



'Our Best at all Times'

Headteacher: Mrs Mitzi Nichol

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Dear Stillness Families

At Stillness Junior School we have 4 houses who have been named after people who have lived in the Borough of Lewisham and have achieved great things. We have:

Grace: named after William Grace who was an English amateur cricketer. He was important in the development of the sport and is widely considered one of its greatest players. Grace's house colour is green.

Nesbit: named after Edith Nesbit who was an English writer and poet. She lived on Baring Grove in Grove Park. She wrote over 60 books including the Railway Children which is a much-loved children's classic. Nesbit's house colour is blue.

Phoenix: is named after Sybil Phoenix who started fostering in 1961. She also became a community worker, providing support for unwanted children. Sybil was the first black woman to be awarded the MBE in 1973. From 1998 to 1999, she was Civic Mayoress and was elevated to OBE in June 2008. Phoenix's house colour is yellow.

Ross: is named after James Ross who was a British Royal Navy Officer and polar explorer known for his exploration of the Arctic. Ross' house colour is red.

The house system serves to develop a sense of identity and belonging and to celebrate the children's achievements, foster healthy competition and because it is fun!

From September each house will have a House Captain in Y6 who will encourage the children around school to be polite, behave well and work hard, to gain as many house points as possible for their house. They will also serve as good role models to the other children and are expected to lead by example and encourage and support all members of their House. They will be invited to address their peers to explain why they would make a great House Captain and after all of the speeches have been delivered, the children will cast their vote in a school election.

Please talk to your child about this new role within the school and, if they are interested



please complete and return the attached application form (copy also available via the school website) to the class teacher by **Monday, 6 July 2026**.

The candidates will have time to prepare so they are ready to deliver a speech in assembly to the rest of the school stating their case on why they feel they are the best person for the job before our secret ballots are carried out. The House Captains will be identified by a school blazer they will wear every day that will be provided by the school.

Closing Date for all Applications: **Monday, 6 July 2026**

Candidate Assembly: **Tuesday, 7 July 2026**

House Captain Election: **Wednesday, 8 July to Friday 10 July 2026**

Results Announced: **Monday, 13 July 2026**

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Nichol
Headteacher

House Captain Application Form Attached