



# Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 1

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope you have had a great holiday and are ready for the Spring term.

Staff spent the day on Tuesday getting some valuable training, teachers learnt about reading for pleasure and strategies to help your children develop a love of books and reading. We were all provided with some training on mental health specifically looking at how to help our pupils when dealing with traumatic events.

However, it was so lovely to see all of the children back with us on Wednesday. We have had many tired children this week, please remember to help your child by getting them to bed early so they are ready to learn.

### What a show!

On Thursday some of us were treated to a fantastic performance. Our year 4 pupils put on an amazing Samba drumming performance to their parents. They have worked really hard over the autumn term (just ten weeks); well done we are really proud of the progress you have made!

Should your child wish to get more involved in music in Southwark. Southwark music services provided weekend tuition. Please look at the following link for more information

<https://www.southwarkmusicservice.org.uk/what-we-do/saturday-music-centre>

### Topic homework and knowledge organisers

Each year group will begin their new topic this half term. By the end of next week, you will be sent a knowledge organiser for history or geography, science, RE, PSHE, Art and DT. The knowledge organisers are a way for you to support your child at home, please read through the facts and learn the vocabulary with your child.

Our new topic homework and class newsletter will be sent out next week. Thanks to all of you who have created a homework project with your children over the autumn term, we can't wait to see what you will create together this term!

Topics this term are as follows.

- Early Years – Space
- Year 1/2 – Polar Regions
- Year 3 – Vikings
- Year 4 – Tudors
- Year 5/6 – Romans

### Reading Together

Our reading together sessions will begin again on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January for all children and parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We look forward to seeing you all at 9am on Monday!

### After school activity clubs

After school activity clubs start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please make sure you have paid for your club before the date it begins. If you are unsure of the club your child has a place in please contact the office.

## National Story Telling Week

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February we will be celebrating everything story! We would like to invite you to come in and read a story, tell a story from your culture, or just read your favourite childhood story book to your child's class. If you are able to volunteer to do this, please speak with your child's class teacher and arrange a date and time during that week for this to happen. It will take no more than about 15minutes!

### Attendance

This week attendance has been very low! Please remember it is vital your children attend school every day. With permission we can administer paracetamol and Ibuprofen to the children. Low attendance will result in meetings with myself and often with the local authority.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Rebecca

## Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was **Love**. Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

*"Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them but they are always there". (Unknown)*

## Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "refreshed". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

**Shinobi Word of the Day**  
**Word of the Day: refreshed** (re-fresh-ed)  
 Word Class (adjective)  
 Pronunciation / Syllables  
**Definition:**  
 If someone is refreshed, they are feeling ready to go and full of energy, having been tired before.  
 Alfie felt refreshed and ready for the new term.  
 Synonym: reinvigorated, fortified  
 Antonym: weary  
 Prefix / Suffix: -ed, -ing  
 Rhyme:  
 Link Words: feeling, quickly



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# Rewards

## Years EY, 1 and 2



### Love

#### EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Venus	Sherlyn	Always caring about her learning and how things are presented. Also, being so caring to her friends.
Mercury	Imran	For his love of shape. He created some brilliant shape patterns.
Planet Earth	Laya	For caring about the classroom environment and helping others.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Safwan	For using conjunctions in his writing independently.
Mercury	Raei	For his effort he put into writing his recount.
Planet Earth	Bushra	Fantastic effort when writing holiday news.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Betsie	For confidently talking about different 3-D shapes and their properties.
Mercury	Abdul-Raheem	For his brilliant work on shape patterns.
Planet Earth	Jannat	Excellent effort when learning the names of 3D shapes and describing their properties.

#### EYFS to Year 2

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Chanel	For continuously showing the love for reading and always wanting to explore a range of books.
Mercury	George	For his brilliant answers during our guided reading session.
Planet Earth	Eiliyah	Fantastic effort in reading aloud in class.



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## Rewards Years 3 to 6



### Love Years 3 to 6

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Aycha	Always smiling at everyone around her and staying positive all the time!
Supernova	Ricco-Jayden	For always showing respect and care to others in class and around school!
Galaxy	Kayden	For always showing kindness and helping his classmates.
Aurora	Hemeda	For always being kind and helpful to others.
Sky	Stevie-Lee	For always have lots of patience for those around her.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Ibrahim	For a huge improvement with his handwriting!
Supernova	Elias	For great improvement with his handwriting!
Galaxy	Tiago	For a great use of new vocabulary!
Aurora	Yasmin	For writing a brilliant descriptive recount based on The Arrival.
Sky	Asiah	For generating great questions for The Arrival.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Jamal	For being really focused in maths and trying so hard!
Supernova	Malak	For trying her best with factor pairs this week.
Galaxy	Isata	For working hard with her factor pairs this week.
Aurora	Victor	For his excellent knowledge of fractions.
Sky	Anissa	For working really hard to understand fractions of amounts.



