

INSET DAY: Monday, 4th January. Children to return to school on Tuesday, 5th January 2021

Dear Families,

It has been a long and busy term. I can not thank you all enough for your continued support and encouragement. Your feedback on how we have dealt with the constraints of the COVID risk assessment has been great.

Despite all, we have had a fantastic term. We are surviving the world of virtual meetings! Our first virtual meet the teacher, parents evening, virtual school tours are more things to be proud of.

Curriculum Events

Year 4 have enjoyed learning the guitar as part of their music lessons. Drumming lessons have continued and whilst we can not have a school choir, the children have not lost the joy of singing in their class as part of class assemblies.

We have some lovely Christmas videos to watch on the school website, I am sure you will enjoy.

Year 1 have all been to Forster Park Forest school. This was a great event and enjoyed by all children. Lots of free activities at Foster Park have been shared, please do take the family along if you are looking for a great outdoor learning activity to do.

The children have some wonderful Art lessons to share with you. We will be uploading examples from each class onto the website please do take a peek when you can.

Sustainable Development Goals & UNCIEF Rights Respecting School

You will know from previous Newsletters that we have been working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. We have been awarded BRONZE status and are already working on getting the SILVER standard.

Ms Nwanokwai in Year 6 has been leading school incorporating the Sustainable Development Goals into our curriculum. Her work on this term has been exceptional.

Mrs Jones has been coordinating our schools online platform to Google classrooms. Each class has been using our new chrome books to access their account and learning how to use google classrooms. Should a class or year group bubble have to close children will be ready for home learning.

Next term we welcome a new staff member, Mrs Tyler will take over as our new Music teacher. Mrs Tyler has worked across many South London schools teaching music in Primary and Secondary Schools as part of Bexley Music service. We look forward to welcoming her to Rushey Green.

Finally, I want to thank all our staff who have worked incredibly hard this term to keep children safe and enjoying their learning.

We wish all our families celebrating Christmas a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Lisa Williams
Headteacher

THE NATIONAL THEATRE

In honour of all the theatres that have been forced to cancel their pantos, The National Theatre are sharing *Dick Whittington* for FREE on the [National Theatre YouTube channel](#) from 3pm (UK time) on 23 December until midnight (UK time) on 27 December. This hilarious and heartfelt new version of the classic tale is packed with the cheekiest of jokes, the chattiest of animals, the awesome of songs and the messiest of silliness.

RECEPTION INTAKE 2020/21

Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start in a primary school in September 2021. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school's office.

KEY DATES

18 Dec Thurs at 1.30pm: End of Term

5 Dec Tues: Children return to school

15 Jan Fri: Deadline to submit Reception application forms

TERM DATES 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2 2020: 3 Nov—18 Dec

Spring Term 1 2021: 5 Jan—12 Feb

Half Term: 15 Feb—19 Feb

Spring Term 2 2021: 22 Feb—31 Mar

Easter Break: 1 Apr—16 Apr

Summer Term 1 2021: 19 Apr—28 May

Half Term: 31 May—4 Jun

Summer Term 2 2021: 7 June—23 Jul

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NIGERIA CLASS

It has been a very merry week this week in Nigeria Class. The children have been busy making Christmas decorations. They really enjoyed making paper chains, Christmas cards and baubles to bring home. We also received a special visit from Father Christmas' elves and the children were able to buy some fantastic goodies. The most exciting part of the week was our Christmas party on Wednesday where we had a special visit from Father Christmas! All of the children have been very good this year so Father Christmas brought them all a present.



RGSA

Thank you to all of the Rushey Green community; children, parents, teachers and volunteers for making our winter term activities such a big success. Both the RGSA Merchandise and the Winter Elf wagon has raised over £2000 towards much needed school funds. Considering the challenges of this year and limits on what we can do this is a phenomenal amount. Next term the School council will be deciding on how some of these funds are used to benefit different aspect of their learning. Thank everyone so much again and have a wonderful Holiday. The RGSA Team.

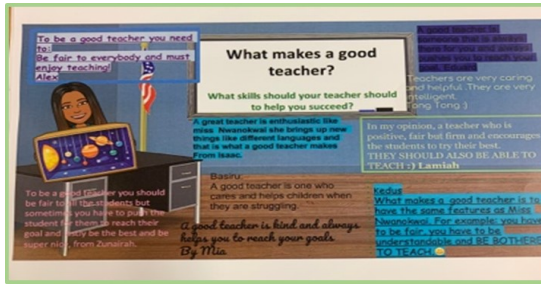
Dinner Money

Please ensure your lunch account is kept up to date and credited regularly. If you are owing more than £23 your child may be removed from school meals. The lunch cost for next term £66.70. If you would like to enquire about your balance or see a statement please email admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk.

