



Stillness Junior School Newsletter April 2026



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Article 3: (best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Lewisham Foodbank



A big thank you to everyone who generously donated Easter eggs to our annual Easter Egg Appeal in support of Lewisham Foodbank. The table was filled with an abundance of donations, all of which have now been delivered to the foodbank so that families can enjoy them over the Easter holidays.



Message from the OPAL Team: Are you having a clear-out or moving home? If so, please consider donating any unwanted items to support our wonderful OPAL play. We are currently looking for:

- ✓ Items on wheels (e.g. scooters, pushchairs, trolleys or suitcases)
- ✓ Fancy dress clothing (any style, shape or size)
- ✓ Kitchen items (including plastic or wooden chopping boards)
- ✓ DIY materials and tools (e.g. rope, tarpaulin, pipes and crates).

These items will be used to enrich our OPAL play provision and give children more opportunities for imaginative and creative play. Please help our children give your unwanted items a second life.

Thank you for your support.

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.

If you are interested in the above, please contact

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



Summer Uniform

We are now in summer term and as the weather warms up we all want to wear light clothing to keep us cool.

Can parents/carers please ensure that the children's skirts are **knee** length. Children should **not** be wearing knee high "pop" socks and no open toed sandals. Children can wear the school summer dress, available in blue or yellow and grey shorts.

It is important that your child continues to bring a bottle of water to school (not metal) and as the weather continues to improve they are wearing a sun hat and sun cream/sun block.

Uniform can be purchased via Gooddies (gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/stillness-junior-school/)

Thank you.



Headteacher Awards (Article 3)



Holly (Montague) for exceptional focus and dedication in crafting a perfectly structured feature article

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Avanti (Parbury) for speaking so eloquently and asking interesting questions whilst interviewing Mrs Nichol

Joshua (Sevenoaks) for speaking so eloquently and asking interesting questions whilst interviewing Mrs Nichol

Frankie (Ivy) for speaking so eloquently and asking interesting questions whilst interviewing Mrs Nichol

Daniel (Bexhill) for some exceptional writing

Benji (Bexhill) for a fantastic positive attitude and completing his work

Flo (Bexhill) for using her reading to really enhance her news article writing

Leo (Bexhill) for a fantastic positive attitude to his writing

Kaiarna (Bexhill) for a fantastic positive attitude to school

Momore (Gabriel) for always being the most helpful person around the classroom. You are a real superstar and a fantastic role model for your peers!!

Kezia (Bexhill) for some of the best writing she's done and always having such a positive attitude!

Adam (Bexhill) for some fantastic writing this week!

Vita (Otford) for producing carefully thought-out Science posters around the future for children

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Bonnie (Ivy) for growing her hair for over a year to donate to The Little Princess Trust.



Keeping Safe Online (Article 17)

It is important to talk to children about staying safe online as soon as they start using technology. Children can accidentally stumble across pornography either by following links, clicking on adverts or sometimes through typos in their searching. They might also actively look for this content online as they are curious or are unsure what something is or means. Whichever way a child accesses this type of content it can leave them feeling shocked, disgusted or worried, and it may prompt questions about sex and relationships.

Top tips:

- ✓ Always have age-appropriate conversations – NHS Choices has advice on [how to talk to your child about sex](#)
- ✓ Give children strategies for dealing with anything inappropriate online (for example, close the laptop)
- ✓ Make sure your children know they can turn to you, even if they have viewed something on purpose
- ✓ Make use of parental control tools available on devices, platforms and at ISP level. Visit [Internet Matters](#) for some handy guides.

What to do if your child does come across pornography:

If they do tell you they have seen something inappropriate, don't panic. Reassure them they've done the right thing turning to you. It may help to practice what you would say if you found out, or if your child told you, that they had seen something pornographic online. Be prepared that it may prompt questions about sex and relationships and it is important to answer questions in an age-appropriate way. It may also prompt you to assess your current level of parental controls and change them if needed.

Help limit the chances of exposure:

With young children, we recommend that you make use of parental control tools available. These can be applied at device level or the platform and from your internet service provider. See our guides for [setting up parental controls](#) or visit [Internet Matters](#) for easy to use how to guides. Be aware that parental controls are not 100% effective but they do help limit the chances of your child being accidentally exposed to pornographic content.

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STREET CRICKET

No Fees
No fuss
100% FREE!!

