



Stillness Junior School

Newsletter

January 2024

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Dear Stillness Families

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families, staff and governors for the start of spring term.

I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed special time with friends and family. Time away from our everyday tasks can be remarkably restorative.

Thank you for all your continued support for everyone at Stillness Junior School. It is a very special place to learn and we are proud of every child's achievements.

Happy New Year!

Best wishes.

Mrs M Nichol
Headteacher

Calling all Sporty Adults

Do you love sports? Do you play a sport in your free time or teach a sport to others? Then Stillness Juniors needs you!

We are looking for adults who would like to come in and volunteer to teach the kids a one off or series of sporting lessons to get the kids interested in a variety of sports.

If this sounds up your street and you would like to discuss more, please email Miss Curtis at y5@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

Lewisham Foodbank Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly sent in donations during the month of December in support of our Lewisham Foodbank Christmas Appeal.

The items were collected by the Foodbank team for distribution to local families over the festive period. Thank you.

UNICEF: Article 6: (survival and development)
Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and grow up healthy.

STILLNESS NEWSLETTER

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, the deadline to submit your articles for the next publication is the penultimate week of every month

Hire our Facilities

We are delighted to offer our facilities for hire during the School holidays and outside normal school hours (5.30pm - 10pm) and facilities within the school, including the sports hall.

Our lettings are open 7 days a week with closures only during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays.

We also have a school mini bus available for hire that can seat up to 17 passengers.

If you are interested in the above, please contact

Kim Kennedy on kim@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Millie (Grierson Class) who has just been presented with her Gold Award at Brownies. It is the highest honour you can get in Brownies which illustrates how hard she worked to earn lots of different badges. Millie also had to host a Brownie meeting which included her own magic show to entertain the pack!

A special mention also to Alice and Mia for all their support.

Well done Millie – we are super proud of you.





King's College Hospital Pirates

Dear Mrs Threadgold

Thank you for your kind words.

On behalf of the coaches we would just like to thank you, your colleagues and your pupils.

We really enjoyed those sessions and despite some of the children being slightly nervous on the first day by the end of our time everyone was getting involved and playing really well. There was definitely some natural talent amongst the classes but also some newly discovered talent from girls and boys!

We would love to come back into the school at some future date and more than happy to run some further sessions.

In the meantime we would be really grateful if you are able to circulate the attached flyer to parents of yours pupils. We train on Sunday mornings in Kings Sports Ground next to the school from 0900 to 1030hrs. We will be there this Sunday, so if there are any pupils that would like to come down with any siblings / friends they would be very welcome.

Thank you once again

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Headteacher Awards

Gilbert (Montague Class) for being a positive role model in Y6

Tarshae (Montague Class) for being a positive role model in Y6

Mira (Montague Class) for being a joy to teach and someone Mrs Threadgold can constantly rely on

Ryan (Montague Class) for participating with effort and enthusiasm in all subjects

Alex (Bexhill Class) - For consistently working hard and always being so cheerful!

Aaliyah (Bexhill Class) - For producing some fantastic independent writing

Ivy (Bexhill Class) - For building an amazing Anderson shelter and helping others

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Laurie (Bexhill Class) - For blowing us away with his rugby skills!

Pippa (Netherby Class) – for giving 100% in all learning and being a wonderful help to her peers.

Tarshae (Montague Class) - for being a positive role model in Y6

Mia (Bexhill Class) - for exceptional focus in writing

Ikenna (Bexhill Class) - for producing some amazing writing and always listening carefully

Emma (Netherby Class) for a superb week in all her learning. She stayed on task and contributed so well in class. Well done!

Gregor (Montague Class) for making Mrs Threadgold proud during the parent tours. You were a credit to Stillness in every way

Ellie H (Montague Class) for being kind, caring and a wonderful role model to all

Jack (Montague Class) for being kind, caring and a wonderful role model to all

Shaniya (Bexhill Class) for consistent effort and hard work

Beatrice (Bexhill Class) for consistent effort and hard work

Sophia (Montague Class) - For putting 100% effort into everything she does.

