

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What fun the children have had dressing up this week. On Monday the children's feet were adorned with a multitude of odd socks and on Friday I could see nothing but spots everywhere!

Children In Need's Great Spotacular was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all families for your generous donations towards this worthy cause.



Anti-bullying week was introduced on Monday with an assembly lead by the PSHE lead. During the week the children have considered what bullying is: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. The children discussed that bullying could happen face to face or online and the importance of reporting online bullying. The children considered who they can talk to if they experience or witness bullying. The children have produced thoughtful poems and posters. Well done all. How we tackle bullying as a school is set out in our behaviour policy [click here](#).

England Rocks: Children in years 3 & 4 love learning their times tables and what better way to do that than practicing in school and at home on Times Table Rock Stars. On Thursday the children competed in an online national England Rocks battle, while dressed up as their favourite avatar. The Top 3 players in each class were:

Eden: Anya, Adel then Deeqa

Avon: Rayaana, Christine E then Marcelina

Tyne: Tony, Heaven then William

The Winning class was Avon class. Well done to you all and keep practising.

The winners for TTRS dress up competition were:

Eden class: Ehab, Elise and Ayla

Avon class: Dawood, Leila and Sofije

Tyne class: Lola, Charlotte and Mary



Flu Vaccinations next week! This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Children in Reception to Year 6 can receive the free flu vaccine at school on **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**. For more information about the flu vaccination [click here](#). Please use the QR code to provide consent for the vaccination.

Southwark Schools



Have a lovely weekend. HoS

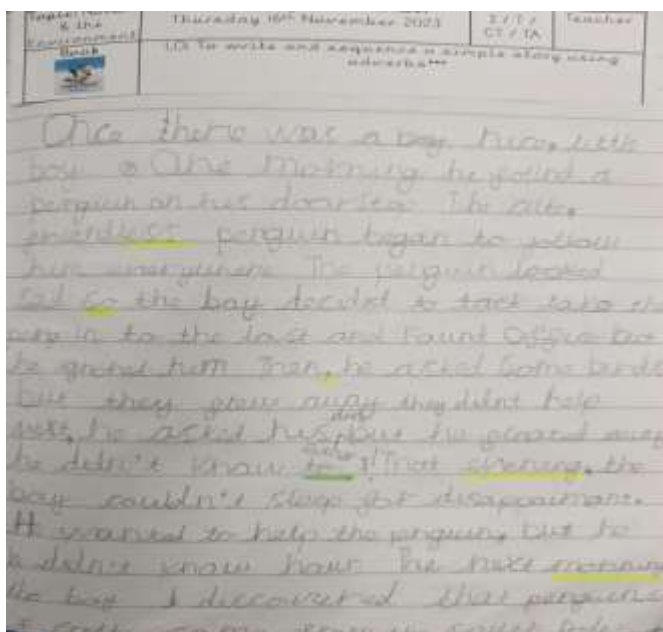
We love learning!

On Wednesday the Jellyfish class took a trip to the Creekside Discovery centre in Deptford. They went to learn more about habitats and how they are different for various living things. The children explored habitats on land and in water.

They used nets to learn about pond life, as well as going on a colour hunt, leaf hunt and a bug hunt – finding spiders, flies, small snails and a ladybird! The children had a great (and chilly) day! Special thanks to all of the parents who volunteered their time, we wouldn't be able to do it without you!

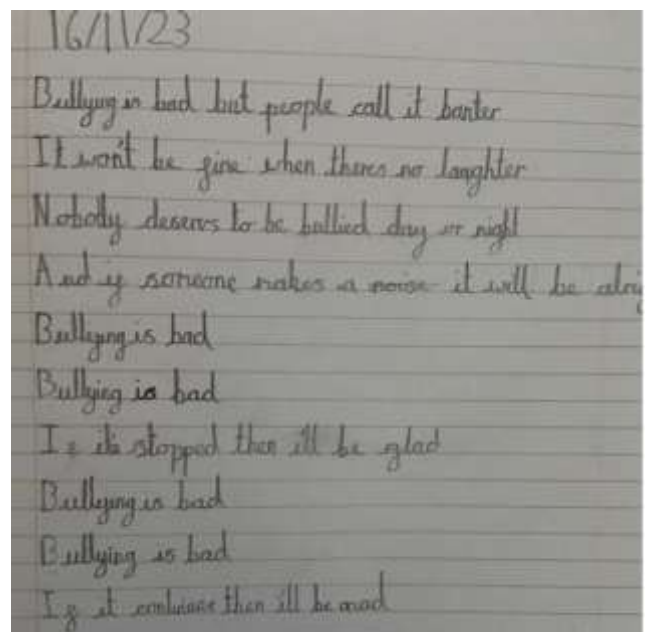


Year 2 Star writing!



