

Stillness Junior School Newsletter

November 2026



Our Best at all times

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.

Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to team SCA for organising our annual Halloween disco!

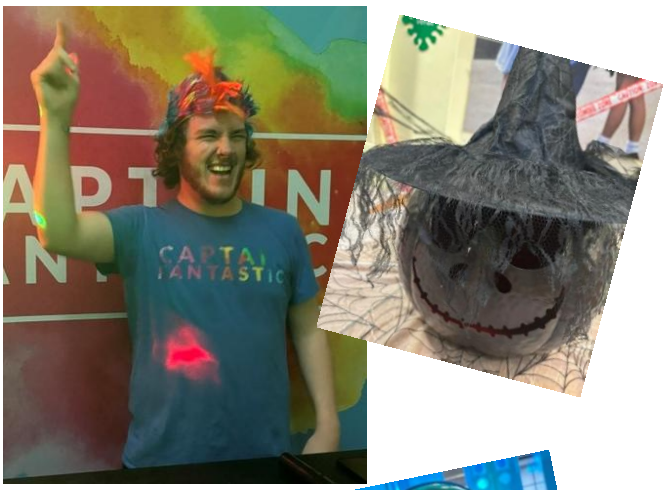
The children looked fantastic in their amazing costumes, with witches, skeletons, superheroes and all sorts of spooky characters taking over the school. Some outfits were so good we could barely recognise who was underneath!

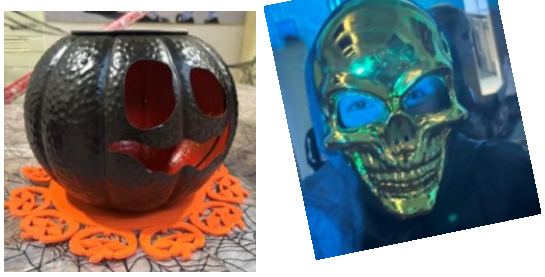
Thank you for the great music from Captain Fantastic, which certainly got everyone dancing!

Thank you to all the parents who helped decorate our reception/main hall and stayed to support the disco. Thank you Corinne, Amanda, Anjali, Miho, Fliss, Kathryn H, Kathryn L, Maryana, Alice, Emma, Natalie, Cat and Mick.

Your time and hard work helped made it such a fun event for the children and is really appreciated.

Thank you.





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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

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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.



Walking Home Alone (Y5/Y6)

We realise that when children reach Y5 and Y6, you may wish to encourage their independence and allow your child to walk home alone, with friends or with older siblings. If this is the case for your child, please complete this form and submit as soon as possible so we are aware of after school arrangements for the academic year ***2026-27.***



Administering Medication

Our School's 'Administering Medications' policy permits us to administer certain non-prescription medications - specifically paracetamol (Calpol brand) and antihistamine (Piriton brand), both in liquid form with parental consent. ***If you wish to change your consent options for your child in relation to ad-hoc medication ((Calpol and/or antihistamine), please do so in writing to admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.***

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Flu Vaccine Parent Information

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service is running two parent and carer information sessions, focusing on the children's flu vaccine. These sessions will take place on:

- ✓ *Tuesday 10 November, 13:00 - 14:00 and*
- ✓ *Thursday 19 November, 16:00 - 17:00*

These sessions are designed for parents and carers of children and young people and will provide information about the annual flu vaccination programme. During the sessions, we will:

- *Explain why the flu vaccine is important for children and young people.*
- *Guide parents and carers through the process of completing their child's consent form.*
- *Answer any questions that parents and carers may have about the children's flu vaccine or the flu vaccination programme.*

Parents and carers can register for either webinar by completing this short form.

For those who are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded, and a copy of the recording will be shared after the event. If you have any questions, please email mailto:krft.southlondonimms@nhs.net.

Lewisham Immunisation Team

*My name is Leo and I am the **House Captain of Nesbit**. I enjoy playing rugby and guitar and am an enthusiastic sketcher. I support Liverpool FC and play for the school football team. I am fair, kind and responsible. I will welcome all ideas as long as they are not too crazy!*

*Hi, I am **Orla** and I am the 2026-27 **Ross House Captain.** I enjoy football and play for Hillyfielders U11 Kestrels as well as swimming for Saxon Crown. My favourite lessons are English and Science, though I also like Maths, Art and PE. Some fun facts about me are that I have been a mascot for the London City Lionesses and I have an orange cat called Ginger. Looking forward to representing Ross House.*

*My name if **Emi** and I am the **House Captain of Grace.** The things that I really enjoy are playing football, hockey, karate and many more things*

I will try my best and encourage others to do the same. Make sure everyone is included. I will lead by example, show respect to teachers, classmates and younger students. I will also listen to all your ideas and make everyone's voice be heard.

As House Captain I want to make the school a better place so all pupils will feel safe at school.

*Hi, I am **Zack,** I am eleven and I am the **House Captain of Phoenix**. I like football and support Manchester United. I play guitar and I am 88% Irish and I visit my family in Ireland every year.*

I have a sister called Zoe who is also at Stillness. I hope to lead Phoenix to great things this year.

Cats Protection

Y3 had a fantastic workshop from Cats Protection who are the UK's leading cat charity. They help thousands of cats and kittens every year through dedicated volunteers, from finding them loving homes to offering advice and support to owners.

We learnt fun facts about our feline companions, looked at where cats get their traits from and how we can take care of them better. Y3 thoroughly enjoyed this and the facilitator was impressed with their curiosity and questions!

Thank you.

