

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Know the past, shape the future.

Nursery

It's been a busy half term here in the Rushey Green Nursery. For many of our children, starting Nursery can be a new and scary experience, and so we've been spending the first few weeks of term making sure everyone is feeling safe and comfortable in their new learning environment. We've been learning to explore our environment safely, choose resources independently, express our feelings, and play alongside our new friends.



For Black History Month we have been learning about some influential black figures. We've looked at the life story of Aretha Franklin, while also developing our own knowledge of music, rhythm and sound. We've even been using our arts and crafts skills to make our own instruments, like shakers and horns!



30 HOURS CHILDCARE

Log in your childcare account every 3 months to check your details are up to date. Go to:

gov.uk/childcareaccount

IMPORTANT DATES

16th November 2021:

Rec & Yr6 Height & Weight
Check

17th November 2021:

School Photos

29th November 2021:

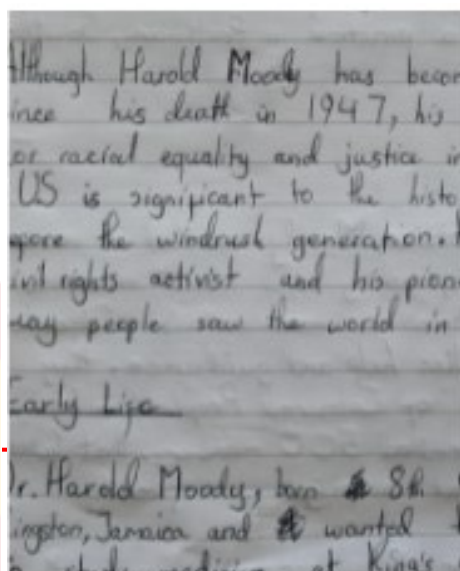
Flu Vaccination (Rec—Yr6)

Spain Class

As we are moving towards the second part of our first term, we would like to thank our children for having brought their energy and curiosity into our classes.



This week we've been continuing celebrating Black History Month, to celebrate the diversity within our community.



We've been rather busy in class. We've been discussing biographies about different significant figures. 6S has been researching and writing about Dr. Harold Moody!

In order to immerse ourselves in a more creative way, we followed the "Black History Month: Proud to Be..." campaign, which focuses on encouraging children and young people to share what they are "Proud To Be". For this reason, Year 6 has produced some outstanding self portraits using paint.



Autumn 2021

Staff Only	1 st September 2021	
School Open	3 rd September 2021	21 st October 2021
Staff Only	22 nd October 2021	
Half Term	25 th October 2021	29 th October 2021
School Re-open	1 st November 2021	17 th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Staff Only	4 th January 2022	
School Open	5 th January 2022	11 th February 2022
Half Term	14 th February 2022	18 th February 2022
School Re-opens	21 st February 2022	1 st April 2022
Easter Break	4 th April 2022	18 th April 2022

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please note that after the closing date of the **31st October 2021**, only the **submitted** applications will be processed as on time. If the status is showing as not yet submitted please encourage your parents to submit before the **31st October 2021** or we will have no option but to process it as a late application.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about the safety of a child at Rushey Green Primary School, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Stacey or the Designated Safeguarding Governor via the School Office.

If your concern is urgent and out of school hours, please contact:

MASH: 0208 314 6660

Miss Stacey McIntosh



Pastoral Manager &
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Dear Parents and carers, hope you are all well and are looking forward to restful half term break. We will be hosting an RGSA virtual coffee morning on **Wednesday 3rd of November** between 9.15am until 10am. It will be a opportunity to discuss your ideas for future events and how to become more involved in Rushey Green activities. Every parent is an automatic member of the RGSA, and the success of our events are dependent on your involvement no matter how small! If you would like to know more please email, l.brooks@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk



Although our activities this term have reduced, we have still enjoyed spending time with some of our families during the gardening and nature club on a Friday after school. Here are some wonderful pictures of our bug hotel and a recent guest!



Children in choir are excitedly learning songs for the Young Voices concert at the O2 on 13th January 2022. We still have a few spaces left if any year 4/5/6 children are interested in joining us at the O2.



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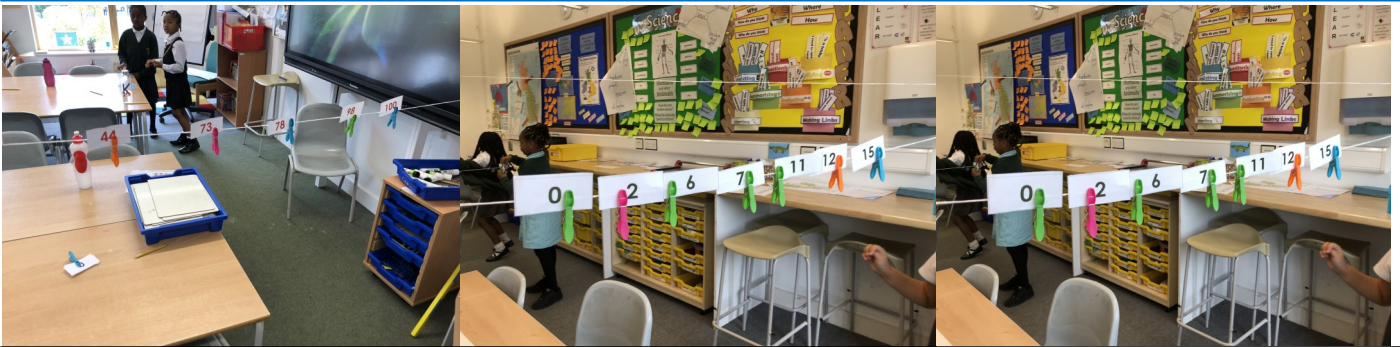
Come and join us at our virtual drop-in sessions on the 2nd Thursday of each month | 10am-11am



Australia Class



This term Year 3 used their knowledge of place values (and laundry!) to compare and order numbers up to 1,000 in our number line washing line activity. Children compared the number to find the correct order, then used their knowledge of intervals and fractions to place the numbers in an appropriate place along the washing line.



