

Scott Wilkie News



Autumn 2 - December 2023

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Message from Mrs Quayum

We reach the end of a full and busy term with the additional seasonal festivities of Christmas lunch, concerts at the Accession Church and the children's performances. It was lovely to see so many of you come to support your children as they performed. We have had a number of visitors this term looking at a range of areas across the school but the feedback has been consistently positive and in particular they have been impressed by learning behaviours - the focus and engagement of the children. One area that unfortunately requires improving at the SW is attendance - see below. I ask for your support next term to help improve this. Please speak to us if you would like support improving your child's attendance. Next year we will be having a two week break at half term break in the Autumn Term instead of INSET days throughout the year - the dates are now on the website. I want to thank the amazing staff who work so hard to support and help Scott Wilkie children flourish. Thank you also to all our families for your continued support and feedback - remember we always welcome feedback both positive and areas that we can improve on. We just ask that it is delivered in a polite manner. Now that the holiday is finally here, I am certainly looking forward to rest and spending time with my family. However you are spending the new two weeks, I hope you all have an enjoyable break. To everyone celebrating, I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January 2024!

Attendance Matters

Class	%
RD	90.0
RK	90.5
IH	90.6
IS	93.2
2A	96.0
2R	92.9
3B	94.3
3O	92.9
4C	95.5
4P	96.5
5J	94.7
6R	91.4
6S	93.1
All	93.7

Based on the attendance figures from the 4th September to 20th December, 4P are the attendance winners for this term - a big well done to them! Unfortunately, the overall attendance for Y1-6 during that time is 93.7% which is below the national target of 96% and even below our attendance for this time last year.



Missing even a day of school matters. Attending school regularly helps children with forming friendships, being happier and of course making the most of their education. The government and Newham are focusing on improving attendance. We work closely with an attendance officer from Newham who will be meeting with the parents of children where attendance falls below 90%.

Remember if you are struggling getting your child into school, please speak to Mrs Edwards.

Whole School Sharing Assembly

The table below shows which classes have an assembly coming up over the next 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.

Date	Class
18.01.24	4C
28.2.24	6R
29.2.24	Young Voices Choir Performance
21.03.24	2A

Farewell

Sadly we say Farewell to Miss Davies and Miss Aisha who are leaving us this term. Miss Davies joined us last September as a Reception teacher. She has been a fantastic addition to our team. Miss Davies is leaving us as she is relocating out of London. Miss Aisha has worked largely in our KS2 SEN Hub and has done an amazing job supporting the children who have flourished under her care. Miss Aisha is taking a break from working in school but we hope she will return in the future! We thank them both for their hard work and wish them both every happiness for the future.

The Reading Corner

A message from Miss Dallas (Literacy Leader)

Reading is essential to a child's success, but the role of libraries in a child's development is also very important. Visiting the library can encourage reading and exploration in children as well as developing responsibility by requiring them to return books on time. This term, all our pupils enjoyed a visit to Custom House Library where they chose a book to borrow. We hope you have enjoyed reading their chosen book with them. The library is currently running a Winter Reading Challenge until 20th February. Pupils have until then to read three books and collect their stickers in order to get their certificate. Hopefully, over the winter holiday you get a chance to visit the library as a family and choose some books to read together. Before you go, please gather any library books you have at home to take with you to return.

Reading is one of the best ways to foster imagination and encourage creativity. A number of year 5 and year 6 pupils used their creativity to write extremely impressive 500 word stories which we entered into the BBC 500 words competition this year. All of them should be very proud of their stories but two pupils, Sarina (Year 6) and Aliyah (Year 5) impressed the judges and beat tens of thousands of entries to progress to the next round. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for them!

Curriculum - Spring | Flip Learning

Below are some of the areas children will be learning about next half-term. Please check the website for further details. Remember, you can help your child by supporting them to research using the internet, books or visits to museums. Children will be set a holiday flip-learning task—an opportunity to show what they have discovered so far. This is a project that they can work on with other family members.

Nursery	Houses & Homes
Reception	Kings, queens, princesses & princesses
Year 1	Seasonal Changes How is my life different to that of my parents, grandparents?
Year 2	Materials (Grouping & classifying & changing materials) Great Britons – Florence Nightingale
Year 3	Our changing planet / Natural Disasters Forces & magnets
Year 4	States of matter The Roman Empire and Romans in Britain
Year 5	Earth & Space Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest
Year 6	Electricity The Changing Docks

Fundraising

School Council arranged two fund raising events this term.

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated. A

total of £230 was raised for Children in Need and £158 was raised on Christmas Jumper Day.



All the children had Christmas Lunch compete with crackers and dessert!



Year 1 - RE
The Christmas Journey



Y2 - Science Visit to the Soames Centre

Applying for a Reception Place

If your child is born between September 2019 and the 31st August 2020, you should now apply for a Reception place. Apply via the [eAdmissions](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) portal (www.eadmissions.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. Please remember, all must apply even if your child already attends our Nursery. Please speak to a member of staff in the office 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 will be holding an open event in November where they can come and find out about our Reception.



Dates to Note



INSET Days - School Closed:

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2024

Holiday - School Closed

Thursday 23rd December—Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - Christmas Holiday

Monday 12th—Friday 16th February 2023 - Half term

Monday 29th March — Friday 12th April 2023 - Easter Holiday

Other Dates to Note

Monday 15th January - Year 1 London Aquarium Visit

Tuesday 16th January - Year 6 Tate & Lyle Visit

Friday 19th January - Nursery, Reception & Year 1 NHS Dental Team Fluoride Varnish (only with parental consent)

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th January - Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 24th January - Year 6 Stratford Theatre

Monday 29th - Wednesday 31st January - Reception Hearing and Vision Test

Wednesday 31st January - Young Voices - Glee Club Visit

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Message from Rights Ambassadors:

At Scott Wilkie this term we have been focusing on:

Article 28- Every child has the right to an education.

In our Rights Ambassador meetings, we discussed why children miss school and what we could do to encourage all pupils to come into school every day and on time. As a result, we have introduced Attendance Star Charts - every day that every child in the class is in (100% attendance) the class gets a star. At the end of term, they can exchange their stars for a class treat. We also introduced dedicated early morning class coaches who help late pupils catch up with missed learning. Next term we will be focusing on:

Article 24- Every child has the right to live and learn in a safe environment, eat healthy food and drink clean water.

We will be working closely with the Eco Warriors to make our school more environmentally friendly and supporting pupils to make healthy life choices. We hope children will be able to use what they learn in school at home too. Next term, please look out for some home learning projects you can do with your child at home to support us with this.



SW Sports News



Well done to our Basketball Team who came first in their recent competition at UEL. They competed in the morning and returned with their medals and the trophy and still managed to fit in Christmas lunch! Don't forget, if your child would like to develop their basketball skills we offer a Basketball Club for KS2 children on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

