

# RPS Weekly Newsletter

## Healthy Living Week



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of the academic year. It really seems to have flown by. There have been so many wonderful achievements and memories made and this week is no exception especially for year 6.

**Police safety workshop:** Year 6 had a visit from PC Trevor Fox to discuss the importance of staying safe when travelling. The children found the information very useful particularly the tips on how to keep themselves and their belongings safe when travelling to and from Secondary School. In response to the informative session, they created posters, comic strips and powerpoints to remind us all, of how to stay safe.



**Cinderella Rockerfella:** On Monday year 6 transported their parents and children (during the dress rehearsal) to the musical theatre with Cinderella Rockerfella. The children performed brilliantly, and I am sure I saw a few tears in parents' eyes! Such fantastic singing including solo performances, a talking dog that made

Jokes, an evil cat and a fairy.

"Oh no it didn't"

"Oh yes it did"! Well done everyone, you were brilliant.

**Year 6 Prom:** 'I am having the best day of my life' – Emil said to me at the prom. Once again, the red carpet was rolled out and the children turned on the glamour to celebrate their RPS journey together. They ate, they danced, they took lots of photos and made lifelong memories. Thank you to all the staff who made this happen a special thank you and well done to Donna for organising the evening.

**Year 6 Graduation:** The Year 6 graduation will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** in the **foyer welcome area at 11:30**. After a final farewell, the children will be released to go home at 12:30 pm. All year 6 parents are cordially invited.

**Meet the Teacher:** Children will meet their new teachers and see their classrooms on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. They will be released to parents by their current teachers.

**Team Get Involved (TGI)** I am pleased to announce that TGI have agreed to deliver 2 games focused clubs for mixed age ranges after school. These will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> September. These clubs must be paid for and booked in advance. Please see the flyer below for more information.

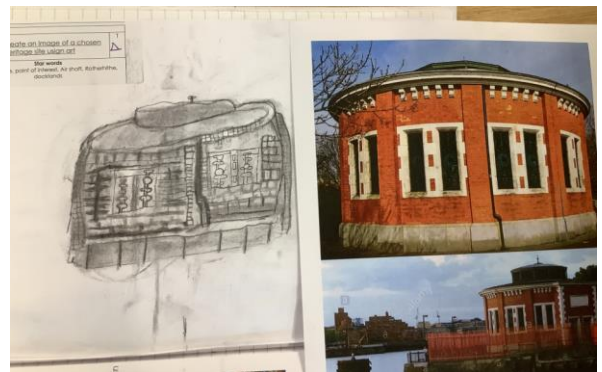
**Wake and Shake:** If you need care at the start of the day, book our Wake and Shake club. The club starts at 7:45 am and the children get physically active ready for their learning! Please book places on Parent Pay.

**Remember we close early at 2pm on Wednesday.** Have a brilliant weekend! Lisa

In year 3 we have been looking at our heritage site in local history. We were focusing on the Rotherhithe tunnel airshaft. Here is some artwork we created using charcoal. We learnt how to use charcoal when creating our cave painting art linked to the Stone Age.



# We love learning!



## Year 6 Song Writing:

For the final half term of Music this year, the Year 6s created an original musical composition. They began by learning about the different sections of a song, their purpose and how to speak the rhythm of the words – in preparation for song writing to a backing track. Their task was to write a song based on the theme: Aspiration. The song needed to inspire and motivate them as well as the listener.

They began by collaborating as a class to write a chorus together, which required creativity and democracy.

The final part of the unit was a highlight for all students: they recorded their verse in the mini recording studio we set up using high quality equipment. For the majority of the Year 6's, this was the first time they'd recorded their own voices professionally! Both classes have written excellent songs with heartfelt lyrics that reflect their aspiration for greatness and resilience! Well done to everyone!

Listen to the songs here: <http://bitly.ws/LbqE>

## The Dragon who ate our school!

Breaking news! Rotherhithe Primary School has been eaten by a large Dragon! No, that's not it. Year 2 children have been reading the poem "The Dragon who ate our school" by Nick Toczec and we have created a lovely video of them reading the poem to you filmed around the school and near Southwark Park. Watch out for the Dragon!!!!