Girls Football Academy

Join us for a free trial session



Under 8s (Age 5,6,7)

9-10am

Under 10s (Age 8 & 9)

10-11am



Under 12s & U14s (Age 10-13)

11am-12pm



Location:
Lyndhurst Primary School,
80 Grove Lane,
Camberwell,
SE5 8SN

Email:
southlondongirlsfa@gmail.com



Facebook: [southlondongirlsfootballacademy](https://www.facebook.com/southlondongirlsfootballacademy)
Instagram: [slgirlsfootballacademy](https://www.instagram.com/slgirlsfootballacademy)

Until the end of October we would like to offer all girls from Lewisham schools a free training session and 20% off any fees this season at South London Girls football Academy.

Many young girls have enjoyed football training with South London Girls Football Academy so far this term and we would like to continue to offer all young girls the opportunity to receive professional football coaching, no matter their level or experience, from a highly experienced, qualified and DBS checked coach.

The academy offers opportunities for players aged from 5-13 years old in separated age group sessions.

U8 - 9-10am (5, 6 & 7 years old)

U10 - 10-11am (8 & 9 years old)

U12 & U14 - 11am-12pm (10 & 11 - 12 & 13 years old)

To attend a free session, please refer the student/parent to email southlondongirlsfa@gmail.com to register for a session.

Half Term Ideas!

Come rain or shine, you can visit Horniman Museum or park, nature trail or animal walk! Many exhibitions are free and there are plenty of places to grab refreshments or set up a picnic brought from home.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/horniman-museum-and-gardens>

Check out your local open spaces, many parks host events during holidays. So don't miss out on any fun, free events!

<https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events>

<http://forsterparkfriends.org/>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/openspaces/parks/mountsfield-park>

Get prepared for your next holiday! Check out what courses could be available for your child.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/montage-theatre-arts>

Need a toy restock? Check out this provision at Lewisham Shopping centre where you can keep your child entertained with a new toy each week!

<https://lewishamshopping.co.uk/shops/toy-library>

There are many free exhibitions at the Tate gallery, easily accessible by public transport. Part of the Jubilee Walkway you can take a walk along the river and see the sights.

https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on?daterange=fromnow&event_type=display

Want to stay local? Catford Mews has a cinema and places to get food. Check out the film listings.

<https://catford-mews.co.uk/>

Notes for the new term:

-Please let us know before 2pm if someone new will be collecting your child. You can update your list of people permitted to collect by sending us an email to:

admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

- New phone number? New email address? Let us know! Send us an email to:

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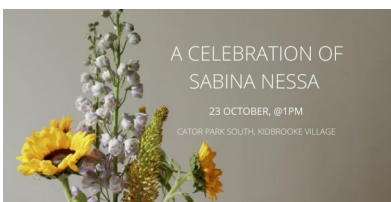
Dear Families,

We are here at the end of the first half term! It has been a mixed term of emotions. We are really pleased with how well the new Nursery and Reception children have settled into class. It has been a pleasure to see them make new friends and access the wealth of resources and space in their indoor and outdoor classrooms.

Mrs Tyler is a champion for our music provision, it is great to see so many children opting to take part in extra curricular music lessons. Rushey Green has been awarded the Music Mark in recognition of the work of our staff and children. We look forward to sharing with you the achievements through performances of some of the talent we have in school.

Chefs Luke and Rab have begun to teach some classes with the children, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn how great food is created 'Seed to Plate'. Ms Thomas our science co-ordinator has continued to work on the outdoor science project. All classes will now be allocated an area of the garden to look after and grow. Thanks to all the hard work of parent volunteers as we now have a useable outdoor forest area for learning.

Many of you joined us to reflect and acknowledge the wonderful life and loss of our amazing teacher Sabina. Thank you for your kind words, cards and flowers. We will remember her legacy as we plan to develop a special area in our school garden for all children to use and learn from.



Sabina's family will be celebrating her birthday in Kidbrooke at 1pm on Saturday 23rd October, if you are able and would like to join the family you are welcome.

COVID

Thank you for helping us keep safe. Many families are taking regular COVID tests. This has ensured that any families that have tested positive are staying at home until symptoms have passed. As we head into the winter months, could I please encourage all families to test regularly. Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms and are feeling unwell. Winter viruses are also very contagious if your children have a tummy bug, are presenting with sickness and or diarrhoea please keep them at home for 48hrs. Lets all keep safe this winter.

Next term we look forward to sharing your children's progress so far this academic year through the parent consultation meetings. These dates will be shared in the new term.

Have super half term break.

We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 1st November at 8.45am.

Lisa Williams
Headteacher