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WoW Badge Competition

We are delighted to inform you that Flora Griffiths (Turquoise Class) has been selected as a winner of the WoW badge competition! From a record number of over **1800** entries, the design made the judging panel's final **11**, and Flora's cycling-themed badge will be sent to a designer to be worked up as one of next year's monthly WoW badges, with an expected manufacture run of around 200,000 units. Flora's winning entry can be viewed at www.walktoschool.org.uk. Flora and two adults will also be invited to a WoW Badge Winners Event on Thursday 23rd June, hosted by Transport for London, which will involve a presentation ceremony, and an afternoon visit somewhere very exciting, for which details are currently being finalised.

Congratulations Flora!



'I drew a bike wheel because I love cycling, and wanted the wheel to be big on the badge.'

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Assemblies

Many thanks to Father Michael (St Pauls Church, Grove Park) and Lawrence (Gunnesbury Baptist Church) for supporting the school by presenting Assemblies to KS1 this week.

The Easter bonnet parade was a great success with some fantastic bonnets. The winners were: Heyba, Alfred, Sofia (Nursery AM), Jake, Matthew, Freya (Nursery PM), James, Kiera (Orange) Millie, Gemma (Green), Simran, Katie (Red), Amalia, Christian (Blue), Makayla, Matthew (Yellow), Zaid, Jenom (Purple), Anna, Selene (Turquoise), Connor, Tara (Pink), Juliet, Etienne (Lime).

Year 2 Readathon

Congratulations to Cameron (Lime), Ali (Turquoise) and Lily (Pink) for winning the readathon challenge earlier this term. Lots of children took part but these children read the most! Well done!

Reception Classes Sharing Assemblies

Please note that Reception sharing assemblies scheduled for next half term on 4th May (Orange), 10th May (Red) and 17th May (Green), have been cancelled.

Living Eggs project

We have enjoyed watching the progress of our 10 chicks this week. They will now leave Strand for a life in the open but we hope to have regular updates on their progress and visits to the school.

Clubs

Information will be sent in the first week back next term to those who have after school club places. Teacher led Clubs start in the second week back. We still have availability for Cricket Club (Year 2 only) and Mini Gymnastics (Years 1 & 2). Please ask at the office for an application form.

Year 1 Kew Gardens Trip – Thursday 28 April

If you have not already done so, please return your permission slip to the school as soon as possible. Without a permission slip your child will not be able to take part in the trip with their year group.

Curtain Down on the 34th Strand Pantomime

Many thanks to Andrew O'Mahoney and his team of cast and back stage crew for continuing the Strand tradition by putting on yet another amazing pantomime. Andrew and the team did a fantastic job and everyone who went to watch had a wonderful time. It was great to see the tradition passing on to a whole new group of Strand families and friends, including some ex Strandites. Thanks also to parents for managing front of house – ticket sales and refreshments. We are still counting the takings, and will let you know next term how much money the panto raised for those extra-special things to enhance the children's opportunities.

Important information about the Recreational Park off Thames Road

It has been brought to our attention that there is a fallen tree in the recreational park off Thames Road. For health and safety reasons the community police have asked that parents/ carers ensure that children in their care at the park do not climb on this tree. Could you also please minimise disturbance to local neighbours who back onto this park.

Holidays in Term Time

May we remind all parents and carers that we do not authorise holidays in term time and we are monitored closely for our attendance levels.

A polite reminder to all parents and carers of children in Pink and Turquoise Classes

We would like to remind parents and carers of the one way system in operation when collecting your child from class at the end of the day. Would all parents please enter the building via the back door of the old building and then leave via the front door (exiting through the Year 4 corridor). This helps to ease the congestion of parents in the restricted area. We ask parents to respect the fact that Year 2 and Year 4 children will be working up to 3.30pm and parents walking through the corridors can be a distraction. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Tesco/Sainsburys Vouchers

Please continue to bring in any vouchers you have collected. We hope to be able to exchange them for sound recorders and sound players and playground and sports equipment.

Second hand uniform sale

Thank you to those who have donated to the second hand uniform sale today and for the delicious cakes supplied. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 - Tudor Day - Year 4

The Year 4 corridor was turned into a veritable treasure trove of Tudor knowledge this week as the Year 4 children prepared to give their presentations on famous Tudor characters. On Thursday the school was awash with Sir Walter Raleighs, Sir Francis Drakes and Queen Elizabeths as the children dressed in role and presented their research! Year 4 have really enjoyed this topic and have been astounding us all with their creative skills. They have painted portraits, written newspapers, created animated films of Macbeth, made spoon puppets, written spells and even made moving witches heads! Phew! Amidst all this creativity they have also managed to learn a lot about a very exciting period in our history. Well done Year 4!

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: Hasan, Princess, Stevie

Turq: Stan, Ali, Kyle

Lime: Harvey, Charlie, Livvy

All of Year 1 are stars this week for their fantastic learning behaviour this term.

**Summer Term begins on Tuesday, 26th April
Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!**