

Friday 6th October 2017

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Friday Assembly News

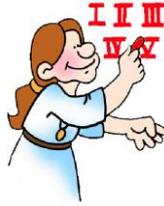
Thank you to our year 2 class, Endeavour, for their very informative assembly. Amongst other things, they showed us a re-enactment of their Talk for Writing story, Lila and the Secret of Rain, and demonstrated how to play on the drums which they had created during DT lessons.

Congratulations to Daniel Sghir in Galaxy Class for receiving the Star award and Tom Honey in Endeavour Class for receiving the Golden Bear award.

Well done, we are very proud of you!

This Week's Attendance

Overall school attendance this week 95.9%	
Annual School Attendance target is 97%	
EYFS Apollo	Good
EYFS Mercury	Good
Year 1 Atlantis	Good
Year 1 Enterprise	Good
Little Explorers	Outstanding
Galaxy Class	Let's try for 97%!
Year 2 Endeavour	Let's try for 97%!
Year 2 Gemini	Outstanding
Year 3 Jupiter	Let's try for 97%!
Year 3 Viking	Let's try for 97%!
Year 4 Mariner	Outstanding
Year 4 Pioneer	Outstanding



Year 4 At The Museum Of London

Year 4 braved the tube strike this week and had a fantastic day out at the Museum of London.

They thoroughly enjoyed working in groups, finding out interesting facts about the Romans in the Roman gallery and drawing pictures about their favourite artefacts.

Some of the year 4 children wanted to share their learning in our newsletter:

Arianna and Dhruv – *“London was the first Roman city in Britain to mint coins officially.”*

Aayaan and Ajay – *“Wealthy Romans used to eat rabbit and pigeon.”*

A massive thank you to the parents who volunteered on the trip and helped to make it such a success; it was a great day out!





Year 1 Were Visited By The Fire Brigade

On Thursday, year 1 had a very exciting visit from the local fire brigade.

They really enjoyed learning about the jobs that fire fighters do. They were even given the chance to try on some of the uniform and sit in a real fire engine!

Year 3 At The British Museum



Last Thursday, year 3 visited the British Museum as part of their topic 'Egypt'.

They had a tour around several Egyptian exhibitions and saw Cleopatra's sarcophagus, statues of Egyptian pharaohs and the Rosetta Stone!

The children were all fascinated by the history and culture they saw. The children behaved impeccably and their knowledge and behaviour was commented on by members of the public throughout the day.

A huge thank you to all the parents that volunteered on the trip. It was a great day!





A Message From Mr Stevanovic

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you all to say how much I have enjoyed my first few weeks at the school. Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to say hello and to welcome me and the new team to the school. We have been very touched by your well wishes and encouragement.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time here and I am passionate about guiding the school to even greater heights. I have been extremely busy meeting you all and absorbing and understanding the running of the school. One challenge I face is learning the names of the children (there are over 300 names to remember)!

I will share with you how impressed I am by the dedication, caring and commitment of the staff in providing rich daily learning experiences for the children. The staff have made my transition very smooth. I have also been incredibly impressed with the children at the school, they are quite simply amazing. They are warm, friendly, polite, well-mannered and welcoming. This is a testament to you all. It is a pleasure to greet them each day at the gate. They even manage to pronounce my name perfectly ... every time!

Last Wednesday we held a meeting with parents and carers and I wanted to share with you some of the key topics that were discussed. I should like to thank all of you who attended the meeting.

Graham Stapleton and Cynthia Rickman, from the Graveney Trust, also attended the meeting and Graham spoke about the ambitions of the Trust to provide outstanding educational opportunities to the children in the local area. He also spoke about Eardley Primary school. Whilst it is not possible to report yet on the outcome of the request from Eardley to join the Graveney Trust, Graham was clear that no members of TPS staff would be involved with Eardley in 2017 or 2018.

During the meeting I spoke about some of the future plans of the school.

These included:

- Having Spanish taught as a modern foreign language. We are currently looking at timetabling and staffing for this, and I hope that we can shortly begin to have Spanish taught.
- I would also like to employ a specialist art teacher who will inspire and provide outstanding art across the school. I have identified a dedicated art room for this which we are currently preparing.
- In the future we will look to prepare our older children for secondary school with a strong and challenging curriculum which is inspiring and creative and will prepare children for the rigours of the secondary curriculum.
- We will be looking to cement our links with Graveney School so that our older children will have smooth transitions into secondary schools. We could, for instance, have regular visits

to science labs or drama departments, so that the older children can become familiar with the aspects of secondary schools and be well prepared for secondary school life.

