



Newsletter

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This week

KS1

Could we please remind parents that children in KS1 (Infant School) should not wear watches in school. The reason for this is because the children are more active at playtimes, running, jumping, etc and there is a potential for watches to be broken and the children to be hurt. Thank you for your support with this.

Spark Poetry Competition

See attached letter.

Coffee Morning

My name is Zainab, I am the Education Wellbeing Practitioner (EWP) from Achieving for Children's Mental Health Support Team (MHST). I will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 6 March, 9.00 -10.00 am, in The Cabin (Junior site). As well as a chance to talk to myself and other parents, we will discuss 'Bringing up Resilient Children'. I hope to see you there!

World Book Day

We will be joining in with the nationwide celebration of reading that is World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March**. Our theme will be: "*Cosy up with a good book!*" meaning that children are encouraged to come to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies. They may also come dressed as their favourite book character if they prefer. The choice is theirs!

There will be a range of book-related activities in school on the day, including a mystery guest reader to each classroom. We are excited to share our love of reading, so please use this as an opportunity to talk to your child about what they are reading in school and to promote good reading habits. Thank you.

Measles cases are rising in London - information and catch up clinics

Cases of measles are rising in London, and many young people are not protected.

Measles spreads very easily among people that are unvaccinated. Measles can be an unpleasant illness, and for some it can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation.

Two doses of the **MMR vaccine** offers the most effective protection against measles for children and young people. You can check that you are up-to-date with your vaccinations by checking your red book or contacting your GP practice. More information about the MMR vaccine can be found on the **NHS website**. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS. It is never too late to catch up.

The Schools Age Immunisations Team are offering children and young people the opportunity to attend catch-up clinics, to ensure that they receive two doses of the MMR vaccine. Parents can visit the HRCH website to find more information about their local vaccine clinic and **how to book an appointment**.

Click here for resources and to read more.

Parking

Please do not park in Third Cross Road. We are receiving complaints from the residents about parents parking on the kerbs and across driveways. Please respect the signage which states that parking is not allowed between 8.30 am and 6.30 pm, Monday to Saturday unless you have a permit for SH/WT areas. Thank you.

Mathnasium

See attached flyer.

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Tues 5 Mar	All	PTA meeting	
Wed 6 Mar	All	Coffee morning	
Thur 7 Mar	All	World Book Day	
Fri 8 Mar	All	Class Reps	
Fri 15 Mar	All	Red Nose Day	
18-22 Mar	All	International Week	
Fri 22 Mar	All	PTA Family Magic Show	
Thu 28 Mar	All	End of Spring Term	
Mon 15 Apr	All	First day of Summer Term	
Sun 28 Apr	All	Earth Day – Big Dig	
Tues 7 May	All	PTA meeting	
Fri 10 May	All	Class Reps	
Fri 7 June	All	Class Photographs	
Tues 18 June	All	PTA meeting	
Fri 21 June	All	Class Reps	
Sun 30 June	All	Summer Fair	
Tues 23 July	All	Last day of Summer Term	
INFANT ONLY DATES			
Tues 5 Mar	Y2	Visiting Workshop: The Great Fire of London	
Mon 13 May	Reception	Visit to Bockett’s Farm – cost approx £28.00	
JUNIOR ONLY DATES			
Wed 28 Feb	Y5	Instrument assembly	
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly	
Fri 1 Mar	All	Deadline for creative projects	
Tue 5 Mar	Y3 & Y4	Instrument Assembly	
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly	
Wed 13 Mar	Y6	Instrument Assembly	
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly	
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly	
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly	
13-17 May	Y6	SATS	
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall	
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly	
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly	
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood	
Tues 23 Jul	Y6	Leavers’ Assembly	

COMMUNITY

Matilda Jr at Hampton Hill Theatre

Talented local school children will be starring in Matilda Jr at Hampton Hill Theatre between the 13th - 21st March.

Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, Matilda JR. is the much-loved, joyous musical about a girl with an extraordinary imagination.

Friends, families and the local community are all invited to join the revolt!

Tickets to this professional musical production are on sale at www.dramacube.co.uk.

The African Caribbean Education Network (ACEN)

By way of introduction, The African Caribbean Education Network (ACEN) is a national network of Black parents, students, teachers, and professionals seeking to improve experiences and access to top educational institutions and workplaces for Black students. In the past, our focus has solely been on independent & grammar schools, however, with racial equity (via systematic change) at the heart of what we do, we are expanding our focus to include all top academic institutions, as these are the spaces where Black students are typically underrepresented. Research evidencing that this then perpetuates underrepresentation in top universities, and then the workplace, which subsequently impacts the various structural deficits faced by the Black community thereafter.

Visit our [website](#) for more information. To stay up to date on schemes like this, students, parents, and schools can register using the links below:

Schools: [School Registration](#)

Students: [Student Registration](#)

Parents: [Parent Registration](#)

Similarly, if you would like information on our racial literacy and cultural competency training for teachers and students, please see our full-service [brochure here](#) or contact shola@aceducationnetwork.com

We are pleased to announce the **2024 ACEN Parent Summit**, now in its third year to be held:

Saturday 9th March 2024

9.30am to 4.30pm

Wimbledon High School, Mansel Rd, London, SW19 4AB

The event, which is aimed at parents and carers of African Caribbean children currently attending or interested in applying to independent and/or grammar

schools, will provide attendees with the opportunity to understand the admissions processes for the 11+.

Admissions guidance, advice and information on bursary and scholarship applications will be provided directly by a selection of schools themselves. In addition, Black families who currently have children in independent and/or grammar schools, alongside a panel of current students, will share valuable insights into their recent experiences of successfully navigating the admissions processes, the transition and settling into their settings.

We are unable to facilitate children below the age of 7 on the day and we ask that this is strictly adhered to, so all attendees and facilitators can participate in this information event with minimal disruption. However, students aged 7+ are welcome and they will be provided with the opportunity to participate in activities and workshops on the day which will include tips and a taster of the topics and techniques that selective school exams require. This includes online testing provided by Paideia an expert exam support company, the report of which will be provided to parents/carers.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided for all attendees.

Tickets are £11.95 per adult, and children (7+ only) are free. Families in receipt of pupil premium are also welcome to attend for free.

For more information and to register for the event please click below:

Further detail of this event can be found [on our website](#)

Please share this event with your friends, family and wider network using this email or graphic [here](#).