Watch the video:

<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/the-dragon-who-ate-our-school/>





# Healthy Living 2023

An active lifestyle and a healthy diet promote both physical and mental wellbeing. On Tuesday, Whale class prepared some really tasty morsels with Sharon from Food School Matters. Yum!

Children were put through their paces at Sports Day events. The children really enjoyed a range of activities from sack races to throwing javelins. It was great that parents got to see the Early Years children having fun in the school playground for the first time since COVID. We could tell you enjoyed it. What superstars they are.

And that clearly wasn't enough exercise for one week as the children's heart rates were raised once again when they completed 'Circuit Training' on Friday. Phew! I bet they sleep well this weekend.

You can see photographs from sports day on the school's website following this link:

Year 1, 2 and 3: <http://bitly.ws/Lcaj>

[Year 4, 5, & 6](#)



# Dates

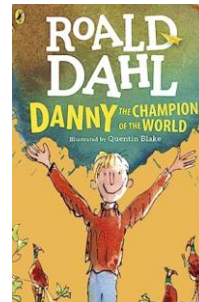
## for your Diary

<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Class parties
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Children meet their new teacher
	Parents Evening after school
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 am Achievement Awards Break up for the summer holidays at 2 pm
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Children return to school
<b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5/6 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 secondary school transition meeting 3:45 pm  Year 5/6 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:30pm Creekside Discovery Centre trip
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 1 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45 Creekside Discovery Centre trip
<b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45  Year 1 (Whale) trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45  Year 1 (Octopus) trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Council presentations
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Council Elections  Year 3/4 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	TA/Thank a teacher Day
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	National Poetry Day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Hello Yellow Day!
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half term

## Teacher Book Recommendation

**Teacher: Anthony Williams**

**Favourite Book:** Danny Champion of the World by Roald Dahl



As a young boy in school, I absolutely loved reading the story 'Danny the Champion of the World.' Whenever I catch a glimpse of the book's front cover, I am transported back in time to my primary school classroom; silently sitting on the carpet listening to my teacher read to me before home time.

In this beloved children's novel, Roald Dahl (British author) tells the story of a nine-year-old boy and his father as they attempt to take on an evil landowner. This is a fascinating story about the strong relationship between a boy and his dad. As with many of Roald Dahl novels, it is beautifully written with themes and characters that we are all familiar with. I would recommend this book to anyone over the age of eight.

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

**Fleet Class** 97.5%

**Walbrook Class** 93.9%



Well done and keep it up!

**Please do not book holidays during term time!**





<b>Whale</b>	Hewad	Hewad has been awarded star of the week for his excellent ambition to achieve in his learning and for showing kindness to his peers.
	Aaliyah	Aaliyah has been awarded star of the week for her excellent listening in class and for always producing fabulous work.
	Gladys-Martyna	Gladys-Martyna has been awarded star of the week for her continued resilience and determination to make improvements to her learning.
<b>Coral</b>	Faith	Faith for fantastic sportsmanship during sports day. Faith was a fantastic helper and encouraged her peers. Keep up the lovely attitude!
<b>Seal</b>	Safiya	Safiya is new to RPS. She has settled in well and is a confident and enthusiastic member of our class. She already displays our school values, and she is a fantastic role model for her peers. Well done, Safiya!
<b>Effra</b>	Jayden F	Jayden showed great sportsmanship during sports day and showed kindness to others. It was lovely to see Jayden enjoy himself while supporting his peers.
<b>Walbrook</b>	Chayce	Chayce has worked really hard in Maths and reading. He has been extremely dedicated and always tries to push himself. Keep up the good work.
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Ibrahim	Ibrahim has shown that he can be a member of a cohesive respectful class. he has been kind and thoughtful with students in class that have needed extra support. It would be nice to see this behaviour continue!
<b>Wandle</b>	Jaida and Adonijah	Jaida and Adonijah showed excellent sportsmanship during sports day this year. They were encouraging to their classmates during activities and races and comforted those that were disappointed with the results. What kind children they are!
<b>Fleet</b>	Lucy	Lucy comes into school each day with a smile on her face and has a fantastic attitude towards her learning. She works incredibly hard and is not afraid to ask questions if she is unsure. She recently scored 28/28 in her recent science assessment which shows that her hard work and fantastic attitude is yielding amazing results. Keep it up!
<b>Lea</b>	Jaden	Jaden has developed an incredibly positive attitude to his schoolwork. He is supportive in assisting others including adults around school. He enjoys any kind of sports activity. Keep up the positive attitude and maturity you have developed this year. Super proud of you Jaden.
<b>Thames</b>	Goldie	For an incredible performance as 'Teaser' in our production. Well done!

