



STRAND NEWS

STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER – 9 Autumn 2011

November 2011

Welcome

This week we welcomed Brandon to Turquoise Class, Kanyl to Pink Class and Jahnvi, Amarildo, Abdul and Arturo to Nursery.

Governor News

Following our request for Parent Governor Nominations before half term, we are pleased to announce our two successful candidates are Mrs Samia Qureshi, mother of Anisa in Lime Class and Nafisa in Orange Class and also Mr Stephen Lovell father of Oscar in Orange Class. Both of whom attended their first Governors meeting this week. We all look forward to working with them on our Governing Body.

Remembrance Day

Mr Newton held a special KS1 assembly today to mark Poppy Day and the children watched a clip of the ceremony at Trafalgar Square in real time on the big screen before they respectfully stood for a two minute silence. EY children also experienced this in their classrooms.

Fireworks Event

The fireworks event last week raised just over £2,600 for the schools. This is a tremendous amount of money and once again we would like to thank everyone involved.

Children in Need

Next Friday (November) is Children in Need day and we are asking children to wear their own clothes and make a small donation on the door in the morning.

Science Week

We are delighted with all of the Science happening across the school this week. In particular we have enjoyed Rocket launches in Year 1 and Year 2, some of which really did shoot several metres up.

Year 2 Violin Lessons

There will be no violin lessons this Wednesday November. Violin lessons will resume the Wednesday after, and the date will be made up later in the school year. Please keep practising at home.

Book Fair

We hope that you were able to visit the Book Fair this week! Many thanks to Louise, mum of Chloe in Lime, Suzanne, num of Harris in AM Nursery and Iain in Turquoise and to Wendy for all their help setting up and managing the fair.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We were really pleased to welcome so many of you to the Parent/Carer consultation evening last night. If you haven't already seen your practitioners or arranged to do so, please make an appointment for next Tuesday as soon as possible.

Year 1 Trip to Richmond Museum

If you have not already done so, please return your permission slips with payment as soon as possible. Without signed consent your child will not be able to take part in the trip.

Winter Vomiting Illness

The advice given by the Health Protection Unit at Hounslow is that all children who have had diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not return to school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased. Please ring the school office to notify the school of any absences. If we are unable to make contact with you, your child will be registered with an unauthorised absence.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your shoe box donations. Some of you will have seen the enormous pile of gifts in the entrance to the school. We will now arrange for the van to come to take them and deliver them to children in need around the world.

Access to Infant toilets by parents/carers

For safeguarding reasons we ask that parents or carers accompanying their child to the toilet either before, after or during the school day, please use the toilet located next to Purple Class or the disabled toilet in the new block but **not** the pupil toilets in that area.

Request for Tissues in Class

As the winter season approaches we would be grateful for any donations of tissues for your child's class, please give directly to the class teacher.

Junior News - OFSTED

Good, Good, Good, a decent smattering of Outstanding and yet more Good! The report, to be published on the OFSTED website yesterday, made great reading and really captured the strengths of our school. It reflects the commitment we all have to ensuring that each and every one of our children achieves their potential reporting that 'all pupils make good progress'. The report commented that 'pupils proudly represent their diverse communities while enjoying school life harmoniously' – what more could we ask for? Thank you to all the parents who took the time to add positive comments on their questionnaires – the team were spoiled for choice as they could only include one in the final report. A final 'Thank You' to the children and staff who all worked their socks off to make sure the inspectors saw Strand Juniors for the fabulous school it is.

Messages from Friends

Fireworks Event

The fireworks event last week raised £2,694.52 for the schools. Thank you to everyone who made the night a good one!

More Poster Fun

This is the last weekend to work on your designs for our Christmas Fair poster competition. Make them really Christmassy in portrait **not** landscape (that's very important.) We will add all the wording. All entries should be in by Monday 14th November, and the winner will receive an item from our fantastic new range of Strand goodies! We will also display the poster at all the entries around the schools on the day of the Fair (December).

Estate Agent Boards

We are once again being sponsored by River Homes to put up boards to advertise the Christmas Fair. They will pay us £15 per board, so this is a welcome source of easy money for us and it also advertises our events, so we get a double benefit. If you would like to register for a board, please e-mail Eileen asap: @btconnect. The boards will remain in place until the Christmas Fair.

Forthcoming Dates

Tues 15 Nov	Parents/Carers Evening 4-7pm
Fri 18 Nov	Children in Need (wear own clothes for a donation)
Tues 22 Nov	Prospective Parents Meeting 2012/13 (and tours) 9.10am and 1.45pm (no need to book)

**Strand Toddler Playgroup –
Friends Coffee Mornings-
Second Hand Uniform Sale-**

Mondays in term time 9am – 11 am

Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room

The next second hand uniform sale will be held on the last Friday before the end of this term – December at 3.30 pm (playground/hall depending on weather)

*****STAR AWARDS*****

All children were stars today for observing the 2 minute silence so well

**Remember 8.56am
is LATE for school!**