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**Reader of the week:**

**Years 3 to 6**

<b>Class:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Reason for Award:</b>
Jupiter	Linda	For being such an enthusiastic reader in class! Well done!
Supernova	Oriana	For making a great effort to read in class this week!
Galaxy	Soliana	For showing a great love of reading!
Aurora	Nikola	For his passion for reading!
Sky	Alfie S	For having such passion for reading.



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# School Information & Events

## Attendance Class Winner of The Week



School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Venus	80.7
Attendance KS2 Winner	Jupiter	93.0
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Mercury	97.5
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Jupiter	97.7
Venus		97.4
Mercury		97.5
Planet Earth		96.3
Jupiter		97.7
Saturn		97.2
Supernova		95.6
Galaxy		96.4
Neptune		96.1
Aurora		97.3
Sky		93.6

## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	<b>100%</b>	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	<b>99%</b>	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	<b>97%</b>	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	<b>95%</b>	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	<b>90%</b>	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	<b>85%</b>	Very Concerned



Name	Age	Class
Anissa	Sky	10
Averii	Galaxy	9
Yousef	Sun-AM	4
Liya	Galaxy	9





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## Dates for the Diary



04/01/23	Children return to school
16/1/23	Yr 2 SATs Parent coffee morning
20/1/23	Chinese New Year celebration
20/1/23	January starter Nursery Parent coffee afternoon 2.30pm
23/1/23	Yr 6 SATs Parent coffee morning
27/1/23	Holocaust Memorial Day
30/1/23	Phonics screening parent coffee afternoon 2.30
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Story Telling Week
03/2/23	Number Day
03/2/23	Early Years celebration morning - Number
06 & 07/2/22	Zoo lab visiting (all classes to receive an animal handling workshop)
06/2/23	Mental Health Week
07/2/23	Safer Internet Day
10/2/23	<b>Tutorial Day - school closed for children - parents to attend meetings with children</b>
Half Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February

**Our KS1 and EYFS – reading together sessions will begin for the Spring term on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January!**

## Lunch

We are very aware that many of our children have chosen to opt for a packed lunch. While we appreciate that some of the children prefer this option, please remember that packed lunches should still follow the schools healthy eating policy. Please see links below for information about healthy packed lunches and ways in which you can provide a healthy lunch for your child.

We are currently reviewing our catering at school and making changes to ensure lunch provided is something the children look forward to!

<https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/parent/a-healthy-lunch-parents-information/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

**Love your packed lunch!**  
Create a healthier packed lunch by choosing foods from the 5 main food groups below:

- 1 Starchy Carbohydrates**  
to re-fuel your body  
Base your lunchbox on starchy carbohydrates.  
**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**  
✓ Bread, rolls, bagels, wraps, pitta or baguettes  
✓ Pasta  
✓ Couscous  
✓ Noodles  
✓ Potatoes
- 2 Fruit and Vegetables**  
to keep you healthy  
Pack one portion of fruit and one portion of veg every day  
**Choose TWO EVERY DAY from:**  
✓ Apple, banana, pear, orange, plums  
✓ Small pot of mixed berries or grapes  
✓ Prepared melon or mango  
✓ Chopped vegetable sticks: carrot, cucumber, pepper, celery, mango, trout, mild corn  
✓ Salad vegetables  
✓ Vegetable Soup
- 3 Dairy and Alternatives**  
for healthy teeth and bones  
Don't forget the dairy!  
**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**  
✓ Milk  
✓ Cheese - hard cheese, soft cheese, cheese spread  
✓ Yoghurt or Fromage Frais  
✓ Custard
- 4 Protein Foods**  
for growth and repair  
Pack a protein punch!  
**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**  
✓ Meat  
✓ Fish  
✓ Eggs  
✓ Non-dairy protein e.g. lentils, chick peas, beans
- 5 Drinks**  
to rehydrate your body  
✓ A large glass of water  
✓ Semi skimmed milk - or skimmed milk for children over 5 years.  
✓ 150ml of fruit unsweetened fruit juice/smoothie

**Occasionally!**  
Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, sausage pitta cakes/ sponges and biscuits of appropriate portion sizes

For more healthy packed lunch ideas and recipes visit [www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes](http://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes)

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**1st Place**

[www.1stplace.uk.com](http://www.1stplace.uk.com)



Southwark Children and Family Centres  
Borough Bankside and Walworth

## Fathers Group



Join a 12-week programme to help build your skills as a male parent/carer. Whether you are a father, grandfather or stepdad, receive advice and tips on topics such as positive parenting, improving relationships and role modelling. Crèche is provided.

**Where?** 1st Place Children and Family Centre, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN

**When?** 10.00am - 12.30pm, every Friday starting 13th January 2023

**To book a place, please contact**

**Ben Campbell** ☎ 07738 860 768 ✉ [ben.campbellsouthwark.gov.uk](mailto:ben.campbellsouthwark.gov.uk)

or 1st Place reception ☎ 0207 740 8070

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