# TGI Mixed Age Sports Club Starting 6th September 2023



Children in Reception to Year 6 can take part in a TGI Mixed Age Sports Club at RPS.

Available Monday to Friday, term time only.

All payments to be made on **PARENT PAY**

All payments to be made in **24 hours in advance** of attending the booked club.

**Please note, bookings are non-refundable and cannot be transferred.**

*Children should wear trainers and are encouraged to bring a **healthy** snack.*

Cost	
1 hour (mixed age sports) 15:30 - 16:30	£5.50
1 hour (games skills) 16:30 - 17:30	£5.50
2 hours (mixed age sports and game skills) 15:30—17:30	£9.50
10 hours Monday to Friday (mixed age sports and games skills) 15:30—17:30	£38.00

# Your Choice Childcare Services

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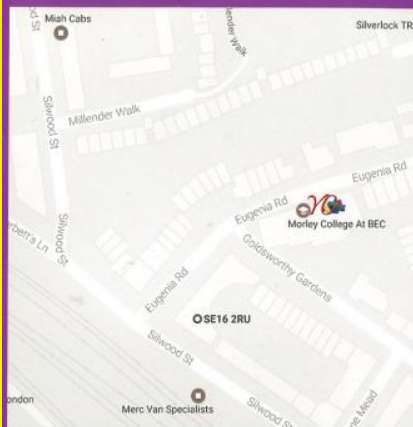
## HOLIDAY CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



For more information please call:-

**07832881632 / 07956010278**

Lewington Community Centre  
9 Eugenia Road, Rotherhithe  
London SE16 2RU



### How to Find us:

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www.yourchoicechildcareservices.co.uk

### About Us

Your Choice Childcare Services Pre - School is concerned with the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of the children. Every child is unique and, therefore, the teaching is geared to the individual. The children's education begins at the level of their ability and the teaching is adopted to their individual needs.

Our intention is to help each child on the experience and knowledge they bring from home to develop skills and gain knowledge, both through play and through formal teaching, which will be relevant both to their development and their future in a rapidly changing world. The aim of our Pre - School is to provide a multi-cultural programme which reflects the community it serves.

We value diversity at the Pre - School for the experience and knowledge it brings. We are committed to the fundamental right of all children to gain access to the best education we can provide.

**Please Call Us Today For More Information:**

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Community Interest Company

# FREE SUMMER

**Food & Fun Holiday Program for  
Families with Children (0-11yrs)**

**Bermondsey & Rotherhithe**



**Theme:**  
**Telling Stories  
Through  
Fun Activities**

**Activities:**  
Arts and Crafts,  
Music & Games, Bicycle riding,  
Sewing Craft, Stay & Play,  
Multi Sports, Storytelling,  
Hot Meals, Outings  
Seaside Trip (cost applies)

