

Scott Wilkie News



Spring 1 - February 2024

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Message from Mrs Quayum

We have already reached the half way point in this academic year. It has been another busy half term at SW and as always it has been filled with great learning and enrichment. Citizenship and aspirations week took place this half term with the children's learning being enriched with visitors to the school ranging from a pharmacist to a musician; whilst visits included a trip to a fire station for Reception and the Royal Courts of Justice for Year 5. On 6th February, the Key Stage 2 classes took part in Safer Internet Day including joining a live lesson with children across the country. On that note, could I remind you that should you want help ensuring that you are keeping your child safe on line please see the website www.internetmatters.org/advice/ or please let a member of SLT know. World Book day takes place next half term. We encourage you to help your child to come up with a costume with things you already have at home rather than spending money buying one. A quick search on the internet will provide you with lots of ideas. As a school, each year, we identify key areas we intend to focus on to further develop the teaching and learning across the school. One of the areas we have been focusing on developing is oracy. I have included information about this in this newsletter. Thank you as always to our staff for their hard work and to our families for their support. Whatever you are doing over the half term, I hope you have a lovely break. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February!

Attendance Matters

| Class | % |
|-------|------|
| RD | 91.7 |
| RK | 91.0 |
| IH | 92.6 |
| IS | 92.4 |
| 2A | 92.9 |
| 2R | 93.2 |
| 3B | 93.7 |
| 3O | 91.8 |
| 4C | 95.9 |
| 4P | 93.5 |
| 5J | 94.1 |
| 6R | 93.7 |
| 6S | 94.9 |
| All | 93.6 |



Based on the attendance figures from the 8th January to 9th February, with 95.9%, 4P are once again the attendance

winner for this half term - a big well done to them! However, the overall attendance for Y1-6 for this term at 93.6% continues to remain below the national target of 96%. I am hoping that when we return the weather will have improved and with it attendance.

Mrs Edwards and I will be holding meetings with both children and parents where attendance is a concern next half term to see how we can help your child's attendance improve.

I have been spending some time in the last few weeks in Year 6 and have experienced the impact missing school has on a child's ability to cope with new learning. Please help your child by ensuring their attendance improves next half term.

Whole School Sharing Assembly

Sharing Assemblies take place on Thursday mornings at 11:00am and last for about 20 minutes. Parents are invited to these assemblies to see their child share some of their learning with the school. If you would like to come and support your child, please see the timetable below to see if your child will be taking part in the next half term.

| Date | Class |
|---------|---------------------|
| 2.5.24 | 5J Sharing Assembly |
| 16.5.24 | 2R Sharing Assembly |
| 23.5.24 | Performing Arts |

Goodbye Hannah

Hannah Cleland, leaves us after working at Scott Wilkie for 11 years. She joined us as the School Business Manager and following the school's academisation took on the role of Chief Financial Officer for Agate Momentum Trust. Hannah has been committed to supporting the children, staff and parents at the school during her time here. We thank her for all her hard work over this time. I am sure you will join me in wishing Hannah all the very best. We hope she stays in touch!

The Reading Corner

A message from Miss Dallas (Literacy Leader)

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. This year we will be organising a range of exciting activities for the pupils to enjoy and encourage a love of reading including the a dress up day where children can dress up as a character from a book of their choice. There will be prizes for the best costumes. We are encouraging home made costumes so why not use half-term to work with your child on their costume. There are lots of websites with ideas for homemade costumes—have a google! We very excited to announce that two well known authors will be visiting the school. The children in Nursery to Y3 will have the chance to meet Karin Littlewood, an author-illustrator of picture books with deeper themes than initially meet the eye, while Cath Howe author of Ella on the Outside will be visiting children in Year 4 to Year 6. Although they will not be selling their books they have agreed to sign prebought books. If you would like your child to have a booked signed you will be able to order a book to purchase via the office. Details to follow.

