

## Welcome back!

Welcome to all our new families that have joined us at Rushey Green. I hope you have all had a wonderful, restful half term break. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and settling back in the school routine well.

**Enrichment after school clubs:** These will continue to run throughout this half term.

**Mobile phones:** We have a strict policy on mobile phones, children are not allowed phones whilst at school. If your child needs to bring a phone to school to contact you in an emergency after school, they must hand it in to the class teacher in the morning before class starts. Please write to your child's class teacher to let them know.

**Parking:** Notice to all new parents - our school is part of the school streets initiative. Parking is not accessible, including double parking, and will be subject to a fine between the hours of 8.15am-9.15am & 2.45pm & 3.45pm.

**Healthy lunch boxes:** We would request that children bring a healthy lunch to school and in line with our school food goals. Please do not prepare chocolate sandwiches, sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy/sugary drinks. Cold food such as: chips, nuggets, burgers will not be allowed and the children will be given a school meal instead. Please help us to help the children develop good healthy lifestyle choices. If you are struggling with your child and their food choices, please let us know as we are here to help.

**Have a new phone?** Can you make sure the school office has your emergency contact number and email address so we can ensure important information gets to you.

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or Special needs Co-Ordinator please ask for an appointment at the main office.

If you would like to have a chat about anything, I will be based on the Culverley Road playground most mornings, Miss Fisher, Deputy Headteacher, will be on the Penerley Road Gate or pop into the main office and ask for an appointment.

Email: [admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

Follow us on Twitter : <https://twitter.com/RusheyGPrimary>

We look forward to the term ahead!



# Happy Diwali

Diwali, which for some also coincides with Harvest and New Year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

The word Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word *deepavali*, meaning "rows of lighted lamps".

Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diyas. People also enjoy fireworks and sweets too, so it's really popular with children.

## Traditions

- Many lights and oil lamps are lit on the streets and in houses
- People visit their relatives and have feasts
- Fireworks and festivities are an essential part of the occasion
- Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth, is worshipped as the bringer of blessings for the new year



## SEND and Wellbeing Coffee Morning

All Parents and Carers Welcome!



We are offering all parents and carers of Rushey Green pupils to join us for a coffee morning discussing our SEND and Wellbeing support. We would like all parents to meet with the Inclusion Team where we will discuss and outline how we continue to support and prepare our children for the present and future. These will be ran by either Miss Hughes and/or Miss Lena. Please join us on:

1. SEND, Mentoring and Wellbeing Support  
Tuesday 9th Nov @ 09:15-10:00

Sessions 2,3 and 4. Details given at first meeting.

If you have any questions, please email:  
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## Important Dates

**10th November 2021 12.30pm - 1.15pm:** Yr6 Parent Forum (online)

**16th November 2021:** Rec & Yr6 Height & Weight check

**17th November 2021 2pm - 2.45pm:** Yr1 Parent Forum (online)

**17th November 2021:** School Photos

**29th November 2021:** Flu Vaccination (Rec-Yr6)

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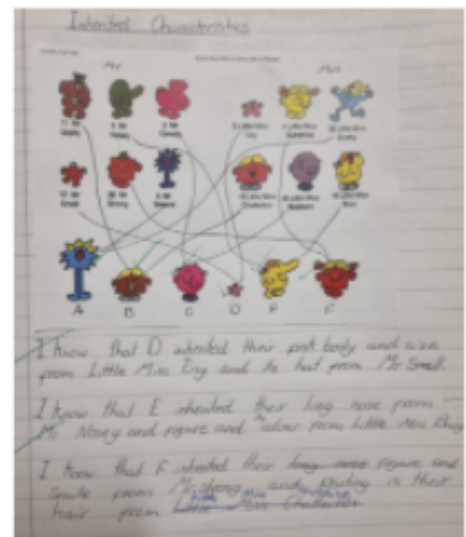
It has been great to see the children back in class and settled in really well. Children have been sharing their stories from the half-term which has been wonderful. It is great to see children making wonderful memories with their families and friends.



Our focus for this half-term will be inclusion and diversity where we will be exploring the big question 'Why is diversity celebrated?'. We will be exploring the themes further through the book Wonder by R. J. Palacio. We began the learning by having a discussion around the key vocabulary 'inclusion and diversity' which allowed us to make comments around the big question. Over the next two weeks, we will be focusing on the

language and the structural features of a fact-file before designing our own linking to the book wonder.

We dived into learning about Evolution and Inheritance through exploring the similar traits and characteristics held by the different Mr Men characters and their offsprings. As the half-term continues, we will continue to understand the topic of genetics, evolution and extinction further.



Continuing with the theme of diversity, we celebrated the beautiful festival of light, Diwali, in class by creating henna patterns.