**Special Education Needs Activities Included**

**24TH JULY - 17TH AUGUST 2023, 10AM - 2PM**

**The Lewington Community Centre, SE16 2RU**

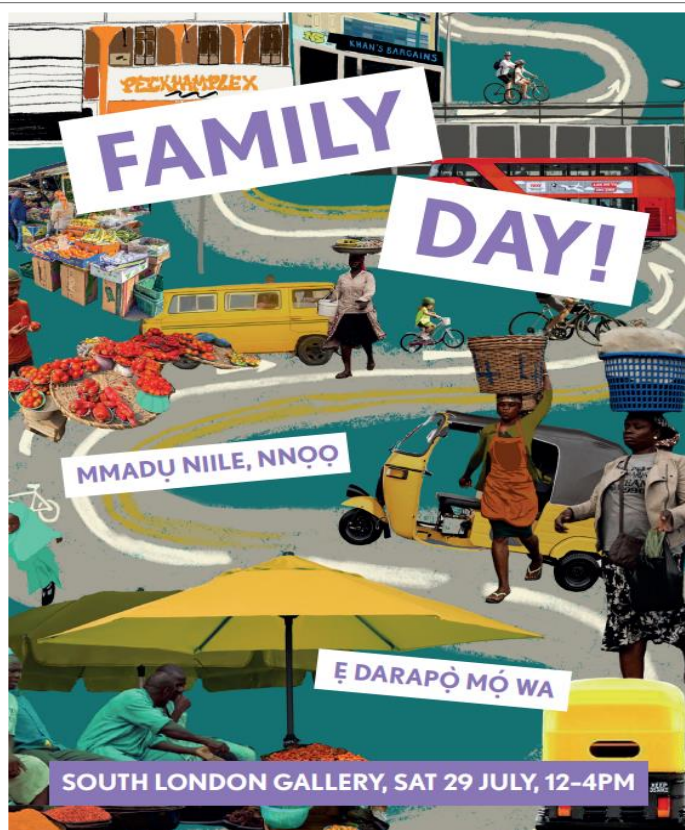
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## FAMILY DAY SAT 29 JULY, 12-4PM, FREE ENTRY

You are invited to create, play and have fun!

Join us to celebrate Nigerian culture in Peckham.

Inspired by the South London Gallery's exhibition *Lagos, Peckham, Repeat: Pilgrimage to the Lakes*, join us for:

**ART AND CRAFTS**  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY TOURS**  
**STORYTELLING**  
**MUSIC**  
**DELICIOUS NIGERIAN FOOD**

Everyone is welcome, activities designed for ages 5-12.



**South London Gallery**  
65-67 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UH

**South London Gallery Fire Station**  
82 Peckham Road, London SE15 5LQ

**Travel info** Bus: 12, 36, 171, 343, 345 and 436  
Alight at Peckham Road/Southampton Way

**SLG**

South London Gallery is a registered charity no. 312160.  
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Credits: SLG buildings: L. Andy Stage, R. Dan Well; Front Cover: Lola Komolafe



## Southwark Jaguars Girls Open Trials and Registration Day

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, 12- 2pm (arrive at  
11.45am)**

**Marlborough Sports Garden 27 Union St, London  
SE1 1NJ 9 see below for map.**

[https://www.google.com/maps?rlz=1C1GCEB\\_enGB914GB914&output=search&q=marlborough+sports+garden&entry=mc&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewiBs77K4oiAAxWTTaQEhbjlDtAQ0pQJegQIBRAB](https://www.google.com/maps?rlz=1C1GCEB_enGB914GB914&output=search&q=marlborough+sports+garden&entry=mc&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewiBs77K4oiAAxWTTaQEhbjlDtAQ0pQJegQIBRAB)

At the moment we are looking for players who are currently in **Years 2 & 3 and Years 4 & 5** to join our **under 9's & under 11's** teams for next season and are encouraging their parents/guardians to follow the link below to register their interest (press the Ctrl button over the link to take you to our website).

[Southwark Jaguars FC - The PE & School Sports Network \(devwebsite.co.uk\)](http://SouthwarkJaguarsFC-ThePE&SchoolSportsNetwork(devwebsite.co.uk))



## Sports Summer Camp

We are pleased to announce that our Summer Camp at Grange Primary School is now open to **all children in Southwark in years 1 to 6.**

### Time:

09:30 - 15:30 (every day)

### Dates:

Week One - 24th Jul - 28th Jul

Week Two - 31st Jul - 4th Aug

### Price:

£10:00 per day

Please follow the link on the right to sign up. Once sign up is complete you will be given details to make payment.

**Please note your child/s place is not secure until payment has been made.** Registration can be completed on the link below

[Summer Camp Registration Form - The PE & School Sports Network \(lpessn.org.uk\)](http://SummerCampRegistrationForm-ThePE&SchoolSportsNetwork(lpessn.org.uk))



# Saturdays at Art in the Park

All ages welcome! A series of nature inspired art workshops at our studio in Burgess Park and the outdoor space surrounding it. There will be two art activities at every session which are suitable for both adults and children. For further info please call or email us.

