

# Scott Wilkie News



Summer 2 - May 2023

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It is hard to believe that after the half term holiday next week, we will only have one half term left before the end of this academic year. As always there have been many highlights to this half term - see the website for photos. The staff and children have worked hard and visitors to the school this half term have once again been impressed. I do want to say a special well done to the Year 6 children and staff for the work they put into doing the best they can in their SATs. Well done to Year 2 too who have also just finished their SATs tests.

The last half term is always very busy and indeed the school calendar is already full of a range of events including many which parents and family are invited to. You can find dates for some of these events in the *Dates to Note* section of this newsletter. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the school fair on Friday 7th July. We have been working on further improving playtime and the School Council have decided that they would like the money raised to be spent on further resources for playtime. Following its absence since pre-covid times, the Scott Wilkie Carnival returns on Tuesday 18th July. The carnival will take place (weather permitting) on the KS2 field - please do come along to watch and support the children as the classes perform the dances they have learnt. Finally, no summer term can be complete without sports day and the end of year shows from Y6 and Performing Arts - I look forward to seeing the children and you at these events.

We continue to speak to the children about staying safe online and limiting time on devices. As a parent myself, I know how challenging this can be. I have included details of a really helpful website in this newsletter. Please do speak to us if you have any concerns or require support - we are here to help.

With the lovely weather this week and the promise of the same for next week, I for one am looking forward to the half term and the chance to rest and spend time with my family. I want to thank all the staff for another great half term and wish them a well deserved rest. Thank you for your continued support - we want the best for all the children at Scott Wilkie and we know that working together is the best way of achieving this.

Whatever you are doing, I hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th June.

Class	%
RK	93.7
RD	93.3
IH	92.8
IS	93.7
2A	91.6
2R	94.4
3C	94.8
3O	96.3
4P	92.6
5J	92.2
5R	95.4
6B	93.5
6S	96.8
All	94.0

## Attendance Matters

The class with the best attendance this half term is **6S** — well done to them! It is good to see some classes have improved on their attendance from last term, however we are still unfortunately below our target of 95%.

We asking you to make an extra effort for this last half-term to ensure that your child's attendance is as high as possible at the end of the year.

Every lesson is part of a sequence. Even missing a day can mean that your child might struggle more with their learning. Please help your child succeed by ensuring that they do not miss school unnecessarily.

Please ensure that appoints and holidays are booked during the school holidays.

Remember, if you are struggling getting your child to school, please speak to Ms Edwards or myself.



## Warm weather

In light of the warmer, sunnier weather, to shade your child from the sun, please can you provide your child with a sun hat/cap.

## Laces

Please only send your child to school with laces on their shoes if they are able to tie them up. Although staff will tie them up, sometimes a child may not be near an adult when they come undone. Children who can not tie their laces may trip and fall injuring themselves. Please get your child to practise over the holiday or alternatively send them in with Velcro shoes.



## Uniform

The warmer weather is not an excuse to abandon school uniform! Please ensure your child is in correct uniform.



## Dates to Note



### School Closed

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023 - Half-Term

Friday 21st July - Thursday 31st August 2023 - Summer Holiday

Friday 1st September 2023 - INSET Day

### Other Important Dates:

Thursday 8th June - Y3 Ancient Egyptian Day

Monday 23rd June - Year 4 Thames Explorer Visit

Tuesday 4th July - Y6 Chessington Visit

Friday 7th July - KS2 Non Competitive Sports Day

End of term - Thursday 20th July - School closes at 1:30pm

### Events parents are invited to:

Monday 3rd July - Fairplay House Meeting Year 5 Parents 3:30pm

Friday 7th July - Summer Fair, 3:30-5:00pm

Monday 10th July - KSI Sports Day, 1:30-3:30pm

Thursday 13th July - Year 6 'The Jungle Book' Show, 4-5:00pm

Friday 14th July - Performing Arts Showcase, 4-5:00pm

Monday 17th July - KS2 Competitive Sports Day, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday 18th July - Carnival, 2-3:30pm

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 9:15-10:15am

## Curriculum - Summer 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 and galleries. Please check the website for further details.

Nursery	Superheroes Handa's Surprise
Reception	The Environment Bertie and the Dragonfly
Year 1	Science: Plants Geography: The weather & seasonal changes Where will we send Barnaby bear on holiday?
Year 2	Science: Plants Geography: One world - pushing boundaries (land and sea)
Year 3	Science: Plants History: Ancient Egyptians
Year 4	Science: Living things in their habitats Geography: Rivers, Lakes, Seas and Oceans
Year 5	Science: Animals Including Humans History: Anglo Saxons and Vikings
Year 6	Science: Animals Including Humans History: Battle of Britain

### Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated or bought cakes in the cake sale that School Council organised to raise money for Turkey and Syria following the Earthquake. Thanks to your generosity, we managed to raise an amazing £487.

### Starting School in September 2023?

We have a few places remaining in our Reception classes for September. If you know anyone who has a child who will be Reception age in September, please ask them to get in touch with the office in person or by phone.



## Sports News



Competition results this term:

Year 6 boys football team: 1st place in their mini league

2nd place in the Newham league finals

Year 6 girls football team: 1st place in their mini league

3rd place in the Newham league finals

4th place in East London Celebration Girls Festival

Year 6 Basketball competition: 1st place

Y5/6 Seated Volleyball: 1st place

As you can see another great half-term for sports at Scott Wilkie. Well done to all the children who took part. A huge congratulations to our Basketball and Seated Volleyball team who will now go on to represent Newham in the London Youth Games next month.



# Keeping your child safe online



Internet Matters' website provides advice for parents for keeping their children safe online. There are helpful tips (e.g. how to set parent controls on a device) as well as resources and videos. There are sections for each age group from pre-school to secondary school.

Please check their website [www.internetmatters.org/advice](http://www.internetmatters.org/advice)



## FREE Webinar for Parents

With many children now accessing devices within the very first years of life they are can be exposed to many risks associated with using devices. LGFL have partnered with the Early Years Alliance to offer a 1 hour webinar on Thursday 8th June 10-11am to parents of children aged 0-5 years, about simple steps to take to keep children safe when using online devices. You can find out what practical steps you can take to make sure your child is safe when using a device, and how to promote healthy use of devices with your pre-schooler.



To book your free tickets go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for Family Connect: screens in the early years.

## Polite Request

If you have an issue or are unhappy with an incident in school involving another child, please remember to speak to a member of staff. It is not appropriate to approach the child concerned or another parent.

## Scholars Graduate

A group of our Year 6 children have been taking part in the Scholars Programme. The programme provides challenging courses on subjects beyond the curriculum, taught by a world class researcher. The children have experienced university-style learning in small group tutorials. They had to write an essay of 1,000 words mainly in their own time. The children visited Holloway University and had their own graduation ceremony there. Thank you to Miss Blackman for supporting the children.



## Some of the highlights this half-term

