



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 4th May 2018



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April a film crew from Sky News visited Rotherhithe – again! This time they filmed a Mind-up lesson in Seahorse class that was delivered by Nina Hall.

Mind-up is an evidence-based curriculum that is 'science-centric'. It encourages emotional literacy and mindful awareness, incorporating neuroscience and positive psychology. It teaches the children to understand and have the language to explain their emotions, while encouraging gratitude, happiness and raised self-esteem.

As mental health awareness is a national focus, and Mind-up is a programme that evidence indicates supports good mental health, Sky news once again asked to film the excellent practice of the school.

Thank you to Nina Hall for agreeing to be filmed. Well done Seahorse class. You were fantastic.

## Safe collection of children

Children will only be released into the care of persons who are aged 16 years and older. If persons younger than this arrive to collect children teachers and staff will **not** release them. There are no exceptions to this rule so please do not request this of office staff or teachers

Please ensure that you telephone the school, if for some unforeseeable reason, you are going to be late to collect children.

In the event that you need to send an alternative adult to collect your children please contact the school office or mention this to the class teacher. We will not release children to adults without definite consent from parents.



## Governors Update

Your opportunity to make a difference!

On Thursday you should have received a text message with a link for the parent survey about good parent communication. **Please** complete the survey and help us to ensure that communication is smooth and ensures you are well informed.

Paper copies of the survey will be available from the class teacher next week.

## Class Assemblies

Parents/carers are warmly invited to our class assemblies.

**Endeavour Class** on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at **11:30am**

**Octopus Class** on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
at **11:15 am**

**Kingfisher class** on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** at **11:30 am**

Parents please come!



## Autism Awareness

Thank you to all children and staff who wore odd or colourful socks on Silly Sock Day Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April. The purpose of this day was to have a bit of fun while raising awareness of autism.

Ten year 5 children prepared a special assembly for Key Stage 2 children, to raise their knowledge and awareness of autism.

These children shared their experiences when they visited the Autism base at Redriff Primary School. Thank you, children you were amazing!

The assembly focused on teaching the children that we all have hidden differences and that autism is a hidden difference. It is not possible to see that a person is autistic from the way that they look, but there are indicators from the way that they behave.

The children learned that children with autism may become overwhelmed with sensory information that may lead to feelings of anxiety. At these times they may develop behaviours to relieve this anxiety, such as rocking, humming or flapping their arms.

Autistic people may find it more difficult making friends as they find understanding social situations difficult.

The children were shown that people with autism are unique and may have amazing talents. They were encouraged to be sensitive and supportive. The children watch the following short film clip: Amazing things happen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JdCY-cdgkl>

## Top Tips for Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs test start on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. We want our children to perform at their best during their SATs so please encourage them to:

- ✓ Practice basic number facts i.e multiplication facts, reading the time on a digital and analogue clock.
- ✓ Practice spellings of words that you know your children need to learn.
- ✓ If you are using revision guides, make sure that this is timetabled for 20-minute blocks of time and make sure they have breaks.
- ✓ Read with your children regularly and ask questions about what they are reading.

**Did you know - There are resources you can use to support revision on our school website?**

### The night before the tests...

Make sure that they are not studying all evening. Ensure that they relax and get a good night sleep during the week of the tests.

Make sure your children arrive promptly at school. (We will be running a special breakfast club for them).

If your child is feeling anxious, reassure them and explain that these feelings are normal but encourage them to be positive and picture themselves trying their best- that is all anyone is asking of them!

### Remind your children about good test techniques:

Read questions carefully. Think about what the question is asking and remember strategies that they have been taught.

If they are stuck on a question move on to a question that they can answer.

When they have completed the test, carefully check their answers and tackle any questions that they are unsure of.

**Praise your children for their effort.**

## Year 3 Fire Safety

This week year 3 children took part in Fire Safety Workshops. This is 3 children's account of what they learned:

On Tuesday, we had a special visitor from the London Fire Brigade, who was called Ollie. We have some fire safety top tips for you. Read them below and find out how to keep safe and prevent a fire.

- 1) Should you charge your phone overnight?  
Did you know it is extremely dangerous and the phone could explode!
- 2) Did you know that you have to check your fire alarm once a week?
- 3) Never leave your oven on and get distracted.
- 4) Never leave candles near curtains and never leave your windows open at the same time because the wind might blow curtains into candle flames. The wind will provide lots of oxygen, which is also fuel for a fire.

We hope you have learned how to keep safe and to prevent a fire.

Myles, Victor and Ellen (Endurance Class)



At Rotherhithe, we offer ESOL (English speaker of other languages) classes for parents who are trying to develop their fluency of the English Language.

If you are interested in attending language classes, please contact Kellie Ansell for more information.

### Mindful thought for the week

Live in the Moment!

### Our school website

When was the last time you looked at the school website? There is a huge range of information and resources available there. Please take some time this weekend to look at it: <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>

Did you know you can now update your personal details via the website?





### Dates for your Diaries!

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS 1 SATs Reading assessments
14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs start Reception children sight tests
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 – Rock Steady Music workshops Cutty Sark – Enterprise trip
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 children leave for Concover Hall KS1 Maths SATs assessments
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayflower Enterprise trip
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 children Return GDPR (New general data protection regulations apply) Break up for half term. School closes normal time.
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term week
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school Year 4 & 5 children leave for Nethercott Farm
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Erasmus trip – 7 teachers to visit schools in Spain
11-15 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening check
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent meetings for SEN children
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Evening for parents
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Bow Hill visiting from Exeter
29 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception/Nursery Sports Day

### Dates for your Diaries Continued

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3-6 Sports Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	After school clubs end
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Enterprise Week
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Full governors meeting 6 pm Endeavour class Enterprise trip to Brewin Dolphin Investment
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom
13 <sup>th</sup> July	New classes announced International Day (Ready steady cook!)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am  Parents Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Performance 5 pm
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 <b>School closes at 2pm for the summer holidays!</b>

### Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Seal Class 99.2 %

KS2: Belfast & Discovery Class 100%

**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.