Joshua (Montague Class) - For making outstanding progress during the Autumn Term.

Mira (Montague Class) - For being a positive role model and a joy to teach.

Cianna (Montague Class) - For supporting Emma in the playground, demonstrating her caring and compassionate personality.

Isabelle (Montague Class) - For attacking the Autumn Term with high levels of engagement leading to excellent progress.

Betty (Montague Class) - For great participation and engagement in maths.

Chloe (Gladiator Class) - For excellent computing work this term

Helena (Gladiator Class) – For being a kind friend

Quinn (Gladiator Class) - For being a kind friend

Magnus (Gladiator Class) – For working very hard in all of his subjects

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL RFC
Est. 1869

KCH PIRATES YOUTH RUGBY
Est. 2014

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF RUGBY

TAG & MINI RUGBY
FROM **17 SEPT**

TRY MINI RUGBY
IN HONOR OAK

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11

EVERY SUNDAY 9AM-10.30AM

Honor Oak Park Sports Ground
Brockley Rise, SE23 1NW

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Christmas

Before the Christmas break a variety of events took place that were made possible with the help and support of a number of people.

A big thank you to "team SCA" who all came together to support the school with a number of events for the children to enjoy in the run up to Christmas including a film night, a Christmas Sing-A-Long and a Christmas Panto on the last day of term.

Thank you Charlotte for organising a Christmas tree sale. A total of £3512.20 was raised that will be split between the two schools.

A thank you also to Claire, Jen and all our parent volunteers for your support at our Sing-A-Long and providing us with mince pies and mulled wine!

Also a big shout out to Anne for running this year's raffle which has raised over £1,000.00 for the juniors.

Without the support of SCA and the generosity of our parents and carers, the school would not be able to benefit from all of these wonderful fundraising events.

Thank you to Chef and the team for all their hard working in preparing, cooking and serving over 200 Christmas dinners for us to enjoy.

Also thank you to Chartwells for providing the children with a satsuma and home baked biscuit to enjoy mid-afternoon.

Christmas Dinner 2023

A big thank you to the parent volunteers who came in to help with Christmas dinner this year.

Thank you Claire, Jen, Pramesh, Sofia, James, Alisdair and Ella.



Congratulations Amelia and Cecily

Congratulations to Amelia and Cecily who wanted to do something for others this Christmas. They decided to donate to Lewisham Hospital's present appeal for children who need to spend time in hospital over Christmas:

<https://www.lewishamandgreenwich.nhs.uk/latest-news/lgt-christmas-toy-appeal-2023-is-now-open-2753/>

They did a bake sale and raised £35.50! And with this, they were able to buy 5 gifts including lego, Uno, a puzzle and a painting kit to donate to the appeal.

Well done girls – we are so proud of you!



More photographs available to view on the school website:
www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

OUR BEST AT ALL TIMES





Online Safety



Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation:

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school. **Try to de-personalise it by asking their opinion on a current news story that relates to an online issue.**
- **Be proactive - don't wait until something has already gone wrong** - discuss issues ahead of time - knowing what children of a similar age are doing will help you know more about the environment that your child is living in.
- **Ask them for advice on how to do something online** and use this as a conversation starter.
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they are upset by something they have seen online – **listen to them when they do and try not to overreact** – the important thing is that they have come and told you!
- **Be sensitive and praise them** when they share their online experiences with you.
- If your child comes to you with an issue, **stay calm and listen without judging them.**
- **Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger** and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are.
- Ask them about things online which **might make them (or others) uncomfortable.**

Staff Recognition Box

We have a "Staff Recognition" box on the front page of our school website if you have a special message/thank you for a member of staff. Receiving a positive message from you really gives staff a boost.