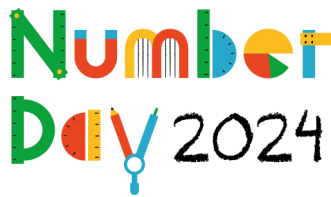
Curriculum - Spring 2 Flip Learning

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.

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| Nursery | The Little Red Hen |
| Reception | Little Red Riding Hood Forest Animals |
| Year 1 | Science: Everyday Materials History: How is my life different to that of my parents, grandparents? |
| Year 2 | Materials - Changing materials) History: Great Britons – Florence Nightingale |
| Year 3 | Science: Forces and Magnets Geography: Our changing planet / Natural Disasters |
| Year 4 | Science: States of matter History: The Roman Empire and Romans in Britain |
| Year 5 | Science: Earth & Space Geography: Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest |
| Year 6 | Science: Animals Including Humans History: Battle of Britain |

Food Hygiene Rating

The school kitchen which provides lunch for the children as well as playtime snacks had a full inspection in January. I am please to say they scored the top rating. Well done to Frances and her team!



Children took part in Number Day on Friday 2nd February to raise money for the NSPCC.

Not only did the children dress up but they also had the chance to take part in special number related activities and games. Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised a total of £88.10.

Spring 1 - Enrichment



Oracy

What is Oracy? Oracy is the ability to express your ideas clearly and communicate effectively with others.

In school, oracy supports all learning as by teaching the children to be better speakers and listeners, we help them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. Oracy helps children to succeed not just at school but in life. This is why oracy has been one of the areas we have been developing across the school this year. We will be providing staff with training on this throughout the year and some of the time during the INSET days in January was spent on this.

What can you do to help your child develop their oracy skills at home?

- Whenever you can, talk to your child! Talk to them about anything at all for example talk to them about how their school day was.
- As we now live in an age of the mobile phones and other devices, there often can feel like there are fewer opportunities for parents/carers and children to talk to each other. Set aside a special time each day where any devices (both children's and adult's) are put away to enable the focus to be on conversation instead. This special time could be at any point during the day - at the dinner table or on the way to or from school.
- When your child talks to you, ask them questions about what they say.
- Encourage your child to ask you questions - even though you might not always know the answer.

What if my English is not fluent?

Don't worry! Having conversations in your home language is also very valuable in developing your child's oracy skills.



SW Sports News



This term children have had the opportunity to take part in a number of sporting events including the Ten Pin Bowling East London Semi Finals and the KSI Cricket Festival. Well done to all children who were selected to take part in competitions. A particular well done to our Y3/4 Badminton team who won second place at the Badminton Competition and missed out on first place by 1 point! Ms Mayyuf is currently working hard on further widening the sports opportunities children have at Scott Wilkie, including exploring the possibility of rock climbing. Watch this space!



Dates to Note



Holiday - School Closed

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term

Last day of term - Thursday 28th March - School finishes at 1:30pm

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024 - Holiday

Other Dates to Note

Monday 19th February - Year 4 Sri Murugan

Wednesday 21st February - Year 6 East London Buddhist Cultural Centre

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (Dress up as a character from a book)

Tuesday 12th March - Y3 Natural History Museum

Wednesday 27th March - Parent Meetings - **School finishes at 1:30pm**

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Message from Rights Ambassadors:

This term the Rights Ambassadors have spoken to their class and decided our focus will be:

Article 27: The Right to Clean Water, Healthy Food and a Safe, Clean Environment.

As part of this focus, the Rights Ambassadors and Eco Warriors will be working together and collaborating with a school in Ghana on a project to tackle climate change as part of the British Council's Guided Partnerships Programme. We are looking forward to sharing our work with you later in the term.

Over the half-term, take this opportunity to talk to your child about ways you can help the environment at home and work together to make your home more environmentally friendly. You could also talk to them about the choices they can make to ensure they have a healthy diet and maybe have some fun in the kitchen together creating a healthy meal for the family!