' streets. If you are consistently late to pick up or drop off then may we suggest that you leave earlier. If you do decide to park in this way then you will be approached by the PCSOs, we will take your registration numbers and you may be fined. We have also requested that the local authority send a traffic warden who will issue tickets for poor parking. Finally, and sadly we have to remind parents and carers to speak to each other and neighbours with respect and refrain from using bad language, especially in front of children.

Behaviour on the 'Rec'

We have received complaints from a neighbour about children's behaviour after school on the rec. It appears that children are climbing on fences and on occasion causing damage on the site. There have even been cases of children going to the toilet near to neighbours' gardens. We would like to remind parents and carers that they must supervise children and be responsible for them at all times on the Rec. The PCSO's have been informed and will be monitoring this over the coming weeks.

Uniform Labelling

Can you please check uniform labels and return anything that does not belong to your child. We have a lot of unlabelled lost property that we will recycle if it is not picked up after half term.

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

Yellow: Paige, Tom, Abdibasid **Blue:** Joshua, Lily, Aniela
Purple: Tom, Rayna, Sharmim **Turquoise:** Luca, Micah, Holly
Lime: Ben, Claudia, Charlie **Pink:** Ronan, Tyler, Constance

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!