

Scott Wilkie News



Autumn 1 - October 2022

Striving to provide a world class education to create world class citizens

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of this first half term. It has been a busy half term but a great start to the new academic year with the children settled into their new classes well. It has been lovely to see a full return to normality including sharing assemblies on Thursdays where the children have an opportunity to share their learning with the rest of the school and you. Please check the Assembly Rota to find out when you can come in to see your child's assembly. There was lots going on over the Summer holidays to further improve the school site including the replacement of all the water pipes in the school, replacing carpets in KS2 classrooms and preparing the walls in the halls to install maps that will support children's learning. We are continuing to develop the KS1 playground and are hoping to have a shelter installed which will enable the children to continue to access outdoor learning whilst being protected from rain. The children and staff have all worked really hard to ensure learning is maximised this term and I hope they all have a chance to get the rest they deserve. As always, thank you for your support. I wish you all an enjoyable and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.

Reading helps expand your child's vocabulary.

At 5 years old, if a child is not read to they will only know 4,662 words. A child who is read 5 books a day will know 1,483,300 words. Please help your child by reading to them this holiday and by encouraging them to read. Remember children who can not yet read can still use books to 'read' and tell you the story using pictures.



Attendance Matters

Class	%
RK	89.3
RD	93.8
1S	93.4
1H	92.3
2A	95.0
2R	90.2
3C	94.3
3O	95.6
4P	96.9
5R	97.6
5J	91.4
6B	95.5
6S	96.9
All	94.7

Based on the attendance figures from the 5th September to 20th October, 5R are the attendance winners for this half term—well done to them! Unfortunately, the overall attendance for Y1-6 during that time is 94.7% which is below the national target of 96%. Attending school regularly means that your child can make the most of their education and this has shown to improve their chances in adult life. Next half-term, the 'Attendance Fairy' will resume her weekly visits to Scott Wilkie visiting and rewarding the children in Reception and Year 1 who have had 100% attendance that week. If you are struggling to get your child into school, please speak to Mrs Edwards.



Whole School Sharing Assembly

The table below shows which classes have an assembly coming up next half term so that you can see when it is your child's class's turn and come and see your child. Please arrive just before 11am. The assemblies last for about 20mins. We look forward to seeing you there.

Y3	Thursday 3rd November
Y6 - Head Pupil Speeches	Thursday 10th November
Y2	Thursday 17th November
6B	Thursday 24th November
5J	Thursday 1st December

Applying for a Reception Place

If your child is born between September 2018 and the 31st August 2019, you should now apply for a Reception place. Apply via the [eAdmissions](https://www.eadmissions.org.uk) portal (<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>). The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. Please remember, all must apply even if your child already attends our Nursery. Please speak to Ms Parkes if you have any questions. If you know any family or friends who are also looking for Reception places please pass on the details. We are also holding a further open event on Wednesday 23rd November from 4:30-5pm where they can come and find out about our Reception.





Dates to Note



INSET Days—School Closed:

Friday 25th November 2022

Friday 24th March 2023

Holiday — School Closed

Monday 24th — Friday 28th October 2022

Thursday 22nd December — Wednesday 4th January 2023—Christmas Holiday

Monday 13th — Friday 17th February 2023

Monday 3rd — Friday 14 April 2023

Other Dates to Note

Monday 31st October—Year 4 Visit to Terling

Thursday 3rd November 2022 — Flu Vaccinations - all year groups - 1st of 2 sessions

Parents' Meetings — Thursday 24th November 2022 (School Closes at 1:30pm)

Parents' Meetings — Thursday 23rd March 2023 (School Closes at 1:30pm)

Monday 7th-11th November 2022—Walk to School Week

Monday 7th November 2022—Non-uniform day — Asthma Awareness

Monday 7th November — Year 2 History off the Page

Friday 11th November — Year 3 Visit to the Museum of London

Monday 14th November — Y5 History off the Page — Ancient Greece

Tuesday 22nd November 2022—No After School Clubs.

28th November—Friday 2nd December 2022—Y5 Bikability

Thursday 1st December 2022 — Flu vaccinations - all year groups - 2nd of 2 sessions

Friday 9th December 2022 — Christmas Jumper day

Friday 16th December 2022 — KS2 Visit to Pantomime at Theatre Royal Stratford East,

Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Harvest Collection. Your generosity is really appreciated particularly in the current economic climate.