These were some of the areas discussed on Wednesday. I will keep you informed about significant future plans and strategies as we formulate and implement them.

I look forward to working in close partnership with you all in the future. I believe that parents and carers provide a vitally important role in children's education. I am confident that together we can continue to give the best possible educational experiences and outcomes each and every day for the wonderful children at the school.

It is a privilege to be working with you all.

Photograph permission



Next week a photograph permission letter will be sent home. As with the medical forms, we will be updating our records to make sure all children who have their image published in newsletters or on the website have permission for it to be used.

If you have filled one in in the past please would you complete the form again so that we are sure that our list is up-to-date.



EYFS Parents' Phonics Session

EYFS PHONICS INFORMATION SESSION for Reception parents - Wednesday 11th October 6 -7 pm.

This has changed from the date on the original dates list



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be on 18th October from 1pm – 6.20pm.

Thank you very much to everyone who has used the new online booking system; the feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive!

If you need any help with booking an appointment please see the school office and they will be happy to help you.

We have put a link on our website which will take you to our login page if you have not yet booked your appointment time: tooting.parentseveningsystem.co.uk.



Art Overalls

If you have an old large shirt or T-shirt that your child can bring in for their art lessons this would be very much appreciated as this will help to protect their clothes during creative lessons.

Please make sure that your child's name is on it clearly so that they can find it quickly and easily in the classroom.



Start Of The Day Arrangements

It is very important that all children are in their classes and ready to learn at the start of each day on time. Please be aware that the class registers close at 8.55am and any child not in school by this time will be marked as being late.

TPA News

Tooting Parents Association Annual General Meeting



The next TPA meeting will be the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is the meeting when the chair, secretary, treasurer and committee members for the coming year are elected. The current committee would like your help to choose a date and time that works for as many people as possible. To have your say please click on link below to complete a short online survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YQY7YSY>



When: Friday 13 October, 7:45-10pm

Where: Tooting Primary School

Join us next Friday for a fun-packed quiz night. Parents, carers, staff and friends of Tooting Primary are all welcome. Doors open at 7:45pm and the quiz runs from 8-10pm.

Tickets are £6 per person and are available to buy now on ParentPay. Or reserve your place by emailing TPA@tootingprimary.org and pay on the night.

As well as the quiz there will be a fundraising auction, and a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Feel free to bring snacks for yourself or to share.

All funds raised by the event will be used by TPA to run future events and to help our school provide extra resources for the kids.

Any queries please contact TPA@tootingprimary.org or join the chat in the Tooting Primary School PTA group on Facebook.



Parents/Carers in School At The Start of The Day

Please can we remind all parents/carers to report to the school office and not to go in to the school via any other door at any time of day unless your child is attending a before school club.

At the start of the day the children in years 2-4 are expected to go to their classrooms independently, leaving their adult in the playground.

If you wish to talk to a member of staff please could you make an appointment through the school office or with the member of staff themselves at the end of the day.

Key Dates For Autumn Term

October

Date	
5 th	Year 4 to museum of London
6 th	Endeavour class show and tell assembly 2.45pm
11 th	Year 4 to Royal Albert Hall
13 th	Atlantis class show and tell assembly 2.45pm
16 th	Diwali assembly (parents not invited)
17 th	Start of Black History Week
17 th	Year 3 trip
18 th	Parent's evening 1pm - 6.30pm
20 th	Accolade assembly and token-tastic mufti
20 th	End of half term
30 th	Start of half term
30 th	Firework safety assembly (parents not invited)

November

Date	
3 rd	Mariner class show and tell assembly 2.45pm
10 th	Viking class show and tell assembly 2.45pm
17 th	Jupiter class show and tell assembly 2.45pm
24 th	Gemini class show and tell assembly 2.45pm

December

Date	
1 st	TPA Christmas Fair 3-6pm
8 th	10am EYFS production dress rehearsal to school
11 th	2pm EYFS production to parents
12 th	10am EYFS production to parents
12 th	2pm Yr 1,2,3,4 dress rehearsal to EYFS
13 th	2pm Yr 1,2,3,4 to production to parents
14 th	Children's Christmas lunch
Week beginning 18 th	Class parties
20 th	1pm Accolade assembly
20 th	2pm End of term

*Please note that Tuesday 2nd January 2018 is an INSET day