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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

*Words of the month: Curiosity & Mutual Respect*

### Tips for Parents: Safeguarding and e-Safety

In our continued commitment to ensuring parents are fully informed and ensuring children keep safe online we are going to run a regular slot on the Newsletter with tips and advice to support you.

The school website has some incredibly useful links to sites that can help parents feel more informed on these topics, please visit <http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/parents/parent-and-school/useful-links/>

Many of our children often mention playing on Roblox, a popular gaming site, however our local community police officer has asked that we notify parents/carers of information about the site and how to keep children safe when gaming. Here's a link to the UK Safer Internet Centre where you can learn more about this <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents>

### Easter Holidays

School finishes on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at  
1.00pm  
(NO Twilight Club or After-school Clubs)

School re-opens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am

### Parents' Open Afternoons

Thank you to all parents who attended Open Afternoon and met with your child's class teacher to discuss progress, achievement and next steps. We have had some very positive feedback from both staff and parents regarding the new organisation of the appointments in the school halls this time and we will continue to use this set up for future Parents' Open Afternoons. If you were unable to make an appointment or unable to attend you can still contact the school office to help make an alternative arrangement. It is vitally important to



your child's progress that the class teacher has the opportunity to meet with you in person.

### 'Love our World' Topic

We are happy to announce that all the 'Love our World' related class trips which had to be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather conditions earlier this half term have been re-booked for the Summer Term.



- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 – Year 3 – Waltham Abbey Gardens
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 – Year 5 – Fishers Green
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 – Year 4 – Waltham Abbey Gardens
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Year 1 – Lee Valley Waterworks
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Year 2 – Lee Valley Waterworks
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Year 6 – Fishers Green

Text reminders will be sent out closer to the time regarding packed lunches and payment for these

trips. We would like to thank parents who have already paid.

## World Book Day 2018

A huge thanks to everyone for braving the appalling weather on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March to make this year's World Book Dress-up Day one of the best we've had. Children and adults had put a great effort in to coming in dressed in some really fantastic outfits.

## Immersive Dome Experience

On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, nursery to year 6 had the opportunity to visit the dome. Before going into the dome we all took our shoes off then walked through a tunnel. It was all very exciting. When we got inside, we watched a short film called 'The Earth and Me'. The film taught us about global warming and what we could do to help. We learnt that a dripping tap left for a month could fill an Olympic sized swimming pool! We also learnt why it is important to recycle and why plastic has become such a big problem. Did you know, it can take 900 years for a plastic bottle to decompose?! It was fun in the dome and we learnt a lot. We hope we will have the opportunity to experience the Dome in school again.



## Bikers' Breakfast & Dr Bike Session

It was delightful to see so many of you bring your bikes in for the Biker's Breakfast and Dr Bike session on Friday. We expect that all those who had their bikes checked by the mechanics will keep riding despite the cold weather. We look forward to the next event in the Summer Term. Keep an eye out for the date.



## Ukulele Festival

We were delighted to host this year's Ukulele Festival at STA on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. 8 Hackney Primary Schools brought children ranging in age from Reception to Year 6 who joined Ukulele children from STA to work together and perform. Xanthe Sarr, Hackney Music Service, who also attended said 'It was great to see partnership working at its best like that, and to see so many young people engaged in music-making together. The opportunity to perform their own group pieces alongside the opportunity to perform as one super large ensemble was a format that worked incredibly well.' A huge thanks to Stuart Wilkinson, STA Music Co-ordinator, for organising such a successful and enjoyable event.

Following on with our incredible musical experiences, Mr Wilkinson has organised a fantastic set of workshops for the Year 3 classes with the London Symphony Orchestra Tutors and Masters Students on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Look out for the news item in the next newsletter.

## Wow Badge Competition

On Friday the following fabulous Walk to School Badge Competition designs were sent off to Living Streets as our school entries. They were colourful and well thought out. We are keeping our fingers crossed for one of the designs to be selected for a Wow badge next year. We also selected several runners up who will all receive one of our bespoke road safety keyrings. Well done everyone.



In our on-going commitment to road safety, we would like to remind parents to park safely and to **NOT** park on the double yellow lines outside the main entrances to the school.

## Year 6 Camping



Thank you to all those parents who came along to the information meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We hope it will

help you make your mind up. The closing date for handing in completed Consent Forms is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** and we hope that all our Year 6 children will come along. Thank you to those who have already started making online payments, please ensure you submit the consent form as well. If you are unsure as to whether your child qualifies for the PPG discount please contact the school office. If you have not activated your ParentPay online account please request a payment letter from the office.

## New School Uniform

Our uniform suppliers Trutex Crossbow have informed us that our new school uniform with the new logo will be arriving with them during the Easter Holidays. They will contact us after the Holidays to confirm a date on which to come in to school to sell the new uniform. We will inform parents as soon as we know.

