



Stillness Junior School

Newsletter

February 2024

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Wish List



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 all your support.



Environmental Issues

A big shout out to Holly (Parbury Class) who wrote to Vicky Foxcroft, MP for Lewisham Deptford, about local environmental issues including the ULEZ scheme.

Ms Foxcroft has sent a hand written letter back to Holly congratulating her on such an eloquent letter and confirming her commitment to achieving net zero and her support of the ULEZ scheme.

In the letter Ms Foxcroft also writes that she would like to visit the school. Mrs Nichol has now extended an invitation to her and we look forward to confirming a date in the near future.

Well done Holly!

UNICEF: Article 7: (registration, name, nationality, care)
Every child has the right to a legally registered name and nationality, as well as the right to know and, as far as possible, to be cared for by their parents.

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.

We Need Your Help



Volunteer Readers Wanted

We are calling out to all volunteers who are interested in listening to children read. Please let us know if you are interested, we would love to have you on board.

Please email kim@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk for more information.

Many thanks

Mrs P Brown
Inclusion Lead

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



February Half Term Activity Camp



**FEBRUARY HALF TERM
ACTIVITY CAMP
@STILLNESS JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**OPEN TO ALL LOCAL
CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6**

Choose either Football or Performing Arts!

GUARANTEED TO GO AHEAD

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
12TH -16TH FEBRUARY**

**MAIN DAY: 10AM-4PM
£25/DAY OR £110/WEEK**

**EXTENDED CHILDCARE BOLT-ONS:
8.30-10AM: £5/SESSION
4-5.30PM: £5/SESSION**

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

Join Coach Ben, Emily and the team this February Half Term for a fun filled week!
Scan the QR code to book or visit our website:
<https://www.teachsport.org/lewisham>



NSPCC

On Tuesday 23rd January, Y5 received a visit from Buddy and his friends from the NSPCC. They came to talk to Y5 about how they can stay safe and what they can do if they feel unsafe. They spoke about the different forms of abuse and what these can look like and these types of abuse are never okay. We spoke about how we safeguard children at Stillness and thought about all the adults in the school that we can talk to, if we are feeling upset, worried or unsafe. The key message from the workshop was that we all have the right to feel safe.

A huge thank you to Buddy and his friends for reminding us how we can stay safe, who we can talk to outside and inside school and that important Childline number.



Headteacher Awards

Zion (*Bexhill Class*) for an excellent week. Working really hard and being a great role model.

Leo (*Otford Class*) for taking the initiative in Maths to check his multiplication and division work with the inverse operation without being prompted by the teacher.

Otto (*Iona Class*) for representing the class so well in the School Council meeting and feeding back so eloquently. Well done, you did the class proud!

Maya (*Iona Class*) for representing the class so well in the School Council meeting and feeding back so eloquently. Well done, you did the class proud!

Lewis (*Iona Class*) for representing the class so well in the School Council meeting and feeding back so eloquently. Well done, you did the class proud!

Zachary (*Iona Class*) for representing the class so well in the School Council meeting and feeding back so eloquently. Well done, you did the class proud!

Aidn (*Montague Class*) for constantly being engaged and enthusiastic in every lesson.

David (*Montague Class*) for using challenging vocab to improve his sentences when writing his Alma suspense piece.

Isobel (*Bexhill Class*) for always making good choices andn doing the right thing.

Zoi (*Otford Class*) for going above and beyond to help keep the classroom running smoothly especially by always being so dedicated to your job as 'Screen Monitor'!

Ivy (*Bexhill Class*) for trying really hard with her learning and being super helpful around the classroom.

Ercan (*Montague Class*) for showing perseverance when completing his Alma story.

Colman (*Montague Class*) for being determined to impact the reader, using knowledge and skills taught.

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Curriculum Week

Spring Term's Curriculum Week took place week beginning 29th January and involved a dress up day for each year group.

The school was full of Vikings, Romans and the beautiful vibrant colours and music of Mexico! On Friday we will be welcoming Tudor children to school!

A big thank you to Mrs Threadgold, our Curriculum Lead, for organising such a brilliant week.



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



Online Safety



There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself safe online.

Think before you post

Do not upload or share anything you would not want your parents, carers, teachers or future employers seeing. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.

Do not share personal details

Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you.

Watch out for phishing and scams

Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you are asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.

Think about who you are talking to

There are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you have met online, never share personal information with them like your address, full name, or where you go to school. [Find out more about grooming.](#)

Keep your device secure

Make sure that you are keeping [your information and device secure.](#)

Never give out your password

You should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember [passwords.](#)

Cover your webcam

Some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you are not using it.

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 Attendance Officer is Gwen Neil who can be contacted via the main office on admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk. If you require to take your child out during term time please complete and return an Absence Request Form.

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.

February Diary Dates

2.2.24 – Y6 Curriculum Day – The Tudors

12.2.24 to 16.2.24 – HALF TERM

19.2.24 – Children return to school

26.2.24 – Grierson Class Swimming Week

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