Could you be entitled to free school meals?

[Check here!](#)

In addition the school could receive additional funding to help your children in school. You could also be sent £15 per week per child to help with food during school closures.



## 4P Class

Year 4 has just finished the book *Leon and the Place Between*. Here are some extracts of childrens' writing that were published.

On seeing the small mysterious tent, I felt suspicious. This magic show was going to be marvellous! The smell of sweet popcorn and scrumdiddlyumptious hot dogs wafted up my nose and it made me hungry. On the beautifully decorated big top were lots of decorations, flags on the stage and streamers, banners saying "Welcome to the best circus in the whole universe!" The tent was alone but in the distance I could see a busy funfair full of families.

Above me I Noticed a great big kite flying in the air. Then I went inside the tent there were lots of people inside the tent I wondered if they had come from the funfair. When I went to get a muffin from the muffin man the clown on the stage was doing some funny tricks. The clown was dropping pies and the crowd laughed. The clown's tricycle kept spinning around, this time the crowd laughed louder. The final time the clown threw a pie at another clown then the clown that threw the pie grabbed a hose and sprayed the other clown with banana smoothie and the crowd laughed their head off.

As I took my seat, the magician came on the stage the magician said "Hello everyone" the crowd said, "Hello magician"

By Cholanikaran Malarkannan

As I got closer to the magical, mysterious tent, I felt nervous. This magic show is going to be spectacular! The smell of sweet cotton candy and cooling drinks wafted towards my nose. It made me feel delighted. Around the glamorously decorated big top were lots of multi-coloured, majestic, mini flags and a hummingongous, red flag. The tent was alone but in the distance, I saw a busy funfair full of families. Beyond, I noticed a long string fluttering in the wind. I really wanted to go inside. As I got closer to the spooky doorway, I started to hear the clowns and the noisy crowd. My body was tingling with excitement.

As I opened the colourful curtains, I saw the mysterious magician appear

On the smoky, blurry stage. The crowd went wild as the Magician disappeared then, made falling mini cupcakes. (I greedily took one.) Above me, were the roaring, brave lions pounding its chest leaving the crowd. With fear and silence.

As I looked away, In the distance, I saw a witty, colourfully decorated clown persuading me to go on stage. I went on stage and in front, behind and beside Me were dancing clowns, flying acrobats, talented ringmasters, magicians and more! They were teasing me! What a show this is going to be!

By Khatera Ghadari

In Year 4P we have been developing a deeper understanding of our science. We have managed to carry out our investigation and develop a new program called Talk It Out. This helps us to gain a greater understanding of our work.

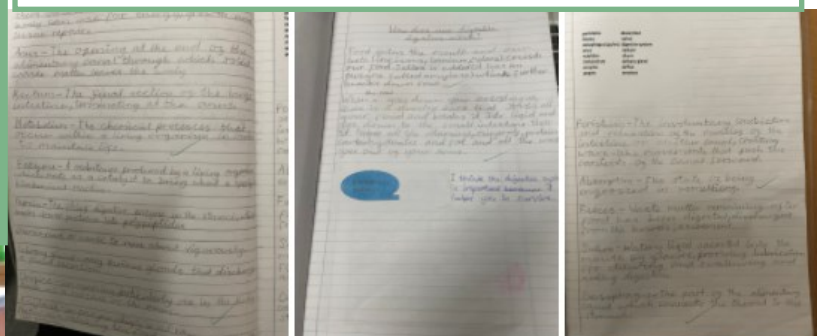
We carried out our experiment.



We talked about it on video.



We explained the digestive system in writing.



## Class 2E

England Class have been very busy in the outdoors recently!

We have made self-portraits using natural materials, can you guess who these are?



We have also been planting swede and cabbages so that they will be ready to eat in the coming weeks.



We have been busy publishing our writing in English and in Geography we have been drawing maps of different parts of our city.

Here are just two of our lovely displays.



## **Parent Forum Meetings**

This term we will be hosting parent forum meetings. The meetings will be all about teaching and learning at Rushey Green.

### **Year 6 parents ONLY!**

On Wednesday 10th November at 12.30 - 1.15pm, we will be hosting a parent forum meeting about 'End of Year' assessments in Year 6. The meeting will be held virtually via Google Meet. A Google Meet link will be sent out early next week. Look forward to seeing you then.

### **YEAR 1 parents ONLY!**

On Wednesday 17th November at 2 - 2.45pm, we will be hosting a parent forum for all about 'Phonics': how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. The meeting will be held virtually via Google Meet. A Google Meet link will be sent out nearer the time. Look forward to seeing you then.

If you are unable to attend the forum, you will be able to find the information on our school website. Please note that these meetings are optional.