

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Reduce
Air
Pollution
– Avoid
Idling!



Friday 21st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very eventful week. As you are aware we have an outbreak of COVID in school (see update below), but despite this we have managed to remain fully open with lots of fantastic events occurring around the school.

Idling Action Workshop: On Thursday year 5 children took part in a workshop about air pollution. In this workshop, they looked at how congestion on our streets leads to idling. Idling is one of the largest producers of air pollution in suburban areas. It is a particularly concerning issue around schools and residential communities. Idling reduces your vehicle's fuel economy, costs you money, and creates pollution. Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and produces more emissions that contribute to smog and climate change than stopping and restarting your engine does.

The children created some fantastic posters, which will be used to create a banner to help increase awareness of the impact of idling. They have not finished them yet but you can see more of the posters [here](#).



10 of the children from year 5 volunteered to be 'Idling Action ambassadors' and spoke to some motorists about considering switching their engine off when sitting in traffic or while waiting for children to come out of school. We would like to say a huge thank you to those parents who turned their engines off! The children were very sensible and polite.

Lawyer visits year 6: On Monday, Mr David Irvin, a Commercial lawyer, spoke with Year 6 about different areas of law including Family Law, Criminal Law, Property Law and Environmental Law. He also spoke about the function of the Bank and what role the law plays in the world of Commerce (locally and internationally). The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about his journey!



I hope you all have a fantastic week. Take care and stay healthy.

Lisa (Head of School)

Amber Alert – COVID Outbreak

As you are aware we have an outbreak of COVID in school. I am sure that you have noticed that many members of staff have been absent this week. We have also had high notification of children testing positive too. As a result I contacted Public Health England and informed them that we had an 'outbreak'. We are now on an '**Amber alert**'. This means that we have increased measures to try to reduce transmission.

All staff have been asked to complete daily lateral flow tests and we have also requested that children in Reception, year 2, 3&4 and 6 complete daily lateral flow test if possible. This is a preventative measure to catch COVID early and reduce transmission. If a child has symptoms however, then they should do a PCR test as per the letter that was sent out on the 18th January.

Lateral Flow tests: Unfortunately, the school is not able to access lateral flow tests on behalf of children (I have asked Public Health Southwark). They have provided the following links and suggested that parents order kits using these links:

Order Home Kits:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Collect Home Kits: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Enhanced Social Distancing Measures

We have been asked to increase our social distancing measures in school whenever it is practical to do so. Currently the following adjustments have been made:

- All assemblies will occur in the classroom virtually or led by the class teacher.
- Workshops will be delivered with one class at a time.
- School trips will not occur until after half term.

- Staff meetings will all be held virtually.
- Staff to avoid mixing across year groups whenever possible.
- All visitors to the school will complete lateral flow tests before coming to school.
- Adults to wear masks in communal areas and during meetings. (Staff will not wear masks when working with children).
- Parents and visitors to the school will still be required to wear a mask (despite national lifting of restrictions).

Cleaning and hygiene

- Children have been reminded to have good hygiene standards.
- Children and adults are washing or sanitizing their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Enhanced cleaning of touch points continues.
- Reduction in children sharing equipment. Equipment sanitized or quarantined prior to passing to another class.

I will continue to monitor the number of cases and will keep you informed of any further actions if they are required. I will be updating Public Health to review and consider the COVID cases within the school on a two weekly basis minimum.

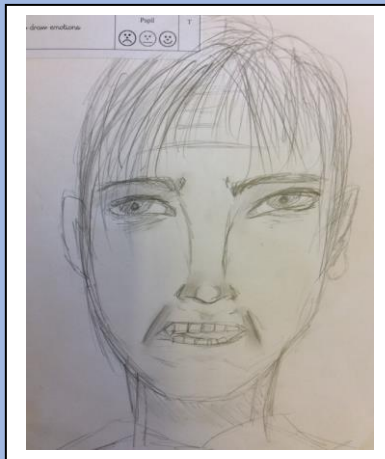
If you have not booked your COVID vaccination please do so as COVID numbers are still high in Southwark.