Curriculum - Autumn 2 Flip Learning

Below are some of the areas children will be learning about next half-term. Remember, you can help your child by supporting them to research using the internet, books or visits to museums. Please check the website for further details.

Nursery	The Gingerbread Man Food & Celebrations
Reception	We're going on a bear hunt Exploring Our Environment
Year 1	The Magic Paintbrush Animals (Humans focus) My School & Where I Live
Year 2	Jack & the Beanstalk Living Things and their Habitats
Year 3	Light Stone Age to Iron Age
Year 4	Animals including humans (Digestion and Teeth) London versus Terling—Cities & Villages
Year 5	Properties & changes to materials Ancient Greece
Year 6	Electricity Battle of Britain

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 12: Children have the right to give their opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Message from Miss Dallas:

This half-term, KS2 children had the opportunity to stand to be the rights ambassador for their class. Each candidate wrote a short speech detailing why they should be the rights ambassador and shared some of the ideas they had. Each class then voted for their ambassador. Thank you to all the children who applied to be a rights ambassador this year. It is great to see so many of you are interested in ensuring the school continues to uphold and respect the rights of all children. Well done to the pupils in each class who were selected:

Year 3- Ayaan

Year 4- Zile and Paul

5J- Akram

5R- Ellie

6B- Rahil

6S- Ada



It will be a very exciting year working with you to raise awareness of children's rights around the school and local community.

Survey Results

Every year, we ask parents, children and staff for their thoughts about the school. We are pleased to share the results from the survey last term which are generally very positive. Of course we will be working to address the areas identified as needing improvement.

Parents:

59 Surveys returned:

98% said their child is happy at school

98% said their child feels safe at this school

97% said they would recommend the school to another parent

Some of the the things the school does well:

- Staff know all the children very well and their needs
- Kind and professional staff.
- Teachers communicate well with the parents.

What could be improved:

- The majority of parents stated nothing or don't know re: what would make provision better
- More staff to be able to do one to one teaching where it is needed.
- School meals

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent/Carer Survey. Feedback helps us continue to develop. Please remember if you are unhappy about something or have any other feedback you do not have to wait until the survey time. Please speak to myself or any other senior member of staff. Staff work hard to ensure we do the best by the children however we might not always get it perfect. We are however, always keen to hear how we can make Scott Wilkie even better and so are always open to feedback provided in a respectful manner.

Pupils

155 surveys returned: Y3 - Y6

78% attend an additional club before or after school

96% reported they were happy at school

95% reported that they found their lessons interesting

100% reported their teacher had high expectations of them.

96% reported they felt safe at school

95% felt safe in their community

Some of the things the school does well:

- Teaching - they try their best to make sure everyone participates in lessons and the teachers aim for students to achieve their goals.
- Educational visits - the trips are very educational and the workshops are really good to help us with our learning.
- Help, care and support - they do lots of things to help the children at Scott Wilkie and that is not just the staff but the children are helping each other. That is a very important quality in a school.

What could be improved:

- School dinners & snacks - have more of a wide variety of food for our school break times like watermelons, mangoes and passion fruit / reduce the amount of food waste
- Wider curriculum/clubs/extra curricular provision - More art, DT & swimming / acting class in the school day

Uniform

We have noticed that some children are not wearing the correct uniform. During the holiday, please ensure that your child has the correct uniform ready for when they return to school. A reminder that if you would like to purchase the school logo jumpers these can be purchased from Ian Howard or from the school office. If your child has PE they must wear the school PE kit to school that day.



Newham Childcare Survey

The London Borough of Newham would like to hear from parents and carers about their childcare needs. Your views are important in helping us decide how to shape services that will be useful for you.

Parents and carers in Newham are being asked whether they use childcare, how they use it, what they think about it and whether they would like to use more.

The questionnaire will take around 10 minutes to complete. The closing date for completion is 5pm on Friday 2nd December 2022. Newham are really keen to ensure your views are taken into account. **Any parent completing the survey can opt in to be entered into a free prize draw for a chance to win £100 of shopping vouchers.**

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