Saturday 27th May 2-4pm

Saturday 3rd June 2-4pm

(no session Saturday 10th June)

Saturday 17th June 2-4pm

Saturday 24th June 2-4pm

Saturday 1st July 2-4pm

Saturday 8th July 2-4pm

Saturday 15th July 2-4pm

Saturday 22nd July 2-4pm

Saturday 29th July 2-4pm

For more information please contact:  
studio.artinthepark@gmail.com or  
07791 367217 / 07966 435649

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## SUMMER FOOTBALL FUN CAMP 2023 HARRIS ACADEMY BERMONDSEY

55 SOUTHWARK PARK ROAD, SE16 3TZ

MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY

10AM – 3PM Children can be dropped off from 9am

Dear Parents, We are pleased to announce the dates for our Summer Football Fun Camp at Harris Academy Bermondsey.

The Fun Camp is delivered by our F.A and UEFA Qualified Professional Coaches who are all DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.

Children are always supervised, throughout each day coaches will be teaching children a variety of different drills and football techniques along with fun games, team-building activities and matches. There is at least one competition held each day where children can win extra trophies and awards.

The Fun Camp is held on the 3G pitch meaning children can wear Boots or Trainers and need to be dressed for the weather, Children will also need to be provided a packed lunch.

We pride ourselves on small, devoted coaching groups to ensure children are always fully involved and engaged throughout each day therefore places are very limited.

The cost of the Fun Camp is £145 per child for the full week, individual days can be attended for £35 per day.

Book your child's place before 1<sup>st</sup> July to receive a trophy hand engraved with **Your Child's Name**, Bookings made after 1<sup>st</sup> July children will receive a medal for attending the Football Fun Camp

To Book Your Child's Place Now Text:  
HARRIS SUMMER + YOUR CHILD'S NAME + SCHOOL YEAR +  
YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO [07398442907](tel:07398442907)

### Saturday Spaces Available

We have limited spaces available on our Weekly Saturday Coaching Course

**Ages 4 and 5 at 10am – 11am** - £37 per month (Players Coached separately by age and experience)

**Ages 6 – 9 at 10am – 11.30am** - £48.50 per month (Players Coached separately by age and experience)

**Ages 10 – 15 11.30am – 1pm** - £48.50 per month (Players Coached separately by age and experience)

To Book Now, Text: Harris Saturdays + Your Child's Name + Age + Your Email address to  
07398442907 Email: [stuart@footballcoachinguk.com](mailto:stuart@footballcoachinguk.com)



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# MAYOR OF LONDON

London Borough of Southwark

Date: July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to inform you that City Hall is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London will receive **free school meals** for the full academic year, starting this September.

As Mayor of London, I know parents/carers are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now. That's why I've taken the decision to provide funding to expand on the Government's limited existing free school meals offer. This means all state funded primary school children in London are now eligible for free school meals.

Your borough has been doing wonderful work to deliver universal free school meals for primary school children already and I'm delighted to be able to provide them with the funding to do this for the next year.

The funding we're providing will help up to 270,000 primary school children in London, like yours, access free school meals and could **save your family upwards of £440 across the year.**

Your child will receive their free school meals automatically, but it's vitally important that you still complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. That's extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. Depending on how schemes operate in your borough, it may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays. There is more information about registration in your borough here: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/free-school-meals>.



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# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Those parents/carers whose children already qualify for free school meals under the Government's existing offer must also continue to apply for free school meals as before.**

My administration has taken the unprecedented step of providing this funding because we're deeply concerned by the number of primary school children going hungry in London's classrooms. Eligibility criteria for the Government's existing free school meals offer is strict, which means many parents/carers and children who need this helping hand have been missing out. But from September – thanks to our intervention – that will all change as part of our effort to build a better London for everyone.

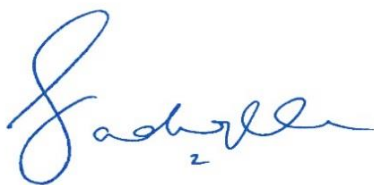
As someone who received free school meals myself, I'm incredibly proud that we're able to step up and provide this crucial lifeline to London's families during such tough economic times. I firmly believe that every child deserves the chance to be able to grow up healthy and thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. But for this to happen, children must be able to access healthy, nutritious meals.

My online hub for families provides all the information you need about our scheme. Please find the link here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>.

Families who are struggling with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living>.

Your school will be in touch with more details of how you can take up the offer of the free school meals. I wish your family a happy and healthy academic year – and I hope they enjoy their free school meals.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