Pre-Loved School Uniform Exchange

We know the cost-of-living crisis is affecting all households across the UK so we have in stock a selection of branded and unbranded pre-loved school uniform from Y3 to Y6. We cannot guarantee we will have the size you require as we rely on donations, however you are free to pop in and see what we have.

We will happily take in any of your unwanted pre-loved uniform to add to the pile for other parents to enjoy. We hope this uniform exchange will allow families whose children have outgrown uniforms to hand them in while accessing uniforms in larger sizes without having to buy new clothes and cut down on waste.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



Cold Weather Clothing

Over the coming weeks, the cold weather will start to creep in. Please ensure that children do not leave home without a coat, hat and gloves on cold days. All clothing must be **labelled** clearly.

On snowy days, children can wear wellingtons or boots, **as long as they have school shoes with them to change into.** The classrooms get very warm and children will be too hot in boots all day.

Children are **not** permitted to wear leggings but can wear navy or grey tights.

Thank you.

For a Love of Sport and Fitness

Our PE Lead, Mrs Curtis, is always looking for new ways to inspire all the children for a love of sporting and fitness. Do you coach a team or play for a team? Do you have any PE Awards or completed any achievements? We would love to hear from you so you can also inspire the Stillness Junior community. If yes, please contact Miss Curtis directly via the Y5 email address: Y5@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.

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Instagram



Thank you to everyone who has visited our Instagram site.

Our Instagram continues to go from strength to strength. We have had a large number of follow requests; however, to ensure we keep the account private and only accessible by the Stillness Community, we would be grateful if you would email the main office with your request on admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk. We are also receiving requests from children that will not be accepted as this platform is only for children over the age of 13.

Please keep popping in to have a look at what is going on in and around our wonderful school.

All “likes” welcomed!

School Streets



Reminder that Lewisham School Street Programme “School Streets” is in effect. Fines will be issued for those who enter Brockley Rise from the junction with Stillness Road, without an exemption permit from **Monday to Friday** between the set times of **8.30am to 9.30am** and **2.45pm to 3.45pm**. Please be aware that local residents are able to access during these hours so we should continue to observe road safety. Thank you.

Attendance

Our Local Authority Attendance Officer is Charmaine Holder who will be monitoring our pupils’ attendance.

Emergency Contact Information

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details so we can contact you if your child needs you during the school day.

If you change your mobile phone, move house or want to change your child’s contact list please email the school office on admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING

Working together to safeguard children.

Stillness Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and parents/carers to share this commitment.

Safeguarding is a term which is broader than ‘child protection’ and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent, effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.

Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher

Mrs Z Renner-Thomas – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs P Brown – Inclusion Lead



Mobile Phones

Stillness Junior School is a “mobile free” zone.

Please be reminded that mobile phones cannot be brought into school for any reason whatsoever. We strongly believe that children are more at risk when they carry and use a mobile phone than it being a deterrent. Our school policy reflects this and it is a rule that we enforce vigorously.

Any mobile phone brought into school will be taken and can only be collected by a parent/carer; repeat offenders will have their mobile phone held in the school office until the end of term.

Dinner Money

Following Government Guidelines, all primary school children will now receive a school dinner free of charge for the academic year 2023/24.

Cashless School

To improve the service we provide, Stillness Junior School is a cashless school and does not accept cheques or cash as payment.

Payment for school trips etc. can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay. You all have your individual ID and Password to access this facility.

Please note: if you wish to change your child from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa please inform the school office in writing together with any allergies they may have.

Stillness Junior School Website

We work extremely hard to ensure that our website is up to date. Please take a minute to have a look and catch up with the latest news and holiday dates.

If you do not wish photographs of your child/ren to be posted on this website, on Instagram, in the school newsletter or in articles that may be published in the press, please notify the school office in writing.

January Diary Dates

8.1.24 Children return to school

17.1.24 – Y5 trip to Horniman Museum

25.1.24 – Montague Class trip to Buddha Temple

26.1.24 – Bexhill Class trip to Buddha Temple

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