



NEWSLETTER

8th May 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

Just a reminder to year 6 parents, it is SATs week next week, please ensure your children are in on time every day. We will be providing a complimentary breakfast in the dining hall on Monday to Thursday from 8.00am for year 6 children, please take advantage of this.

Next week our 'Happy Playgrounds' initiative will start across the school; ask your children all about it.

Enjoy your weekend.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Interim Headteacher



Headteacher's thought for the week!

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Reminder - School class photographs are next Friday!

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Meeting for New Nursery and Reception Intake 2015/16

We will be inviting all parents and carers of pupils who have been offered a place to start in our nursery or reception this September, to attend a meeting on the following dates:

Nursery - Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 9.15am

Reception - Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 9.15am

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this week is **95.2%**; please help us reach our target of **96%** by being here every day and on time! Classes with the best attendance for the week are:

Reception Goldsmiths 95.1%

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) Imperial 96.0%

Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Dundee 96.2%

Please remember to call the school before 8.50am to report your child's absence. You need to give your child's name, class and give a reason why they are absent from school.

Authorised absences are only given in extreme circumstances such as your child's illness (not yours) or bereavement of a close family member. We do not accept birthdays, tiredness, incorrect uniform or 'my car would not start'. Please give your child the best start by ensuring they arrive promptly each day. Thank you for your support.

Meeting for the Franklin Fork to Fork Festival volunteers

We have arranged a meeting for all the volunteers at 9.00am on Thursday 21st May 2015. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. 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 **Sakina Bendris** in Year 2 Southampton class!



Sakina went mining for gold and came home with lots of gold nuggets...& a medal!

A quick note: Celebrating your child's birthday in school

Due to a high number of our children having allergies, no birthday cakes, food items or party bags are allowed in school. Please rest assured that if it is your child's birthday, this will be acknowledged and celebrated at school by their teacher and class, who will sing 'Happy Birthday'.

Instead, a book could be donated to the class with your child's name written inside and the date. This is something that will be enjoyed by the whole class.

Super Learners, PE Classes and Superstars are back next week!



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!



Ark Franklin – Proudly Celebrating Our Diversity!