LADYWELL STREET CRICKET CLUB
8-15 YEARS OLD
EVERY MONDAY FROM MARCH 23 5:00PM - 6:00PM
VENUE: HILLY FIELDS CRICKET PITCH, 6 HILLY FIELDS CRESCENT, LONDON SE4 1QA

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EMAIL: JUAN.JIMENEZ@KENTCRICKET.CO.UK
EMAIL: PRASHANT.SINAI@KENTCRICKET.CO.UK
TEL OR WHATSAPP: 07931 720136

CHANCE TO SHINE STREET

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO



Curriculum Week (Article 3)

Curriculum Week has become a highlight of the year for pupils and teachers! It allows the children to be immersed in a character relating to their topic learning. The school was taken over by Romans (Y3), Vikings (Y4), Mexico (Y5) and the Tudors (Y6)!!

A big thank you to our Curriculum Lead, Mrs Threadgold for once again organising such a brilliant day. More photographs are available to view on our school website

www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.



The Little Princess Trust

Bonnie (Ivy) has been growing her hair for over a year to donate to a charity called The Little Princess Trust. They provide free, real hair wigs to children and young people who experience hair loss through cancer treatment and other conditions like alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK.

Bonnie has exceeded her target length of 13 inches, and she is now ready for her big hair cut.

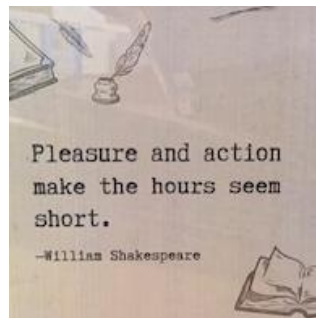
The family are raising money to help cover the cost of making the wig to donate to the charity and would be grateful for any donations at their JustGiving page <https://tinyurl.com/4t7pxpmh>

Well done Bonnie – we are super proud of you.

Y6 The Tudors

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Monteiro and Ms Sahdev-Bacon for giving up their time to support MISS Enwonwu in transforming Y6 into a Tudor village for the day!

The children were absolutely thrilled when they arrived and saw the props, writing quills, and all the wonderful items that truly brought their Tudor topic to life.



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Asthma Friendly School (Article 24)



We are proud to share our new Asthma Friendly Schools Certificate with you.

Congratulations also to Mrs Kelly (Learning Mentor) and Miss Peterkin (our First Aid Lead) for completing the asthma champion workshop training to become our resident Asthma Champions.





World Book Day

Famous book characters were brought to life when the children dressed up for this year's World Book Day!

With this year's theme of Reading for Fun, children and staff discussed the books they have enjoyed reading and hopefully inspiring others to pick up a new book.

Pupils arrived dressed in inventive and creative costumes, showcasing their personalities as well as their favourite book characters.

The children and staff had a fantastic day with lots of opportunities to read for fun and celebrate our love of reading together. World Book Day was a great chance for us to engage with books in a creative way and for children to develop their literacy skills and appreciation for storytelling.



Y4 Girls District Cup (Article 31)

The Y4 girls team took a trip to the Redbridge centre in Ilford to represent Lewisham in the districts cup.

They played 5 games in the first round, winning 2, drawing 1, and losing 1. It was a really close call – the girls showed great teamwork, dedication, and skill throughout, and were just edged out of a place in the final on goal difference.

A big thank you to Coach Ben and Coach Theo for taking the time to come and support the girls – it meant a lot.

"I enjoy the interaction and playing with my friends. It has been great to enjoy the day and it didn't matter if we won or lost it was being out and playing that was important" **Ruby**

"I loved playing football and regaining my strength in the breaks with a snack. I scored a goal and I felt very proud" **Ariana**

"I love playing football and I think we all tried really hard. I scored a goal and was very happy that I helped my team" **Leonor**



Toilets and Changing Rooms

Can we please remind parents/carers that the toilets and changing rooms on school site are for the use of **CHILDREN ONLY**.

Please do not use or enter these areas at any time – including before or after school.

If your child needs to use the toilet facilities or wishes to look for something in the changing room, **please send them in on their own and wait outside.**

Your support on the above is very much appreciated. It is extremely important that we all take an active role in safeguarding the children who attend this school.

Thank you.

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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

Miss P Augustus – Inclusion Lead



Mobile Phones

We are a “mobile free” school.

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, primary school children will now receive a school dinner free of charge for the academic year 2025/2026.

Cashless School

To improve the service we provide, we are a cashless school and do 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.

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

13.4.26 – Children return to school

14.4.26 – Grierson Class Swimming

20.4.26 – Sevenoaks trip to Centre of the Cell

21.4.26 – Parbury trip to Centre of the Cell

21.4.26 – Grierson Class Swimming

23.4.26 – Ivy trip to Centre of the Cell

28.4.26 – Grierson Class Swimming

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