



NEWSLETTER

1st May 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our School council and all the Key Stage 2 classes really enjoyed their visit from fifteen Tesco Directors on Wednesday, as you can see from the photographs.

Just a note for the diary, school photographs are scheduled for Friday 15th May.

I hope you all enjoy your extended weekend and I look forward to greeting you at the school gates in the afternoons.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Interim Headteacher

Headteacher's thought for the week!

The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.

Reminder – Bank Holiday and Polling Day next week!

A quick reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 4th May** to celebrate the May Day Bank Holiday.

Next **Thursday, 7th May** is Polling Day and the **school will only be open for Year 6 pupils who must attend.**

Open Air Classroom - Tesco in school this week!

Some very special visitors from Tesco Head Office and other European offices came into school yesterday to help clear our garden area in preparation for its transformation. With a broad set of skills and expertise; ranging from marketing and online advertising to talent scouts and law; this team of volunteers worked with pupils to dig up the garden area and shared a wealth of knowledge with children during classroom sessions in the afternoon.





Attendance

The whole school attendance for this week is **95.7%**; we are almost reached our target of **96%** so keep up the good work everyone! Classes with the best attendance for the week are as follows below:

Reception **Goldsmiths 95.0%**

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) **Newcastle 98.2%**

Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) **Bolton 98.4%**

Transition Trophy

Transition trophies were awarded to the classes who have shown great behaviour when moving round the school this week:

Reception **Cambridge**

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) **Newcastle**

Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) **Bolton**

PE Classes and Superstars of the Week !

The following children and classes were selected to receive certificates this week:

Reception:

PE Superstar: **Yunus Jambang (Goldsmiths)**

PE Class: **Goldsmiths**

Key Stage One:

PE Superstar: **Daniel Lascelles (Newcastle)**

PE Class: **Newcastle**

Key Stage Two:

PE Superstar: **Charif Atwi (Cardiff)**

PE Class: **Cardiff**

Volunteers for the Franklin Fork to Fork Festival

Thank you so much for the parents/ carers who have returned the volunteer slip to say that they are happy to volunteer at our Fork to Fork Festival on the 13th June. We will be contacting you soon to arrange a meeting. We still require more helpers therefore, if you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office. **Please remember that volunteers get free admission to this fabulous event!**

Reminder - Access to school

The school gates are open from 8.30am until 8.50am. Children must enter school via the school gates allocated for their year group and not via the school office. The only children, who are permitted to come into school via the office during that time, are those who attend the morning club. If your child arrives after 8.50am, they must come in via the school office to ensure that they are marked in for the day. Thank you.

Achievements Wall

In line with one of our key ARISE values; our Achievements wall continues to celebrate our children's progress across the school. Congratulations this week to **Sylvia Delargy Crawley** in Year 1 Roehampton class!



Sylvia has written her own book and her brother, Nicholas, has illustrated it.

Summer Uniform

Please note that girls in summer dress are not allowed to wear leggings underneath their dresses. They must wear either white socks or tights.

Enrichment Clubs:

All of the enrichment clubs are up and running. If your child is not attending a club, but would like to join one, please come to the office reception area to put your child's name on the waiting list.

Children who are on the waiting lists will be offered spaces as soon as spaces become available.

'History Explorers' Club for Year 3 & 4 pupils has started!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware tickets are already available for our incredible **Franklin Fork to Fork Food Festival**, which is taking place here at our school on **Saturday 13th June 2015 from 12.00noon to 6.00pm**. We are able to offer special priced tickets for our parents and carers at £3.00 instead of £5.00 for a **limited period up to 22nd May 2015**. Please remember that children under 12 have free admission.

At the festival there will be lots of different areas starting with the **World Fete Area** with lots of stalls selling handmade artefacts representing lots of countries, these will be made by our children. There will be a cake stall, a plant stall and lots more. Visitors will be able to relax in our picnic garden. There will be children's entertainers with lots of activities for them to take part in. During the course of the day there will be performances by a selection of our children from every year group with songs and dances from different corners of the world. We will send out more information about the performances very soon.

In the Food Festival Area you will find lots of talented and creative chefs, restaurateurs and producers celebrating healthy food and traditional recipes from all over the world. It will feature food and produce stalls, chef demonstrations, talks and tastings. You will have an opportunity to purchase and taste signature dishes created by these talented chefs, who are giving up their time and donations to support Ark Franklin.

The festival is being run to raise money so that we can create an open air classroom in our amazing garden and playground space. We plan to have raised beds where we can grow our own produce, wildflower areas to attract butterflies, a solar powered oven, a recycling area, a bike blender, music installations, a pond and even an amphitheatre!

It will be an opportunity for the whole community to come together to celebrate the wonderful and diverse cultures of our pupils, staff, parents and wider community. Parents and children are encouraged to come along wearing traditional costumes. It promises to be a great family day out!

Book now to avoid disappointment!



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