Miss S Fatania - Y3 Teacher





As I walked into the Church Hall, I saw three impressively dressed billeting officers and they made us stand in two lines with our toes behind the line. .Then, she called me and Emma H out of the line and gave us a home and chores. We were farmers! After that she split the class into groups. I was in group Empire. They set us off with our first activity which was baking carrot biscuits. Next, we went to our second activity which was sewing - we had to sew our initials on a piece of bunting. After lunch, the siren went off and we went into an air raid shelter, which was scary because it was dark and damp. It was a really good trip. ***Milo***

On the day of the evacuee trip we were all dressed up and as soon as we left school we immediately got into the acting of being evacuated. When we got off of the train, two billeting officers greeted us as we walked to a church hall. They lined us up opposite each other in two lines and we got put into groups (mine was called Roosevelt). In those groups we did two activities, which were Sewing and Baking. My group did sewing first and we stitched our initials into our own piece of bunting with help from Miss Night (the actress). During that time, the air-raid warden Miss Smith would tell us what family and job we would be doing once we were evacuated to the countryside. I really enjoyed that part as Miss Smith was asking us lots of questions and it felt like we were really an evacuee! After a while, we went onto baking, which was a lot of fun as we got to make carrot cookies and learned lots about what was in a food ration book. She told us about how food would be transported to England and what they were allowed to eat each week. At the end, there was a siren that meant there was a bomb or luftwaffes coming so we put our hands on our heads and we walked into an air raid shelter. Whilst in the shelter, three of my classmates went to the front and read out real stories of what children during WW2 would do when times got scary. We also sang a song to distract us from the siren. While we ate lunch, we completed a test. Before we left, the actresses put on a small show about a girl that went on to be an evacuee. It showed what she could bring and how she was sad. On this trip, I felt really like an evacuee and I learnt lots of facts and information. I think the trip helped me to learn a lot more about what kids had to do at such a young age. ***Olivia***

Splatt Theatre are always, so excited to work with the children from Stillness. Without exception we are always, so impressed with how thoughtful, playful and intelligent they are. They are definitely one of if not our favourite schools to work with!

Sarah Hall - founder of SPLATT and lead facilitator.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Mila *(Grierson)* and Ava *(Otford)* have raised an impressive **£144 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** by selling 3D printed mini dragons. Their fundraising will help support WWF's work to protect wildlife and conserve nature around the world.

Well done to Mila and Ava for your fantastic initiative and for helping to make a difference to animals and our planet!





Lewisham Foodbank

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Food Collection.

We are proud to continue our long-standing partnership with the Foodbank and grateful for your help in supporting such an importance cause.

Headteacher Awards

Marlowe, Rosie, Sam, Etta and Sophia *(Wyleu)* for your excellent sportsmanship and team work in your handball lesson. It was a joy to watch you play together.

Sammy *(Montague)* for writing a captivating biography introduction with a powerful hook that left the reader eager to learn more

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Miss Peterkin *(Medical Lead)* for her outstanding care and dedication to the wellbeing of all our children and staff

Miss Rooney (Y3 Lead) for being the best teacher ever!

Nahla *(Wyleu)* for all your hard work at home on your Maths work - your confidence is growing!

Miss Fatania *(Y3 Teacher)* for passing her ECT year. Well done!

Mrs Chisholm *(Y3 Lead)* for doing a great job as a Year Group Leader!

Mila *(Grierson)* and Ava *(Otford)* for raising an impressive £144 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Ela *(Parent)* for giving up your time every Friday after school to organise and run the *Smart Swap.* Your time, effort and dedication are truly appreciated.

Poppy *(Salehurst)* for helping with the Smart Swap every week!

Mila *(Grierson)* and Ava *(Otford)* for raising an impressive £144 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Felix (Ivy Class) for always being so polite in the mornings

Milo *(Montague)* for superb engagement, excellent manners, and a wonderfully positive attitude during our school visit.

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Sarah (Bexhill) for an exemplary attitude to learning, complete engagement in class, and outstanding effort across all lessons.

Zack *(Bexhill)* for an exemplary attitude to learning, complete engagement in class, and outstanding effort across all lessons.

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Help up make our Library Bloom!

Following House Captains' weekly surgeries, the children have shared a lovely idea!

They would love to see some big artificial plants in our school library to help make it an even more welcoming, calm and relaxing space to enjoy.

Do you have any artificial plants looking for a new home? If so, we would love to give them a new lease of life in our library!

OPAL Play Donations Wanted

We are also looking to add a few more exciting resources to our OPAL play collection. We would be very grateful for donations of any of the following:

- ✓ Space hoppers
- ✓ Buckets or
- ✓ Hoola hoops
- ✓ arts and crafts - paper, colouring pencils, crayons and glue
- ✓ dress-up clothes/costumes
- ✓ dolls and dollhouses
- ✓ small world objects - toy people, animals, cars, buildings, farms and construction sets
- ✓ board games and
- ✓ puzzles

If you have any of these items that you no longer need and would like to donate, please drop them off at the main school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Pebbles!

We have a quantity of garden pebbles that we no longer need in school, and we would love for them to find a new home rather than go to waste.

If you are doing any gardening or landscaping at home and could make use of some pebbles, please let us know. They could be great for borders, pathways, plant beds or other garden projects.

If you are interested, please contact the school office on admin@stillnessjslewisham.sch.uk. Available on a first-come, first served basis!

Thank you.

Admin Team



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 contacts list please email the school office on www.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 Sabrina Mascall who will be monitoring our pupils' attendance.

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 Augustus – 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, primary school children will now receive a school dinner free of charge for the academic year **2026/2027.**

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.

Diary Dates

Please refer to your Programme of Events and our School Calendar that you can access on the school website.