Lifting of restrictions does not apply to schools when there is an outbreak.

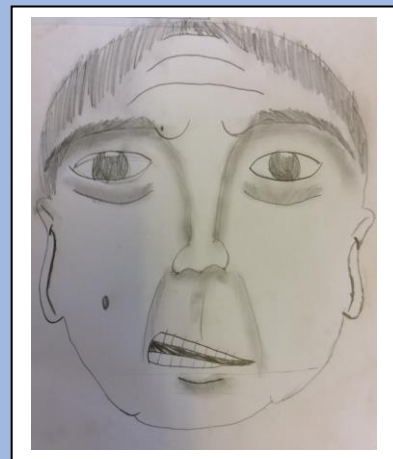
Year 6 artists!



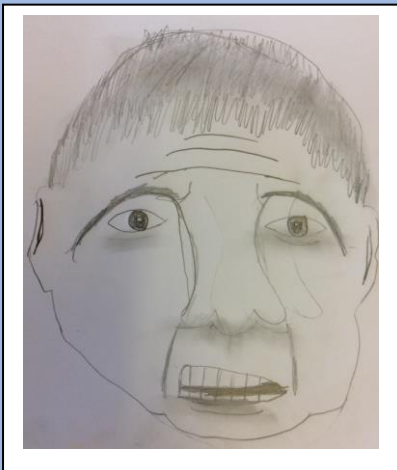
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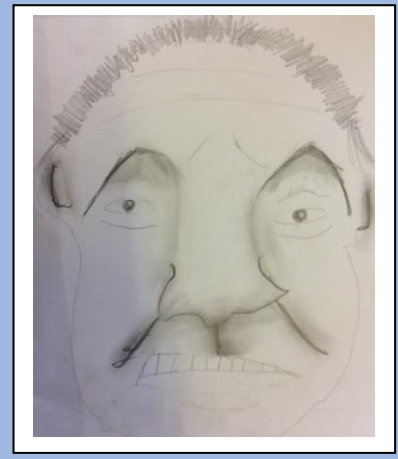
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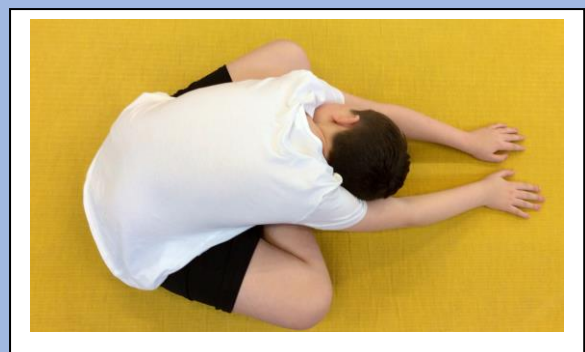
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Riley

As part of their topic on WW2, year 6 children have used pencils of varying graphite grades to draw a portrait depicting emotions of war. After viewing the emotive work of German artist, Kathe Kollwitz, they used a series of lines and experimented with the technique of 'chiaroscuro', which is the darkening of the background around the face and the adding of shadows. Amazing sketches!

