

Dear Families,

Thank you once again for all your hard work and support given to the children this half term. We are very proud of the remote learning offer here at Rushey Green. The staff have all worked incredibly hard to ensure the children are able to continue with their learning during these challenges times we are in.

Mrs Tyler our music teacher has been rehearsing a song with all the classes to produce a online whole school choir. It would be great for as many children and parents to join in. The details of how to record your piece will be shared with the children to practice and up load over the half term.

The next review for school opening will be held on the 8th March. We do not know yet what that will look like, until then the children will return to school on Monday 22nd February via the Google Classroom.

Please do use the school website as a resources for remote learning. We regularly up date the website with new information:

<https://www.rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk/parents-carers-information/home-learning/google-classrooms>

COVID

Can I remind all families to continue to follow the government guidelines regarding the lockdown rules. If any child of a member of your household does test positive over the half term, please inform the school office: covid@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Devices & Go Fund me

I want to take the time to thank Miss Stacey our pastoral manager who has worked tirelessly since the beginning of term to get a laptop to children that need them. Mrs Douglas our IT technician has managed to make over 100 laptops accessible for Google classrooms. I can also not thank enough the time and dedication of our school governors and members of the RGSA for organising our go fund me page, we have now managed to raise £3920 to buy more laptops for those children that need them. We are all happier knowing that more children are able access their learning from home - THANK YOU

<https://gofund.me/71b76422>

Thank a Teacher

Here is a great website if you would like to; 'Say "thank you" to an amazing teacher and they will send them a lovely card through the post, with your personal message, for free!

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/>



Have a great half term,
Lisa Williams

USEFUL LINKS

Family Information Service: [Family Information Service Events](#) [Family Information Directory of Services](#)

Lewisham Safeguarding Children Partnership website: [Lewisham Parent and Carers page](#)

Children and Family Centres: [Lewisham Children & Family Centres](#)

Lewisham Food Banks and Donation Points [Food Bank and Donation Points](#)

Concerns about money and energy bills [Lewisham Advice Line](#)

People aged 60+ [Keeping older people safe and independent \(SAIL Connections\)](#)

Families affected by drugs and alcohol: [Families Affected by drugs and alcohol](#)

Information and support for young carers: [Carers Lewisham](#)

Health and Wellbeing for children with SEND [Health and Wellbeing for Children with SEND](#)

Refugees – currently there's not many services listed on Lewisham's web page [Support for Refugees](#)

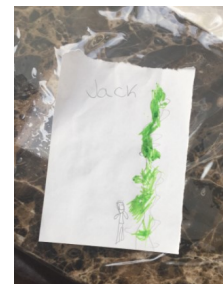
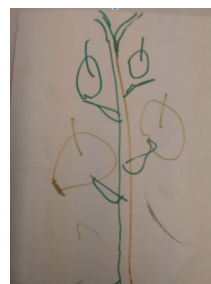
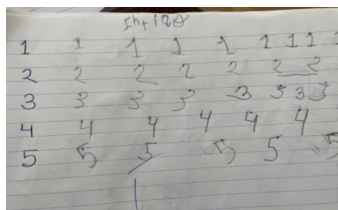
Bereavement support and Advice [Support, advice and benefits after a death](#)

NURSERY

This past half term has been a challenge for us all. We at Nursery have been working to offer as many rich learning opportunities as possible while the majority of children stay at home. We have been sharing a variety of stories together. Have a look at some of the work we've done on Jack and the Beanstalk!



Children have been eager to share their learning with their friends on google classroom and during our daily google meet sessions. Whether it's their number skills, their letter formation or even an arts and crafts project, it's good to see everyone engaging with their learning at home so that we're all ready to carry on once we return to school.



RECEPTION BUBBLE

To celebrate Chinese New Year, the children in the Reception bubble have been busy decorating and making paper lanterns.



HALF TERM

A polite reminder that next week is half term and school will be closed.

Remote learning will continue from the 22nd February.

If your child attends lockdown school and you or a close relative test positive over half term, please email the school office.



Lewisham Children and Family Centres
www.lewishamcfc.org.uk

Family Mindfulness Yoga



FREE Zoom session

Encourage and promote your family's mental health this Children's Mental Health Week with these FREE Zoom sessions. Physical activities will focus on breathing and the use of our five senses.

