



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

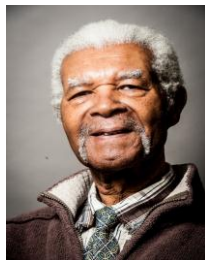
## Black History Month: A Celebration

October is Black History month. On Monday the children from year 1 to 6 were involved in workshops delivered by the Freshwater Theatre Company. The workshops were interactive and engaging. The presenter used props and encouraged children to act out scenes to help bring the workshop alive.

The children were taught a bit about slavery and about 6 notable 'unsung heroes' such as:



**Walter Tull** (28 April 1888 – 25 March 1918) one of the first black professional footballers to play in the football league. He was also the first black officer to lead white British soldiers in battle during World War one.



**Sam King** originally from Jamaica served in the Royal Air Force. He came to England on the famous Empire Windrush crossing in 1948. He became Mayor of Southwark and was awarded an MBE for outstanding services to Britain.

Thank you to Nina Hall for organising these workshops.

## Big Me Day – Friday 20th October

It's nearly time to get dressed up!

Next Friday we are raising money for the charity **ActionAid**. We need all children to dress up in a costume that shows what they want to be when they grow up.

Please remember to donate a £1 at the school gate.

## Condover Hall

Calling all year 6 adventurers!

The **Condover Hall** school trip is an exciting opportunity to embark on physical and mental challenges. Kayaking, wall climbing are just a few of the activities children will engage in.

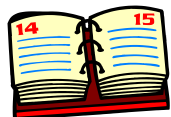
If you would like your child to go to **Condover Hall** please make sure that you contact the school office to secure a place by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We would like a deposit of £50 which you can pay on parent pay or in person at the office. If you are unable to pay the deposit by the date and would like to discuss alternatives please speak to Sharon Hudson at the school office.

## Reminder: Secondary School Applications

The deadline for secondary school applications is the **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

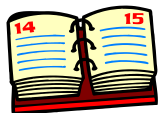
If you have already completed your application and you live in Lewisham please contact Maxine Walters at the school office and inform her that the application has been submitted.

If you require an further assistance please contact the school office.



## Dates for your

# DIARY!!!!



### Autumn TERM

Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Inset Day	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October (No school)
Children Return	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Finish	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>(early closure at 2 pm)</b>

### Key Events this term

18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Oral Health Year 1 & 2 (n.b. this is a date change)
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Big Me Day (dress up in a costume to represent you future job)
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent meeting Nethercott Farm trip
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week SEN parents meetings start
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent's Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu vaccinations for year 1,2,3, & 4
11 <sup>th</sup> December	100% attendance awards
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol concert Year 3-6 (children to wear Santa hats please.
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas performances
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performances.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 and Early Years Achievement Awards
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3-6 Achievement Awards  Christmas Parties.  Christmas Jumper Day

## Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Reminder: Safeguarding our children is of key importance. Please read the Safeguarding Policy on the schools website at:

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/>

### Safe Collection of Children

Please remember that only persons who are **16 years of age or older** can collect children from school.

Please inform the class teacher or school office if your child is being collected by an alternative person. We will **refuse** to release children if the person collecting is under 16 or we have not been informed of alternative arrangements.

## Class Assemblies

This year we would love parents to attend Class Assemblies on Wednesday (Year 1 & 2) Thursdays (year 3-6). This is when children show off their learning, giving them invaluable experience of performing to an audience.

Next week Wednesday assembly is **Coral Class**

Thursday assembly is **Mayflower class**. Parents please come.

## Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Seahorse Class 98.4%

KS2: Cutty Sark Class 98.4%

**Well done and keep up the good work everyone!!**

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

You are at risk of a fine if you do so.



## Nethercott Farm

We are pleased to announce that children in year 4 & 5 children will have the opportunity to attend a residential trip to Nethercott Farm in Devon.

The dates for the trip are Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to the Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is an amazing opportunity to experience life on a farm.

There will be a **parent meeting** on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30 to share the details of the trip.



## Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents



We will be running a repeat of the phonics parent workshop for year 1 parents on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9:15 am** in the infant Hall.

I will be sending some individual invites to parents if I feel your children would particularly benefit from help with phonics at home. I hope to see as many of you attend as possible.

Free resources too!!

## Free Art Workshops for Families and Adults during Half Term

These workshops are run by Café Gallery Projects in Southwark Park. You can email to book a place by emailing: [learning@cgplondon.org](mailto:learning@cgplondon.org)

**DRAWING AS PERFORMANCE - 6 OCTOBER  
10-12AM & 1-3PM,**

This workshop's focus is on alternative drawing. Explore the idea of drawing with our bodies, part of this workshop will occur outside.

**SOUNDS FROM THE SOIL - 20 OCTOBER  
10-12AM, FREE DROP-IN SESSION**

Make your own vegetable instrument in celebration of the harvest season and contribute your sound bites to a collective podcast.

**MOBILE VARIETY CLUB - 26 & 27 OCTOBER  
10-12AM & 1-3PM**

Take part in an active art workshop that includes drawing, sculpture, prop-making, comedy and performance.



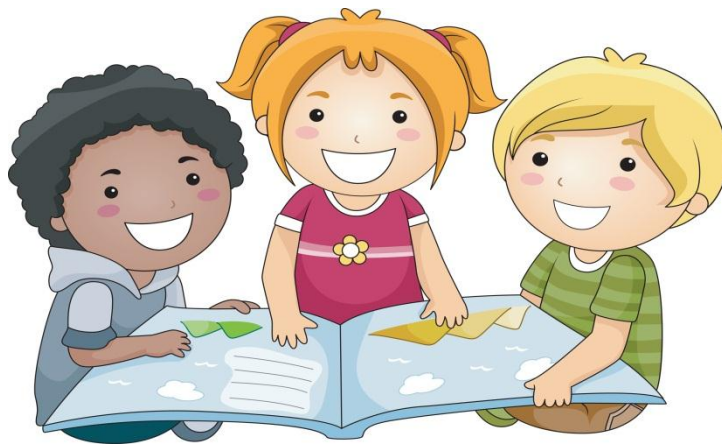
Southwark wants to raise a generation of financially savvy smart savers, starting with every year 6 child from Southwark. If your child is a resident of Southwark and is in year 6 they can claim a £20 voucher to deposit into a new or existing London Mutual Credit Union junior saver account.

### How to claim your voucher

In October this year Southwark are sending a letter to all parents/carers of eligible children, however if you have not received the letter or have misplaced it, you can email them at [southwarksmartsavers@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:southwarksmartsavers@southwark.gov.uk) and they will send you a new letter.



# Parent Volunteers Wanted!



*We are looking for parent volunteers to read with children in school.*

*If you could dedicate an afternoon each week to hear children read please contact the school office or speak to Lisa Christiansen or Phoebe Matthews.*

*Thank you.*