We have re-written the story Lost and Found. Jassim and Eliora. Fantastic writing!

Year 5 Anti-bullying poem



Adonijah's great anti-bullying poem using repetition, alliteration and rhyme.

Antibullying week 2023

The judges have huddled. The prizes have been sorted and the certificates written and signed to congratulate our amazingly creative artists who have been chosen as our winners for this year's Anti-Bullying Week poster design competition.

"Make a noise" was this year's theme for Anti-bullying week 2023. The children were tasked with doing something positive which helps to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. A huge well done to all of the children who took part this year. To have a closer look at all the winning entries [click here.](#)



HI. I'M HAL

I am raising money so that everyone in my year can go on a residential trip. To do this I'm going to walk around Southwark Park 150 times!

I want everyone in Year 6 to go on the residential trip together and share these exciting experiences. I'm worried that with the cost of living this will not be possible as the trip is expensive.

Fun facts

I've already done over 80 laps!

Sometimes I cycle - then I do two laps and count it as one as it's easier!

At the end I will have done over 233 miles which is the same as 9 marathons!

Go Fund Me search: Hal Phillips
<https://gofund.me/ce6527be>

please sponsor me!

RPS and TGI Fitness at home with Coach James



We're back with Coach James of TGI for another fantastic session of PE at home to help you improve your skills and agility. Why not persuade your brother or sister, mum and dad, uncle, or auntie to join in too!

This week coach James will be showing you some fun exercises that you can do with a ball, a sock; anything that you can safely throw and catch.

We hope that you are enjoying our "Healthy at Home" series. Next week we will be doing some speed exercises so be sure to look out for that.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdpgAEIqTRk&ab_channel=FrootesMedia

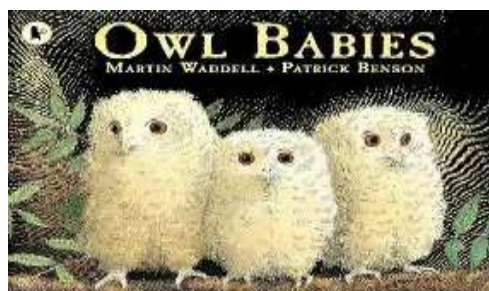
Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 13th November	Anti-bullying week
13th November	Odd Socks Day
14th November	School photographer Phonics Workshop for Reception parents after school
16th November	Times Table Rock Star Avator
17th November	Children in Need
20th November	Thames Class school trip Apple Workshop
22nd November	Flu vaccinations
23rd November	NEST Impact of Education Review
24th November	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
Week starting 4th December	Christmas performance rehearsals
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Week starting 11th December	Year group Christmas performances
15th December	Judo finishes for the term
18th December	Achievement Awards
19th December	Class parties
20th December	KS1 multisport club finishes
20th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays. Finish at the normal time.

Book Recommendations

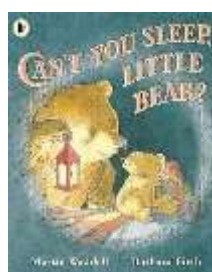
Rosie (HoS daughter)

Favourite Book: Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson



I loved reading this book to children when I was volunteering in Kenya. It is a heartwarming tale of three baby owls waiting and wondering if their mother will return. The children in Kenya talked about how much they loved their mums and were gripped by the three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill,. The three baby owls wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So, they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers, and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does!

This is a must read for younger children. I also used to love my mum reading 'Can't you Sleep Little Bear' by the same author. I was a bit afraid of the dark and found this story very reassuring.



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.



Brent Class 95.6%

Whale Class 94.6%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!