NURSERY VACANCIES

We have spaces for January in our nursery for children born between 1/9/16—31/12/17. Please enquire at the School Office for further information.

The Sustainable Development / Rights to Respecting Schools at Rushey Green



Over this half term, we have implemented the Sustainable Development Goals and launched the Rights to Respecting Schools into our school curriculum. Our goal was to focus on the topic Quality Education which links to SDG 4 and article 28 and 29. In our scheme of learning, pupils were introduced to a range of issues surrounding quality education which did include education during lockdown and their universal rights.



Across the school, classes created their own charters about what they needed to have to be able to have access to a quality education. Each class' unique style of their class charter is displayed in the foyer of our school so that all children are able to view them and be reminded of what they require for a valuable education.

Also, we were able to delve into the topic of 'rights to an education' and 'goals to education'. The children were able to reflect upon their own learning in and out of school and the valued benefits that Rushey Green provides them with. Classes also discussed what their goals for education were and why it is important to have them. This then linked to their thoughts and desires for what is needed to be a good learner and what is needed to be a good teacher in a school.

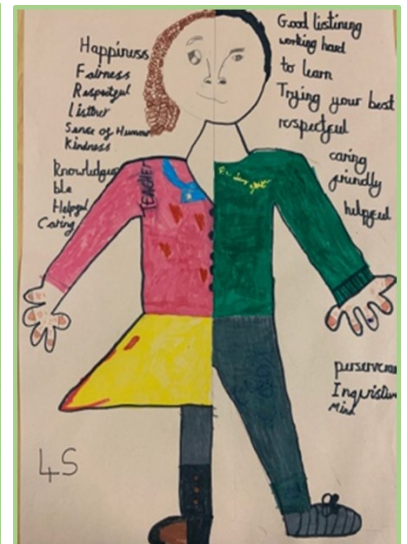


The children thoroughly enjoyed their class sessions on the topic of quality education. We intend for pupils and teachers to constantly thrive in our school setting and our aim is to ensure every child has a voice.



Follow the link below to hear what pupils from each year group have had to say about this terms SDG/RRS – Quality Education curriculum!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P_rkWdbrHifi4iRp9AP8e9suHwFoHZ6/view?usp=sharing



Information for Parents regarding COVID19 Contact Tracing over the Christmas Holiday period

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you what you need to do about reporting cases of COVID-19 and contact tracing over the Christmas holiday period.

As you know schools have played an important role in contact tracing. We have been identifying anyone who has been in close contact at school with someone who has tested positive for COVID19, up to 2 days before that person had symptoms. Those contacts then need to self-isolate for 10 days because they are at risk of having caught COVID-19 and being contagious themselves.

Contact tracing will be slightly different during the Christmas break when schools are closed and there is less chance of being a contact of someone in school.

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 during the Christmas break.

<p>If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of their last day in school</p> <p>Main COVID symptoms: a high temperature a new, continuous cough a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</p>	<p>Get a test for your child Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform the school -school will identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts. If the test result is negative, you do not need to take any further action.</p>
<p>If your child has no symptoms of COVID-19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school</p>	<p>Let the school know straight away- school will identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts. (It is important to follow the guidance around only getting a test if they are showing signs of COVID-19.)</p>
<p>If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school- 18 December 2020 onwards</p>	<p>Get a test for your child Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. If the test result is positive for COVID-19, you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/</p> <p>You do not need to tell the school</p>
<p>The quickest way to get a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.</p>	

During the holidays, please contact the school by email admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

You must provide the following:

- **Child's name**
- **Class/year group**
- **Date last in school**
- **Date symptoms started/ child began to feel unwell**
- **Date of test**
- **Date positive result received**

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

We ask that you stick to all COVID-19 social distancing social mixing guidance until the end of term to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus and keep us all safe and well over the holiday period. It is also important to follow guidance over the holidays.

Starting school on January 5th 2021

You should contact the school if your child will be absent on the first day of the new term admin@rusheygree.lewisham.sch.uk and let us know if they are self-isolating.

It is really important that your child gets a test and does NOT return to school in January if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms:

- Fever
- New continuous cough
- Loss or change to smell or taste

To be extra safe, if your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home and contact the school on the first day of term:

- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Extreme tiredness
- Headaches
- Joint pain
- Muscle ache
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Sneezing

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Williams
Head teacher