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PARENT GOVERNORS

We are please welcome 2 new parent governors to the board:

- Ms. Daisy Hooper - Parent of Ruby 1R
- Ms. Sheena Currie - Parent of Aneela 3B

SPAIN CLASS

This week in 6S we have been learning more about our important figure from History - Zenobia (Queen of Palmyra, Syria). The children have really enjoyed creating their own pictures of her and writing about how she conquered Egypt, captured Roman provinces, and nearly transformed her realm into an empire equal to Rome.



WORKSHOP

We would like to thank all the parent and carers that took part in our workshops this half term. The presentations for the workshops are now on the website on the 'Home Learning' page.

CHINA CLASS

We have had some amazing home learning projects in China Class! Lots of the children decided to make Chinese landmarks including the Great Wall of China, The Forbidden City



KEY DATES

31 Oct Sat: Deadline to submit secondary transfer application

10 Nov Tue: Relationship and Sex Education Parent Consultation

23 Nov Mon: Rec-Yr6 Flu Vaccination

TERM DATES 2020-2021

Autumn Term 1 2020: 7 Sept—23 Oct

Half Term: 26 Oct—30 Oct

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

INSET DAYS

2nd November 2020

4th January 2021

COVID

You will now know that London is in Tier 2 of the government lockdown measures. Please do continue to keep yourselves and your family safe. In case of any children that are tested positive over the half term break, please do let us know by informing the school on:

admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Please remember to keep a safe distance when meeting with other families in the playground, during drop off and pick up time. If you are able to wear a face mask or shield please do so. Lets support our community and keep each other safe.

INSET DAY

School will be closed to children on Monday, 2nd November 2020 for staff training.

RECEPTION

Reception have been learning about Bob Marley for Black History Month. We have been learning and singing the song 'Three Little Birds' and have created our own Bob Marley portraits.



RGSA

Wishing everyone a restful half term. The Rushey Green merchandise is now for sale via parent pay. Orders will be processed throughout the week and distributed on Friday. We will be selling pre loved school uniform at the end each term. Please like us on our Facebook page and check in for updates and information.

Please remember that all families are automatic members of the parents association. If you are new to Rushey Green and would like to know more, please get in touch with the RGSA Chair Chi Obi on: c.obi@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk.



ON SALE SOON



Round school logo keyring
£1.00 each



50ml Travel size refillable plastic bottle with clip hook for school bag or parent bag.
£2.00 each



4" Teddy Bear with chain you can hang on your school bag or keys. Bear colours will be selected randomly
£3.00 each

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHER

This week the government withdrew support for free school meals for children during school holidays. However the Mayor of Lewisham has announce that, with the councils support, Lewisham schools will be stepping up and filling the gap this half term and Children who need free school meals will get them.

As a result we will be sending you a £15 free school meal voucher via Wonde per child entitled on Monday 26th October.

If you would like more information on this please visit the link below

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/articles/news/mayor-of-lewisham-announces-extension-of-free-school-meals-over-half-term>

TWITTER PAGE

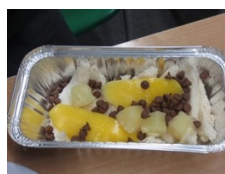
Do check out our school's Twitter page on the school website:

www.rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk

The classes have started to share all the great events that are happening in school.

SRI LANKA CLASS

For Black History Month, 4S have been learning about William Cuffay. We drew sketches of him and on Wednesday we made our own mango and cinnamon deserts.



FLU VACCINATION

Flu Vaccination will be taking place on 23rd November 2020 for pupils in Reception - Yr6.

Please complete the form as soon as possible whether you consent or not.

APPLYING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The closing date for applications is:
Friday, 31st October 2020.

For more information about applying for a secondary school place, visit:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

DRUMBEAT PARENT WORKSHOPS

- **Supporting CYP with School Based Anxiety** -Tuesday 17th November 2020 - 10am -11.30am.
 - **Supporting CYP with School Based Anxiety** -Tuesday 17th November 2020 - 6pm-7.30pm.
 - **Understanding Sensory Behaviours and Useful Strategies** - Tuesday 8th December 2020 - 10am-11.30am.
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- Our workshops are free to all parents, and all sessions will take place online via Zoom. If you would like to book a place, or have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

We are now at the end of our first half term. The focus of the term has been wellbeing. We have had a huge focus on mental health and easing our children back into school after such a long period of isolation. The children are using the Zones of Regulation daily. The calm areas in the classrooms are great for children's to reflect and have time to re-adjust ready to learn again.

I am so proud of their resilience and acceptance of change. The children have been incredibly understanding. We hope you are as proud of them as we are. Our recovery curriculum is key for us enabling the children to get back on track with their learning. Next term, we will focus on rebuilding their curriculum by ensuring any catch-up interventions are planned to support children so that they do not fall behind in their learning.

Black History Month

This month's **Black History month** was led by Miss Wells in Year 1 - titled the *Lost Files*. Children have been learning about significant figures throughout history. Thank you to Miss Wells for organising virtual assembly with Anthoy Joshua - Black British boxer, Michele Austin - Black British Actor, Shaunagh Brown - Black British women's rugby player, Ms Banks - Black British Musician. The children have enjoyed listening a range of music, baking and food taste from different African and Caribbean countries.

Black Lives Matter

In our school we stand united in our commitment to tackle and challenge racism, address inequality and call out discrimination

At Rushey Green we uphold equality, we value and are proud of our rich culture, no child, no parent, no member of staff nor will any visitor feel unwelcome in our school community.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CULTURALLY DIVERSE FAMILIES

We stand together regardless of your age, disability, race, sexuality, gender or religion
#BlackLivesMatter

Our children today have taken part in a peaceful safe protest in our school grounds to speak up and speak out about Black Lives Matter. Many of our children have asked some good thought provoking questions, like why Black lives matter and not white lives matter, or why not all lives? We have explained to the children that we agree that all lives matter and their lives matter to us. Sadly, in our world some people do not value the lives of Black People and as a result Black People are not always treated equally. We want to speak out against that.

Harvest Festival - Food Bank

Thank you to all the families that have donated to the Harvest Festival. The food will be donated to the food bank in Lewisham. If any families are in need of any help with food parcels please do come in and see us. I would also like to remind families that we are still offering a Free breakfast bagel for children in the morning between 8.45-9am. The breakfast can be collected from outside the main entrance on Cucumberley Road. If any children in Nursery or year 1 or 2 entering from the Penderley Road entrance would like a free bagel please let a member of staff know.

Have a restful half term. Thank you as always for your continued support. **Children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Lisa Williams
Headteacher