Whale	Anna	Anna received star of the week for her fantastic behaviour for learning and trying particularly hard with her writing – including capital letters and full stops. She even tried to challenge herself with some fabulous describing words. Well done, Anna.
Octopus	Malik	For working exceptionally hard in his phonic lessons. Keep it up!
Seal	Aurora	Aurora for her use of 'Rocket Words' in Science. Keep it up!
Avon	Arilena	Arilena has been making progress in maths this term. She has been using the skills from her lesson effectively during her test and has amazed her teachers with her fantastic results.
Eden	Emre	Emre is a student who enjoys all aspects of school. He could be Star of the Week for many reasons, but I have been very impressed with his choice of words in writing and his increasing stamina to write for longer periods of time. I wanted him to know I had noticed how hard he has been working. Keep it up, Emre!
Tyne	Tony	Tony has been dedicated to learning his times tables and going on times table rock stars during our England rocks festival. Due to his hard work, his times table knowledge is improving. Well done for working so hard!
Brent	Fabian	Fabian is a hardworking student. He is always on task in lessons and contributes to class discussions with great ideas and comments. Well done!
Lea	Jasmine S.	Jasmine created a fabulous diorama for her homework. The attention to detail and handmade plants and animals were impressive and it was all her own work, Well done!
Thames	Fatima	For excellent application of taught strategies to her reading comprehension task. She has made great progress because of her perseverance. Well done!



Robert (Brent Class) for helping stamp books for me in the morning.
Thank you for your help and kindness!



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



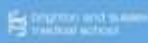
Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

Secure system, all communications encrypted



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Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run across the winter holidays (**21st December – 5th January**) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4 – 16 years, receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds. For more information click the following [link](https://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun).

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition



Make a Christmas card for a chance to have tea with the mayor and to win a certificate.

Try your luck and make a Christmas card design that is:

- On A4 paper
- That follows the theme 'Peace at Christmas'
- And is submitted on Friday 17 November 2023

Good Luck and Have Fun!

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Southwark Children and Family Centres
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



Autumn Timetable 30th October-15th December 2023

We are now operating a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre.
A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Monday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Stay and Play (1 year and above)
10:00am-11:30am

Parent/Carers exploring, learning, and developing through fun and stimulating play activities.

Baby Massage (8 weeks old-Pre-crawlers) Booking Required

Dates: 6th November - 4th December
Times:
Group 1 - 12:45pm- 1:45pm
Group 2 - 2:30pm- 3:30pm

Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Next Steps- Autism Parenting Training (Invitation Only)
For families with children under 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 13th Nov- 16th December
Times: 10am-12:00pm

Bookstart Sessions

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only
10:00am-11:30am

Canada Water Library
21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

Blue Anchor Library
Market place, London, SE16 3UG

Tuesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby and Us (From birth up to 12 months)
10:00am-11:30am

Join this relaxed session and have an opportunity to bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years)
1:30pm-3:00pm

A fun and playful session that encourages the development of early attention, social interaction and communication skills, for children with additional, special educational needs.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)

Dates: 19th Sept-21st Nov 2023
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm

Connect with your baby in a supportive space, unwind and de-stress through the joy of singing and music-making.

For more information and to register, email: mdm@breatheah.org or visit: breatheah.org

Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

NEW SESSION

Toddler Time (2 years and above)
10:00am-11:30am

A session for families with toddlers to explore their curiosity, learn through play and supporting next steps into nursery.

Chattertime Plus (18 months and above)
1:30pm-3:00pm

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs and areas such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Stay and Play + Bookstart (0-5 years)
10am-11:30am

Parent/Carers exploring, learning, and developing through fun and stimulating play activities.

NEW SESSION

Boogie Mites Music (12 months and above)
1:45pm-2:15pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social development.

Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

EPEC Baby and Us (New Parenting Programme) (0-9 months old)
(Invitation Only)

Dates: 5th Oct-7th Dec
Times: 10am-12pm

A 9-week peer-led group which helps parents feel confident for parenting and everyday life with your new baby

Boogie Mites Music (0-12 months)
2:00pm-2:30pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café (Drop In)
10:00am-12:00pm

A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

Friday

Venue: Rotherhithe

Boogie Mites

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Times: 10:00am - 10:30 am

Ages: 0-12 months

Times: 11:15am-11:45pm

Ages: 12 months and above

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months)
10:00am-11:30am

Engage with your baby in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Cygnel Workshop- Autism Parenting Training (Invitation Only)

For families with children over 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 17th Nov- 22nd Dec

Times: 12pm-2:00pm

POLITE NOTICE

Due to our popularity of our groups please note that priority will be given to families trying to access our sessions. We would like to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy, and some groups have a limited number of families permitted in our centres.

Are you expecting a baby, or new to Parenting?

Parents and Peanuts is a space for parents to ask questions and discuss hopes and fears, take away some of the parenting unknowns and meet other parents.

For further information and support, email: shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk