



# Stillness Junior School

“Our “Best At all Times”



## Weekly Round Up Page – Week 2

Dear Stillness Families

In recent Class Rep meetings, parents and carers asked how the Stillness Junior School community can contribute to equipment for the school. Please take a look at our new Amazon Wish List where you can buy items selected by our teachers and children on the front page of our website.

Thank you for your support.

**Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher**

### Y3 News

What a busy week of fantastic learning!

In English, we have been looking at the features of a ‘Losing Tale’ by immersing ourselves in a new text featuring a Roman soldier named Titus. We will be working from our own plans next week to start writing our own ‘Losing Tale’ inspired by The Lost Message. In Maths, we will be beginning our new unit in Measurement starting with millimetres, centimetres and metres. In Science, the children worked very well in teams this week to test the friction level of different surfaces by timing toy cars on a ramp. Next week we will be continuing our hands-on Science with a ‘Scrapyard Challenge’ involving an array of materials and magnets.

We had another successful PE session this week where the children were working on their Dodgeball skills. This will continue with a focus on throwing while running and jumping for next week’s lesson.

Finally, we would like to correct a small error that was identified in the Programme of Events we recently sent out. It is **Salehurst Class** (not Iona Class as listed) who will be celebrating Science day on an alternative day due to their trip to the British Museum on the **25<sup>th</sup> March**. Apologies for the error. Please also see the dates below for the classes and their school trips.

25 March:	Science Day (Salehurst class to participate in this on a different day that week as they are on a trip)	Full day of experiments and activities
25 March: Salehurst Class	Topic – I am Warrior visit to the British Museum	Roman Visit to the British Museum and special Exhibition: “Legion”
27 March: Iona Class		Group Activities and Tasks related to our topic on the Romans
28 March: Otford Class		

#### Don't forget:

- Spelling tests are on a Friday
- Keep up the Times Table Rockstar and reading practice.
- If you have any questions or queries then you can email the Y3 teachers at [Y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:Y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk)
- Please see our recent Programme of Events for some exciting key dates coming up in Spring Term.

**Miss L West – Y3 Lead**

### Y5 News

What a cold week it has been! We had a fantastic visit to the Horniman Museum as part of our science topic - animals including humans - where we took part in a workshop and completed some quizzes. We were so impressed by the children's engagement and behaviour, so a big well done to them (and a huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered!). In English, we have been writing our own journey tale narratives focusing on varied sentence lengths for suspense and figurative language to build imagery. Please continue to ensure your child reads every night at home as this helps develop vocabulary and increases their creativity.

#### Don't forget:

- For Gabriel class, spring term assessment week clashes with our swimming. Because of this, Gabriel class will be doing the majority of their assessments the week before so that the children aren't too exhausted by swimming and assessments.
- As you know, we have had lots of exciting trips planned this year to engage the children and give them a variety of enriching opportunities. To do these trips, we do rely on parents contributions. If you have not yet paid a contribution, and are able to, you can do so on Parent Pay. This will then allow us to book more trips for the year, to give your child/ren experiences and broaden their knowledge on the different topics we look at throughout the year. We thank you for your support in advance.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

**Miss O Gayer – Y5 Teacher**

### 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](mailto:kim@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk).

### Y4 News

This week in Y4 the children have been working on honing their descriptive writing skills- composing descriptions of different scenes and characters. Next week they will be completing their own piece focused on a mythical beast of their creation. In our maths lessons, the children have been multiplying and dividing by 1000 using known facts and we will be moving on to using written strategies.

In our foundation subjects, we have been learning about where the Anglo-Saxons originated and how they made their journey to Britain. Next week we will be focusing on the Vikings and their violent introduction to British history.

We have started our new Science topic focusing on electricity: this week we have discussed sources of electricity and next week the children will be making circuits!

We would like to highlight that this term we are doing Tag rugby in our PE lessons. We are aiming to have lessons outside as much as possible and with this in mind would like to ask that children come wrapped up!

Thanks.

**Mr C Sloan – Y4 Teacher**

### Y6 News

We are full steam ahead in Y6! The confidence in the children at the moment is palpable (one of our words of the week!), we have smashed our ratio unit in Maths and we have now gone on to Algebra. Our Alma inspired suspense narratives have been written and next week we edit and publish. Our next writing piece will be a cross-curricular link with Topic as we will explore and write a balanced argument on whether Tudor Punishment was effective. It is going to get gruesome in Y6!

In Topic, we discovered how the Tudors came to power. Please ask your child who Henry Tudor was and what strategic moves he made during the Battle of Bosworth. House point if they can remember the year! We had a wonderful PE lesson this week, where the entire Year 6 took part in a circuit training activity focussing on intensity. This was explored by recording their pulses after a variety of cardio and strength exercises. Can they tell you what the outcome was?

Another highlight this week was the children learning how to classify animals in Science. To learn more, they used Chrome Books to research Carl Linnaeus – the creator of the modern system for naming plants and animals.

#### Don't forget:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Montague's trip to the Buddhist Temple
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Bexhill's trip to the Buddhist Temple.

Have an enjoyable and fun weekend.

**Mrs Threadgold - Y6 Lead**