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NEWSLETTER – 25 Spring 2011

25th March 2011

Welcome

We welcome 2 new children to Strand Infants this week: John in Nursery and Kelly-Ann in Yellow.

Purple Class Assembly

Purple Class gave a fabulous performance in their assembly informing us all about what they have been learning. They taught us how to buy things from Mrs Joshi's shop, how to tell the time and pushes and pulls. Well done Purple Class.

WOW Badge Competition 2011

We had a fantastic response to this year's WOW Badge Competition. You can see all the great art work adorning the school walls. The 3 designs chosen to be entered in the competition are: Zaid (Purple), Flora (Turquoise) and Betty (Pink).

Supporting and reinforcing school rules and expectations.

Thank you to those of you who have helped us to ensure that children remember our school rules and expectations at all times, we have seen an improvement already! By helping us, we will be able to ensure that your child gets a consistent message about expectations and therefore improve behaviour and the school environment. The particular expectations that we would love to have your support with at this time are:

- 1) Walking inside, especially down the long (and very tempting) corridors.
- 2) Using indoor, quiet voices.
- 3) Putting away home reading books back in the correct basket, on the shelf.
- 4) Not using play equipment before or after school in the playground. This includes the fixed equipment as well as scooters, balls, skipping ropes etc. We are sure you appreciate how busy the playground is and how dangerous it could potentially become for everyone.

We hope that you will be able to support us with this. We know that with your help, we can make a real difference and make our school a happier and safer place for everyone.

Year 1 Trip to Acton Mosque

The children behaved fantastically whilst visiting the Mosque and asked interesting questions. Many thanks to all the parents who were able to support the children on the trip. Additional thanks to Anisa's parents from Blue Class for providing a snack for everyone!

Living Eggs project

You will have received a letter explaining everything you need to know about the Living Eggs project. The eggs project will be arriving on Tuesday 29th March. All the children will have the opportunity to visit the Nursery to see the eggs and the newly hatched chicks. We have also set up a webcam to record events as they unfold. You will be able to see the video stream in the hallway near the office at the beginning and end of the day.

Headteacher for the day

Mr George Hindhaugh (Green Class) joined Mr Newton to be Headteacher for the day. Amongst the important jobs he had to carry out were attending KS1 and EY Assemblies, eating at Spotty Table and monitoring learning behaviour throughout the school. Thank you Mr Hindhaugh for your hard work all day.

Prospective Nursery Parents/Carers Tour 2011/12.

We had a large number of parents/carers interested in our Nursery tours this year. Please remember that the closing date for Nursery September 2011 applications is 4th May 2011.

Year 2 Violin Lessons

Please note there will be no violin lessons next Wednesday, 30th March. The last violin lesson of the Spring Term will be on Wednesday, 6th April. Violin lessons resume in the Summer Term on Wednesday, 4th May.

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

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

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.

Strand Junior News - Even More Sporting Success for Strand Juniors

In what is proving to be a bumper year of success on the sporting front following the wins at the Y6 Borough Sports day and the Borough Tag Rugby, Strand Juniors Y6 football team triumphed in the Borough Competition at Cranford Community College on Monday of this week. Having finished second in their group, Strand played local rivals St Mary's in the quarter final winning 1-0. Marlborough, the semi final opponents, had beaten us earlier in the season in another cup competition but an extra time 'wonder' strike from Ryan put Strand into the final. Opponents Southville proved to be very tough but a Damian goal saw Strand victorious. Well played to the squad of Ryan, Jordan, Ryan, Damian, Tom, Luca, Dillan, Robin and Luke who will now represent Hounslow in the West London Tournament later on in the year.

Friends of Strand Pantomime

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who supplied cakes and popcorn and for all those who helped out with the performances. Friends of Strand are extremely grateful.

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

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.

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

Pink: Laila, Nicole, Sasha Turq: Cade, Jasmine, Nikolyas

Lime: Nicholas, Henry, Emma L Purple: Zak, Molly, Solomon

Yellow: Ahlam, Amelie, Amina Blue: Sebastian, Rosa, Serine

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!