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**NEWSLETTER – 23 Spring 2011**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Nik who has joined us in Turquoise Class this week.

### **Parent/ Carer Consultations**

It was good to see so many of you yesterday evening. Please remember we have further consultations on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Bike Breakfast**

Once again we had a great turn out for bike breakfast. The children were rewarded with a delicious healthy breakfast. Thank you to everybody who helped with the catering and bike parking. Junior monitors chose the 'bike with the best bling' and a prize awaits them in the school office.

### **Safer Steps for Year 1**

Year 1 children have made a great start to their Safer Steps training with 3 more sessions to go. Thank you to all the parents and carers who are giving up a lot of their own time to support the project.

### **Use of the playground before and after school**

We are asking for parents and carers to help and support the school by reinforcing the rules and not allowing your child to use the fixed playground equipment before or after school. We also do not allow football or scootering in the playground before or after school as the playground is very busy and it becomes dangerous for everyone. We hope that you will continue to support us with this.

### **School Packed Lunch Boxes**

If your child brings in a packed lunch please support the school and the environment by reminding them to keep their rubbish and left over food in their lunch boxes to bring home. The rubbish that comes home can be recycled which is something we cannot do at school. It is also a good way to monitor what your child has eaten each day. We hope that you will continue to support us with this.

### **URGENT MESSAGE TO DOG OWNERS**

Could we please ask those that walk their dogs to school to tie them up away from the school entrances. If your dog has fouled the pavement could you please pick it up and bin it responsibly. Some parents/carers have told us that they would like to complain about the above issues and therefore we have included details of the Animal Warden team below.

Email: [animalwarden@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:animalwarden@hounslow.gov.uk)

Or write/phone the Team as follows:

Animal Warden Team

Street Management & Public Protection

London Borough of Hounslow

Bridge Road Depot, Pears Road, Hounslow, TW3 1SQ

Tel: 020 8583 5555 / Fax: 020 8583 5088

Alternatively you can complete an online form on Hounslow Council's website

[http://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?&formid=A015\\_A019\\_COM\\_ENVIR\\_REQ](http://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?&formid=A015_A019_COM_ENVIR_REQ)

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to those of you who have supported the school by buying books from the book fair this week. The last chance to buy books will be this Monday morning before school at 8.45 am.

### **Blue Class Assembly**

Blue Class showed off their Orleans House canvasses at Assembly this week. They also sang and danced to their 'Funny Bones' song and acted out 'All Afloat on Noah's Boat.' Thank you for sharing your work with the rest of the school Blue Class.

### **Forthcoming Class Assemblies Reminder**

You are invited to join us for your class assembly.

<b>Yellow Class*</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March*</b>	<b>9.15 am*</b>
Purple Class	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.15 am

\* Please note change of date

### **Year 2 Art Workshop**

This week Year 2 worked with Orleans House on printing. Some great prints have been produced from their animal drawings.

### **Year 2 London Fire Brigade Visit**

The Fire Brigade were in school this week working with Year 2 who learnt what to do if there is a fire and how to prevent fires. Everyone took part in the workshops and had great ideas and suggestions.

### **Chicken Pox**

Please be aware that we continue to have several cases of chicken pox at school.

### **Late Register**

If you arrive at the school after 8.55 am please sign your child in to the Late Book next to the school office (for Nursery this would be 8.50am or 12.50pm). Your child is considered late if they arrive after their class has left the playground for their classroom. Registers are taken first thing in the morning in class electronically and then cannot be amended by the class teacher. The Register and Late Book are the school's record of who is at school and needs to be accurate in case of emergency or evacuation.

### **School Drop Off in the mornings**

Please make sure that your child is accompanied at all times and handed over to the class teacher or teaching assistant after the bell each morning. **Under no circumstances** should children be left on the school premises unaccompanied by a parent or carer.

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The next second hand uniform sale will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March after school at 3.30 pm.

### **Strand Junior News – Secondary Transfer**

Year 6 parents got notification of their secondary school places last week. Congratulations to all our children who have been offered a school and a special mention to those children who have been offered places in the Independent sector. Roughly a quarter of the year group took exams for one or more Independent schools, ranging from Latymer to Putney High, and a number had more than one offer. A special mention to our two successful applicants to Tiffin, who won two of the hundred places on offer from a pool of over a thousand applicants! It is great to see that a third of the year group chose Chiswick, our local community school, where we have strong links and Strandites have always flourished, a number gaining places at top flight universities.

### **Friends of Strand Pantomime**

Friends of Strand Schools' Pantomime: A World Premiere! 'Widow Swankey and the Golden Heirloom' has been written especially for the school by Peter's Dad. A new take on a traditional format, it's set locally, it's exciting, it's funny and it's short! After last year's sell out run we have arranged extra performances at times to suit younger families.

Performance details and tickets prices are as follows:

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 6 pm (preview)	Adults/Children £2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 4.30 pm	Adults £5/Children £2.50
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm.	Adults £5/Children £2.50
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> 4 pm & 7.30 pm.	Adults £6/Children £3.00
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm & 6 pm	Adults £6/Children £3.00

There will be snacks and refreshments available at all performances, and for the Wednesday & Friday afternoon performances a children's tea will be available.

The money raised by the pantomime provides vital new equipment and facilities for both the Junior and Infant schools.

Tickets are on sale now by the school offices at drop off and pick up or can be ordered using the flyer which will be in your child's book bag.

N.B. *If using the flyer please ensure you write your child's name and class on the form when ordering tickets.*

### **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.

### **Strand Toddler Playgroup**

Each Monday morning in term time (9am - 11am) parents can meet for a coffee and a chat (including a discussion on the possibility of setting up a crèche) whilst their toddlers play in the Community Room in the Junior Playground. The charge is £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

## **\*\*\* KS1 STAR AWARDS\*\*\***

**Lime:** Rayna, Jude, Anka    **Blue:** Damian, Mackenzie, Bob

**Pink:** Jaya, Bobby, Jayden    **Yellow:** Matthew, Cassie, Kelsie

**Turquoise:** Youcef, Rabbi, Aaliyah    **Purple:** Peter, Ibrahim Gabriella

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