



Stillness Junior School Newsletter April 2024



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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the autumn term.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday, 15 April 2024** for the start of summer term.

Mrs M Nichol
Headteacher

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mia (Grierson Class) for recently completing a cycling marathon. She raised £702.00 for the Shelter charity. Mia said: *"I'm cycling a marathon to raise money for homeless people because I think everyone deserves the right for a home."*

Well done Mia; we are extremely proud of you.



UNICEF: Article 9: (separation from parents)

Children must not be separated from their parents unless it is in the best interests of the child (for example, in cases of abuse or neglect). A child must be given the chance to express their views when decisions about parental responsibilities are being made. Every child has the right to stay in contact with both parents, unless this might harm them.

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

Thank you

We would like to thank Jen and Alex Hacking for coming in over the weekend to repair our tired old shed situated next to the garden area. This shed once fully restored will become our new gardening shed.

Jen and Alex donated their time and the cost of the repairs as a gesture of goodwill. Thank you both so very much.

Drama/Music Concert

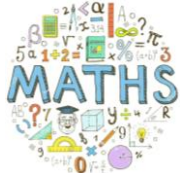
Well done and thank you to all the children that took part in the spring concert. We had a lovely range of performances from our instrumentalists and singers. It gave us all an opportunity to celebrate our very talented children and to see what they are learning in their instrumental lessons.

A big thank you to our music tutors, Murray Anderson, Valerie Catley, Andrew Liddell, Matt Holborn, Aidan Maier and Sarah Botting, who have worked hard to get the children prepared and confident for a public performance.

I would also like to thank the Stillness staff for their involvement with the preparation and running of the event. Without them it would not have been possible.

Thanks.

Samantha McCartney
Music Lead



Maths Day

To celebrate Maths Day, Friday, 23 February 2024, we saw our first ever inter-house maths competition. Each class split into their house teams to compete.

There was a quiz to complete consisting of ten questions designed to get all of the children involved, engaged and working as a team.

After lunch we had a prize giving assembly to announce the winners. It was a very close competition with only one point between the winners and the runners up!

Congratulations to our winners, Ross House, they will keep the trophy until next year.

What the children thought of maths day.....

"I really liked competing in our house teams" - **Toby, Bexhill class**

"I loved that the questions were so fun" – **Tess, Montague class**

Ms S Beeke – Maths Coordinator



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Headteacher Awards

Theo (Bexhill Class) for trying his hardest all week and settling down to his work well

Jessica (Bexhill Class) for always trying her hardest and making great progress

Toby (Montague Class) for always saying insightful comments during all lessons to move the learning forward

Amaia (Grierson Class) for helping the adults in the library at lunchtime and being an excellent role model

Jordaya (Iona Class) for an excellent effort in her reading this week

Lily (Iona Class) for a fantastic Roman themed project. The effort and time that you put into it should be celebrated. Well done!

Kezia (Parbury Class) for closing the gate securely after her

Ismael (Montague Class) for showing high levels of engagement, especially in maths, resulting in good progress.

Orla (Otford Class) for her incredible craftwork and design on her half-term home learning project.

Magnus (Iona Class) for putting an extra-special effort into his Roman home learning (poem and newspaper report) whilst at home. Well done!

Mia (Bexhill Class) for trying her hardest all week.

Jonah (Bexhill Class) for being so kind and thoughtful on a school trip

Aida (Bexhill Class) for trying so hard in assessment week.

Milla (Bexhill Class) for trying so hard in assessment week

Zachary (Iona Class) for an incredible Roman project. Your Roman road was truly amazing – well done!

Mia (Grierson Class) for completing a cycling marathon and raising £702 for the Shelter charity

Holly (Parbury Class) for speaking with such confidence and enthusiasm to Ellie Reeves MP during her recent tour of Jan's Secret Garden. We were really proud of you

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Lyla (Bexhill Class) for speaking with such confidence and enthusiasm to Ellie Reeves MP during her recent tour of Jan's Secret Garden. We were really proud of you

Tarshae (Montague Class) for wonderful progress during the spring term, which can be attributed to his engaged learning approach

Charlie (Montague Class) for wonderful progress during the spring term, which can be attributed to his engaged learning approach

Beau (Iona Class) for always giving 100% in her learning. Well done!

Ivy (Bexhill Class) for fantastic progress and amazing results in assessment week

Ajarie (Bexhill Class) for fantastic progress and amazing results in assessment week

Josephine (Bexhill Class) for fantastic progress and amazing results in assessment week

Toby T (Bexhill Class) for doing all his homework and great participation in class

Kyla (Bexhill Class) for outstanding effort in everything she does!

Zach (Bexhill Class) for fantastic progress and excellent participation



Harry Potter Night

On Thursday evening, 29 March 2024, the community came together to celebrate all things Harry Potter!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. A special mention to Jen, Claire and Mel for all their hard work and organising the troops!

The children had a brilliant evening and the overall house winners on the night were Gryffindor!



World Book Day

World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

On Thursday, 7 March 2022, Stillness joined with schools all over the country to celebrate our love of books and shared reading on World Book Day.

What a brilliant day! The school was full of characters from a wide variety of books including Charlotte's Web, Harry Potter and of course..... Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!

To view the many characters that turned up, please take a peek at our school website ore photographs can be viewed on our school website

www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sc.uk



OUR BEST AT ALL TIMES

Lots more photographs available to view on our school website www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk



Crafty Hands clubs and Flame the Chinese Dragon.

Crafty hands had an idea to put all the clubs they run together; 3D, textiles, jewellery, crafts and knitting to make a large 3D Dragon to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We wanted to involve all the children and join the clubs for an amazing and creative work of art. The children all had great fun putting this piece together and they all felt like they had contributed and worked together to put together this masterpiece.

With 3D putting the Dragon head together, jewellery adding the bells and chains, textiles putting on the fabric and sequins, crafts painting and making and finally knitting making the pom poms! Flame, who was the named picked out of a hat, joined the rest of the school in an assembly and now sits proudly in the school library to be enjoyed by all the school.

We like to thank all the children for their hard work and creative ideas and the school for allowing the clubs and the children to be able to come together and have such amazing and creative fun.





OUR BEST AT ALL TIMES

ONLINE SAFETY RULES

 Don't give your personal details like school name, your photo to anyone on internet.

 Never meet someone you met online in real life. It can be dangerous.

 Tell your parents if you see up-setting language, nasty pictures or if you are being cyberbullied.

 Be nice to people like the way you would be on playground

 Be very careful with what you post on the internet, because it will remain on internet forever and might be misused.

Junior/Infant Quiz Night

A bit thank you to SCA and FOSI for organising a brilliant quiz night. A thank you also to everyone who came along to support the evening and enjoyed some food and a glass or three of prosecco!!

Please visit our website for more photographs of the evening. Thank you.



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.

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.

Late Pick Up

We understand how busy life can be and we all run a bit late every now and again, however if you are more than 10 minutes late to collect your child from their class at the end of the day then we will need to pop them into Teachsport after school club which will come at a cost. You can contact them directly on: www.teachsport.org/TSc4k/lewisham

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.



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.

April Diary Dates

28.3.24 – Last day in School

29.3.24 – Good Friday and start of Easter Break

15.4.24 – Children return to school for the start of summer term.

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