



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th June 2018

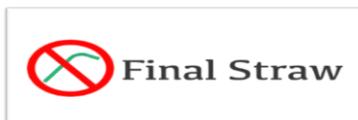
World Environment Day 5 June



5th June was World Environment Day and the theme this year is 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. Lily-Jay, Abdul and Mamaday from Discovery class helped to present an assembly highlighting the harmful effects on our oceans of plastic pollution. The children were very focused and understood clearly that not only is plastic pollution killing sea-life, because fish consume plastic particles, plastic is now entering the human food chain. The children were encouraged to select one thing to do to help make a difference.

The year 6 children presented ten ways to help preserve the environment (please see our website for a link to the slides), from switching to paper straws, reusable bottles, and cups, to ways to conserve energy consumption by not leaving taps running when the water is not being used.

As part of the schools focus on avoiding plastic waste, Kellie Ansell also visited the House of Commons in the late afternoon to consider with other schools ways to ensure our school is as environmentally friendly as we can make it.



Mindful thought for the week

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

—Robert Swan

Get on your bike and help save the environment!

As part of World Environment Day, we also considered reducing energy consumption, by leaving cars at home and walking, cycling or scootering to school. If you live further away, then how about hopping on the bus. These modes of transport also avoid dangerous car queues at the school gates.

Best of all they help keep the children fit, active and in good health. There is even research suggesting cycling helps boost brain power!

Why not get on your bike today?



Eid al-Fitr Celebration – 18th June

Muslims are currently fasting as part of Ramadan. Ramadan is due to end with Eid al-Fitr which translates from Arabic as the "festival of breaking the fast" on the 15th June. Parents of children who are celebrating Eid are permitted to take a days authorised absence to celebrate this religious day.

We will also celebrate Eid in school on Monday 18th June. All children are invited to dress up in party clothes (this is for fun not money) and we will have a special Eid celebration lunch.

Sensible shoes only please!



Parent-school Communication Survey

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”

Jane D Hull

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parent-school communication survey. The governors and I met during the half term break to consider your responses. We would like to thank you for the many positive comments and thoughtful suggestions to help us improve further.

We have been informed by some parents that they had not been able to scroll to the right when making selections and were concerned that this may have reduced the positivity of judgements. We have taken this into consideration.

We will be presenting the outcomes of the survey at a special parent governor event on the 20th June at 3:30 pm. Please see flyer. There will be a similar event at Dog Kennel Hill on the 13th June at 6 pm. Both school choirs will sing together at each event.

One of your requests was for greater notice of assemblies. Class teachers will endeavour to give you 2 days’ notice if they have been selected to be Star of the Week. Please see over an outline of class assemblies for the rest of the term to help you prepare to attend such events.



Key Stage 1 Assemblies

Time: 11:15 am

Wednesday 20 th June	Seahorse Class
Wednesday 4 th July	Seal Class
Wednesday 11 th July	Coral Class

Key Stage 2 Assemblies

Time 11:30 am

Thursday 14 th June	Year 6 children who went to Condoover Hall
Thursday 21 st June	Endurance Class
Thursday 5 th July	Mayflower Class

Parents please come.

★ Year 6 Star Writer ★

This weeks start writer is... **Oliver Cooper-Perrott** – Belfast Class

Dream Giver

Under a cover of darkness, slumbering souls snuggled under their blankets of safety. The village was quiet, churches towered over each other attempting to be the tallest. Cautiously, a strange figure appeared hovering above a deserted orphanage where all the miniature occupants were fast asleep. He was as delicate as a butterfly, but as sturdy as a dragonfly. Then without hesitation he stretched one spindly, gangly leg into and onto the creaky wooden floorboard.

Fluttering over to a sleeping boy, the Dream Giver poured a golden orb onto a swimming book.....

Stunning writing Oliver. Keep it up.

Science Workshop Understanding Viruses



On Wednesday 6th June, year four children visited the Dilston Gallery at Southwark Park to take part in a series of workshops illustrating how viruses begin their life cycle and the many different ways that they are spread from host to host such. Predominantly, viruses are air born contagions and are spread by sneezing.

The children also looked at blood samples where they could examine how the virus affects the blood. To demonstrate how a virus is spread through the air from one host to another, the children used glitter as a substitute to fluids generated through sneezing.

The children all looked amazing as they dressed as professional scientists with lab coats and other protective clothing such as safety goggles and masks in order to conduct their experiments. Year four had an amazing day and some of our children stated that this was the absolute best workshop that they had ever been involved in at Rotherhithe Primary School! We clearly have a vast collection of science lovers at our amazing school.

You can see some amazing pictures and this story on the school website.

Enabling Enterprise Workshop We Have No Transport!



As part of our ongoing "Enabling Enterprise" initiative, today was challenge day for the whole school. The children were visited by a robot from the year 3030 who explained that all transport systems were no longer functioning in their environment and so were set the task to research this disaster and design, create, and test some exciting and new modes of transport to replace the failing systems.

This task helps children understand how to work effectively in a team, how to research a subject, how to design, create, and test new products and solutions, which improves their creative skills, plus also enhances their skills in leadership and management.

There will be some images of some of the children's designs available on the website in due course so please check back for those.

UBS Bank Visit - Budgeting

Endeavour Class visited UBS Bank this week to take part in a workshop on family budgeting as part of the "Enabling Enterprise" topic.

The key topics throughout the day revolved around understanding the importance of budgeting and how best to utilize the funds that are available to a family. For example, is paying the rent more important than using money to buy a new mobile phone?

The children really enjoyed the experience and thank UBS Bank for their help & hospitality.



Dates for your Diaries!

11 th June	Erasmus trip – 7 teachers to visit schools in Spain
11-15 th June	Phonics Screening check
18 th June	Parent meetings for SEN children
20 th June	Open Evening for parents
21 st June	Bow Hill visiting from Exeter
29 th June	PTA Summer Fete
2 nd July	Reception/Nursery Sports Day
3 rd July	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
5th July	Year 3-6 Sports Day (date change)
6 th July	After school clubs end
9 th July	Enterprise Week
12 th July	Year 6 Prom
13 th July	New classes announced International Day (Ready steady cook!)
16 th July	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
17 th July	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am Parents Evening
18 th July	Year 6 Performance 5 pm
19th July	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 School closes at 2pm for the summer holidays!

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Keeping children safe is of utmost importance to us at Rotherhithe. We have recently updated our safeguarding policy. Please read it at <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>

Click on the Key Information section on our website, click on policies and then Safeguarding policy to locate this document. You can ask for a paper copy from the school office.

Welcome back Rotherhithe Farmers in the making!

This week children from year 4 and 5 have trekked of for the week to Cornwall, to work at Nethercott Farm. They have been feeding the pigs and piglets (ah sweet), chickens and hens, doing a bit of gardening and eating a lot of organic food – including cakes!

They have had a busy schedule and a lot of fun.

They have been lucky with the weather too. Thanks to the adults who have made this trip possible; Rebecca (class teacher) Kofi (Learning Mentor), Aaliyah (specialist language assistant) and Sharon Hudson from our school office.



Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week

KS1: Class Seahorse 97.6 %

KS2: Class Kon Tiki 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.



Presentation evening for parents

Wednesday 20th June

Time: 3:30 pm

Venue: Rotherhithe Primary School

Creche and Refreshments provided

Topics covered:

Federation update and vision

Results of the Parent-School communication survey

Homework at RPS

Math's Mastery – what it is and how parents can support children's learning

RPS New Build – your chance to see the proposals