Yoga: Thames class had their second yoga session and are now proficient at holding poses that strengthen and stretch their spines.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Sofije	Sofije has been a fantastic role model this week. She has really tried during her maths learning and interventions and has made lots of progress with her place value learning. Sofije is a joy to have in the class. Well done Sofije.
Octopus	Elsie-Mae	Elsie-Mae has worked really hard at improving her handwriting in all areas of her learning. Keep it up Elsie-Mae.
Coral	Tony	This week Tony has been working incredible hard and has improved his writing. He edited his work and ensured his work was written in the correct tense up levelling his sentences. Well done!
Seal	Kostaintyn	Kostaintyn has worked really hard in Maths this week. We have been doing fractions and Kostaintyn is able to find fractions of shapes and amounts independently.
Effra	Ola	Ola has been focusing on all his tasks and completing them. He is also focused on listening to the teacher's instructions so that he knows what to do with each task. Well done Ola!
Brent	Chada	Chada has excelled in her maths work this week. We have been exploring multiplication and division by 10 and a 100 and Chada has showed her knowledge through excellent use of practical and pictorial resources. Super star!
Walbrook	Tierra-Lee	Tierra - Lee always uses her success criteria when working to make sure she has included all the required elements in her work. Well done!
Ravensbourne	Mason	Mason is the embodiment of a resilient learner. He works really hard to 'make sense of math problems and persevere in solving them'. It is great to see him struggle and solve math problems with his peers in a positive way. What a wonderful role model! Well done, Mason.
Wandle	Sainthavi	For fantastic editing – Sainthavi is thinking carefully about where to use embedded clauses for impact and is becoming more adventurous with her imagery. Well done!
Lea	Shaydon	For confidently sharing very good ideas in whole class sessions during Maths, English and Reading. Keep up the good work Shaydon!
Thames	Tyreece	For being a sensible and mature participant during a presentation from a visitor. He displayed good listening skills and asked pertinent questions. Tyreece has also displayed good understanding of our work with ratio too. Well done!

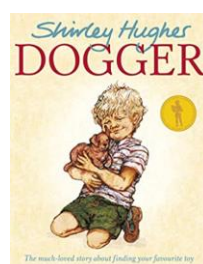


4th January	Children return to school.
12th January	Healthy Zones workshops
20th January	Year 5 – Idling in Action workshops
3rd February	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
7th February	Poetry week Mental Health Awareness Week
8th February	Internet Safety Day
9th February	Children break up for half term normal time
	Half Term
21st February	Orienteering Day/ Home learning/Timed tours of the school
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23rd February	All children back to school in the new building!
1st March	LA Science Review visit Parents Evening
3rd March	World Book Day – Costumes to the ready! Parents Evening
7th March	Parent meetings for children with SEND
10th March	Athlete school visit-special Assembly
17th March	School photographer in
18th March	Red Nose Day
25th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
28th March	Poetry Week
1st April	Break up for Easter holidays

Teacher Book Recommendations

Lisa Christiansen – Head of School

One of my favourite books is **Dogger** by **Shirley Hughes**. This award winning book is heartwarming. Do you remember having a favourite toy that you took everywhere? Well Dogger went everywhere with Dave until one evening he couldn't find him anywhere! Can his sister Bella come to the rescue? I was lucky enough to listen to Shirley Hughes talk about how she illustrates her book. Dogger was a real toy and she painstakingly drew every picture.



One of my **favourite authors** (I have many) is **Paul Jennings**. He writes great, quirky stories that really appeal to older children. I love his short stories. Smart Ice Cream is one of my favourites. An ice cream seller sells children magical ice cream and strange things start happening. There is a twist at the end!



Attendance Matters

The following classes are the winners of the attendance award this week.

Wandle 95.8%

Octopus 95.4%

Well done and keep it up!





Classical Fun!

Come and enjoy live, classical music in a relaxed, lunchtime performance at Canada Water library and theatre.

These events are free. Next Date: 7th February 2022

Time: 1:30pm to 2:30pm

For more information click the following link: [Comfortable Classical - Southwark Council](#)

Free Bookstart Sessions for families

Every Monday morning between 10-11:30 am Canada Water library is running free BookStart sessions for families. It is the perfect opportunity to introduce your young children to the wonderful world of books. And if you haven't already joined the library, you can do that while you are there too. Sharing books with young children increases their vocabulary and sets them up to read once they start school. It is also a lovely bonding time for families. For more information click the following link: [Bookstart Sessions - Southwark Council](#)



Fancy a trip to the theatre?

Why not book to see the wonderful Treasure Island. Children in year 5 will read this book too so this is a wonderful opportunity for them.

Pay only what you can afford. Free tickets for anyone accessing free school meals and/or food banks.

Choose to pay from £5 to £25.

For more information, please click the following link: [Treasure Island - Southwark Council](#)