## After-School Club offers for Summer Term 2018

If your child is currently taking part in an after-school activity club (not Twilight Club or Bike Control Skills) you will receive a text asking you if your child would like to carry on attending in the Summer Term, after the Easter Break. Please respond to the text with a **'Yes and Club Name'**. Once all responses have been received further offers of places will go out to parents.

## STA Recycling Initiative

We are working towards being able to recycle every bit of waste in school. More information will go out to parents once this is in place. We are working closely with ecoACTIVE <https://ecoactive.org.uk/> who run educational workshops for schools to provide children with a clear understanding of how they can reduce their carbon footprint and move to creating a much cleaner environment.

## Sport Relief – Sponsored Run a Mile

Children and adults across the school are getting ready for the sponsored **Run a Mile** Challenge in support of



**17-23 March**

Sport Relief on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Some parents have already donated money via Parent Pay, thank you. Parent Pay is our preferred method of collecting donations, however, you can bring sponsorship/donation in cash directly to the school office if you wish. This is a **charity collection** so your generosity is most appreciated.

## Finally, a special mention to:

**Oscar** in Year 3 who passed his first piano exam.

**Reon** in Year 5 who was a runner-up in the Hackney Wide 'Design a Flag' competition for Black History Month.

**George** in Year 5, our Table Tennis prodigy, who won the Jack Petchey East London Regional Singles table tennis competition on Thursday 28 February.



**Kelly** and **Debjeni** for being nominated for School Travel Champions 2018. Winners will be announced at the STARS Conference on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Good Luck.

## Menu Changes for final week of term

SPRING 2018	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>
Main	Paprika & Garlic Chicken	Chicken Mayo or Tuna Mayo	Beef Burger in a Bun	Mexican Beef
Vegetarian Option	Red Dragon Pie	Cheese	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Mexican Quorn & Veg
Carbs	Plain Boiled Rice	Jacket Potato	Chips	Rice
Vegetables	Broccoli Florets Carrots	Baked Beans Mixed Salad	Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Cauliflower Florets Peas
Desert	Fresh Fruit Salad Cream	Choc & Peaches Sponge Choc Sauce	Apple & Apricot Oat Crumble Custard	Fruit Jelly & Whipped Cream



## Funsplash Easter Playscheme

For children aged 4–10 yrs

Arts and crafts   sports and outdoor play   water games  
day trips   games   junk modelling   cooking   board games

**Tuesday 3 April – Friday 6 April 2018**  
**9.00am – 5.30pm**

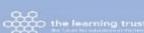
**£18.00 Full day for Hackney residents**  
**£25.00 Full day Non-Hackney residents**  
**(No sibling concessions)**

**FREE**  
hot meal  
and  
snack!

For further information please call  
Pauline and for referrals  
call Laura on  
020 8815 3270 or email  
Laura.sidley@learningtrust.co.uk  
**Closing date for referrals**  
**Friday 16 March 2018**

We are now taking bookings between 10am–5pm  
at Woodberry Down Children's Centre, Spring Park Drive, N4 2NP  
Please bring proof of address to the booking session.











**Hackney Borough Youth F.C.**  
Are currently recruiting School  
Year 1, 2, 3 boys & girls.

**Training every Wednesday 4.45pm - 6.45pm**  
Jubilee primary school  
Filey Avenue, Cazenove Road  
London N16 6NR

- Qualified F.A. coaches
- All coaches are DBS checked

**Please call** Alan Bayram  
Tel: 07702 091047  
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Web: Hackneyboroughyouth.co.uk

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2018				
Our World Whole School Topic work	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Whole school topic work in conjunction with Lee Valley Outdoor Learning		
Year 5 Cycle Training	19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2018	10 Year 5 Children taking part in Level 2 training		
Year 3 LSO Workshops	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2018	LSO running 2 workshops for the Year 3 children in school		
World Poetry Day	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2018	Children will learn about performance poetry		
Recorder Concert	Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2018	10.45am in the Lower Hall - Parents of children learning to play the recorder are invited to attend		
Sport Relief – Run a Mile	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2018	Sponsored Charity Run a Mile Activity		
TRIP – Reception Classes	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Science Museum		
Rap sessions for Years 4 & 5	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Introduction on how to create Rap Music		
TRIP – Years 3 & 4	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Rio Cinema to watch 'Early Man'		
GeoBus workshops for Years 5 & 6	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Educational project supporting Earth Science learning in schools		
GeoBus workshops for Year 4	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Same as above		
Bay Class Assembly	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2018	10.10am – Parents of Bay Class are welcome to attend		
School Closures				
STAFF TRAINING AFTERNOON	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1.00pm All After-school Clubs including Twilight Club will be closed		
May Bank Holiday	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Whole School Closure		
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2018	Whole School Closure		
STAFF TRAINING DAYS	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2018	Whole School Closure		
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 2018	Whole School Closure		
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Class Assemblies to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>
Term Dates				
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON		
Easter Holidays	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Twilight club is closed</i>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.45am		
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8.45am		
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Twilight club is closed</i>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 <i>(start time to be confirmed)</i>		