FREE bookable Zoom sessions on

Monday 1st February

10.30 - 11.30 am

Tuesday 2nd February

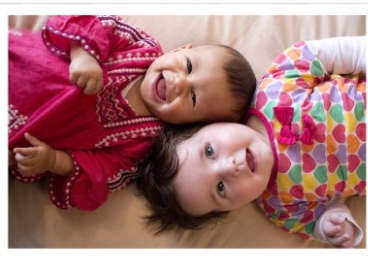
10.30 - 11.30 am

Wednesday 3rd February

10.30 - 11.30 am

Thursday 4th February

10.30 - 11.30 am



The sessions will cover these 5 mindfulness exercises for adults and children

- **Finger breathing** - strengthen your superpowers of focus and calm by taking slow deep breaths as you trace the outline of your hand with your pointer finger
- **Basic Yoga Poses** - very simple Yoga stretches for adults and children
- **Listening Games** - encourages good listening and following instructions
- **Visualisation** - helps children to quiet their mind, relax and get to a state of calm
- **Counting Breaths** - watch how our bodies move when you lie flat and breathe



To book your place

email: ladywell.cc@lewishamcfc.org.uk

Text or leave a message:

07377 724243

@lewishamchildrencentres @lewishamcfc



Drumbeat Outreach

Parent Workshop

It's Different for Girls

A workshop looking at how girls with social communication differences can present very differently to boys and how to support them.

Tuesday 9th March 2021 - 6-7.30pm

This session will be a webinar.

Please email outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk or telephone 020 7638 9022 to reserve your place.



BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL
Shortlands, Kent

A Catholic Independent School for Girls and Boys 3-18 Years
Welcoming All Faiths

Virtual Open Morning
Saturday 13th March
Register here: www.bishopchallonerschool.com

Nursery | Junior | Senior | Sixth Form

INDIA CLASS

This term we have been reading 'Dancing in the Rain' by John Lyons. We have been reciting and performing his poems aloud to our friends and families. John's poems sway and sing with the sounds and rhythms of his childhood in Trinidad and Tobago, in the Caribbean. We listened to his readings and got a real feel for its colours, food and people.

We also analysed the structure and the meaning of his poems. Then we created mind maps of words and phrases we could use in our own poetry. We used different poetic devices such as similes, metaphor and personification to make our writing more interesting. We have written poems with the themes of nature and the weather. This week we have been writing poems about the Notting Hill Carnival. Here are some of our poems. We hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed writing them!

The Night Sky by Dylan

As we sat next to the scorching hot campfire
With its dense heat
As it roars by our feet.

With the moonlight shining upon our heads
Like a lamp in the sky
With the stars beside it
Glistening like diamonds in the sky.

As we gazed up at the bright night sky,
There it was a shooting star,
With a blink of an eye, piercing through the sky.

Carnival by Nathan

Five four three
you can dance like me.

Run forwards,
Run backwards,
Listen to the beat.
Dance with your feet
with the sizzling meat.

Five four three
you can dance like me.

Rainbows in the sky
that go very high.
You can see planes go by
while the cars drive by.

Five four three
you can dance like me.

Costumes emerald green,
sapphire blue shining from the rainbow.
Cans being burst open,
while people laugh and shout,
without stopping.

Five four three
you can dance like me.

Calypso Beat by Shae

Throw your hands
in the air and
stamp your feet.

Feel the music
Beat up and
Down the street.

Everyone is
smiling and
having fun.

One two three
Dance to the drum.

Carnival Dance by India Class

Vibrant glittering splashes
of rainbow colours.
Crimson, emerald, sapphire
glinting twinkling in the sun.

Crowds moving joyfully,
in time to the music.
People dancing,
swaying to the beat.

Feeling happy,
Smiling ear to ear,
Hearts so light,
Flying, soaring high.

Day and evening,
laughter fills the air.
Bodies winding to the music
Prancing to the beat.

Multi-coloured crowds,
jumping high, jumping low
Skipping left to right,
sun shines so bright.

Come dance with me by Amira

One two three,
You can dance like me.

One two three,
When the people dance
the bright sun shines.
People start the carnival
with the sun up to night time,
Moving their hips right to left
And they smile with joy.
Up to Sunday they are happy.

One two three,
You can dance like me,
The drums go boom boom
To the national calypso.

Our Weather Poem by India Class

High above, a burning ball of fire,
scorching, scorching the Earth
below.
Bright rays of light danced across
the sky,
with a glare so bright I had to
look away.

High above, the golden globe de-
scends,
down, down, down it came.
Glorious colours streaked across
the sky,
brush strokes of orange, purple
and yellow.

High above, the storm clouds
gather,
dense and billowing covering up
the sun.
Tiny diamonds dotted across the
sky,
as night falls as dark as ebony.

CBBC TEAM

I recently contacted you about Blue Peter & we'd like to inform you, we've also made an exciting revamp to the [CBBC YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/cbbc). We are sure your pupils and parents would be interested in this, for entertainment at half term and outside of home-schooling hours now in lockdown.

We are uploading videos to it daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have all the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. We are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please to subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!)
The CBBC team



HALF TERM

FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES THIS HALF TERM GO TO :

**Facebook:
St Luke's Downham
@stlukes70**

or

**Friends of Forster Memorial Park
@ForsterMPark**

**Alternatively email:
asdoutreach.stluke@gmail.com**

**Winter Woodland trail
Spring Hunt
Pancake Day**

**Valentine's Day crafts
Colouring
Communication Board**

To download your free pack, please click [here](#)