

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy half term. The year 6 and year 2 pupils have been working hard on their SATs, as have their teachers.

I am very proud of the mature attitude all have approached the tests. Y5 enjoyed their visit to the British Museum. The atmosphere around the school has been a busy one with lots of exciting learning going on. I hope you all have a fabulous break and look forward to seeing you all in June for summer with fun activities and hopefully lovely weather.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

Mon 3rd June - Inset Day

Tues 4th June - Children return to school

Mon 10th June - Yr3 Roman Day

Wed 12th June - Culture Day

Mon 17th June - Yr4 British Museum Trip

Mon 24th June - Reception Height & Weight

Thurs 4th July - Rocksteady Assembly

W/B Mon 8th - Yr6 Residential Week

Mon 15th July - Leopard Class Ecology Centre Trip

Tues 16th July - Sports Day

Thurs 18th July - Tiger Class Ecology Centre Trip

Thurs 18th July - Yr6 Production to parents

Mon 22nd July - Yr6 Trip to Chessington

Tues 23rd July - Children break up for Summer

Headteacher Awards

Zaynab YR - for beautiful writing about a zebra

Eden Y5 - for writing a Greek myth

Maymuna YR - for writing about a duckling

Henry-Lee YR - for great writing about a lizard

Leah Y5 - for writing a Greek myth

Harshika YR - for lovely writing about a hippo

Diell YR - for writing about a butterfly

Evelynn YR - for writing about a butterfly

Matthew YR - for writing about a tiger

Archie Y3 - for a great drawing of a Roman soldier

Jesse Y2 - for amazing maths homework and writing about his adventure



LKS2 News

Year 3 have been learning about time in maths. They have even learnt a song to help them remember when o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to is on the clock. In art they have been perfecting their sketching skills with some lovely drawings of things from nature. Their reply letters set in Ancient Roman times show a lot of year 3 writing skills.



In year 4, the children have worked really hard to write up their Ancient Sumerian adventure stories. They have worked hard to add drama with short sentences. In art, we have painted our Ancient Sumerian statuettes. In Science lessons, we have finished off our learning about electricity and found out about a few famous scientists that made important electrical discoveries.

Mrs Iroala

UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the British Museum on Wednesday! We looked at artefacts and exhibits relating to Ancient Greece - particularly everyday life, Gods and Myths - and immersed ourselves in our topic. It was a valuable experience, enabling us to get a closer look at what really happened in the past. Many thanks to the parents who helped out - it was much appreciated! As we get to the end of another half term, the children should be pleased with all the hard work and enthusiasm they have put into the last six weeks. Just one more half term and they will be top of the school!

In Year 6 we've worked incredibly hard practising our skills in the build up to SATs week and again during the tests themselves. Everyone should be very proud of the hard work and effort they put in. At the end of SATs, we were lucky enough that the rain held off so we could have our fun trip in the park. We travelled by bus to Grove Park in Carshalton where we really enjoyed using all of the playground equipment and some of us enjoyed a great game of football in the ball court. We are now hard at work creating writing masterpieces which will go towards our end of year writing grades. Auditions have also taken place for our end of year performance and we are now learning our lines and practising the songs. We could even be heard singing them whilst on the roundabout at the park!

Mrs McLean

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 have been learning about plants. They have been exploring plants, identifying the roots, leaf, stem, flower, petal and fruit. They found out about the role of the roots and made detailed drawings of these. They have also been finding out about deciduous and evergreen trees, identifying the seasonal changes that trees go through. They used the leaves as a means to identify trees.

Year 2 have been looking at number family facts within 10 and 20 and also writing their inverse. During English they read the story of the 'Queen's Hat'. After discussion they created their own ideas about where the hat would go and then made their own comic strip to tell the story using pictures and sentences. They will be writing their own detailed story in the coming days. During history they have been exploring monarchs and identifying which had the most power. During art the children have been using oil pastels to sketch flowers.

Miss Thirtle

Foundation Stage

In Nursery this week, the children are still enjoying their topic called 'Sunshine & Sunflowers.' They have enjoyed looking at and sharing the story called 'My Butterfly Bouquet' written by Nicola Davies. In Literacy, the children have been focusing on Rhyming words. In Maths, the children have been looking at symmetry and making lovely butterfly pictures to demonstrate this. They have also been practising and developing their ability to count beyond 10. Outside the children have been going on numbers trails and counting how many trees they can see etc.

In Reception this week the children have been very busy! Reception are still enjoying learning about their topic called 'Animal Safari.' The children have been choosing their own books for the teacher to read this week and Phoebe in Lion Class has been bringing in lovely books from home to share with her class. Phonics this week, the children have been recapping what they have learnt this half term. In Literacy, the children have been using their Phonics skills and writing their own sentences to demonstrate the sounds they know. In Maths, the children have been practising sharing amounts equally. Outside, the children have been practising throwing and catching in preparation for sports day which will take place later on in the year.

Caterpillar Updates: Last Tuesday, Early Years released all of the beautiful butterflies. The children enjoyed watching them fly out of the butterfly case and into the sky.

Have a lovely half term.

Miss Digman

Cake Sale

Thank you to those who came along to our cake sale. We raised over £80 which will go towards end of year 6 activities.

Thank you to all the children and parents who contributed by either making or buying the cakes that we were able to sell.

The Year 6 Team

Sports News

This half term, Year 3 and Year 4 have had weekly cricket sessions from Chance to Shine cricket which has really inspired the children to play. Year 5 and Year 6 will have this after half term.

Sports day is running as one morning this year on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

EYFS Sports morning will be 9:15-10:00

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Sports morning will be 9:15-10:30

KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) Sports morning will be 10:45-12:30

There will be a whole school picnic after this event and a letter will be going out shortly.

Mrs McLean

Transfer to Secondary School 2025

Please find the link below to view open evening dates for Secondary Schools in the Sutton area.

You will see that many schools have ticketed events and as you are probably aware, Sutton secondary schools are extremely popular and families will need to ensure they are checking school websites to book tickets where applicable.

[Secondary school open evenings - Sutton Council](#)

Mrs McLean

Mrs McLean, Upper Key Stage 2 lead, has gained a Deputy Headship at a school closer to her home. We are saddened that she will be leaving Tweeddale in July, but thrilled for her exciting new role and wish her every success in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs McLean for all her hard in the past 10 years at Tweeddale teaching Y2, Y5 and Y6 and her leadership of maths and PE.

Mrs Jerrom

Art Donations

We would be very grateful if any of the following could be donated to the art department:

- Pinking shears
- Pins/needles/safety pins
- Buttons
- Sewing threads
- Fabrics (Various sizes & colours)
- Wool

Miss Taylor

Sports Day

Sports day will now be held on Tuesday 16th July at the David Weir Centre opposite the school. More information will be given closer to the day.

Please save the date in your diary!

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

SUMMER TERM

School Holiday

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 3rd June

Wednesday 24th July

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2024/25 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

School Holiday

Thursday 5th September - Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

School Holiday

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Changes to Penalty Notices for Non School Attendance

The Department for Education (DfE) will introduce a new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19 August 2024, this is explained in more detail in [Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024](#).

Who is Liable for a Penalty Notice/Prosecution

Penalty notices/prosecution are now issued/sought for each parent for each child (**per parent, per child**). Parent refers to anyone with parental responsibility and may include carers, step parents, grandparents or any other adult with parental responsibility.

For Example: If a family with three children take term time leave of absence, each parent would receive three penalty notices of £160 for each child. This would amount to £960 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £480 if paid within 21 days.

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absences the amount has increased to:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of being issued, this amount is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days of being issued

Second Offence

If a second penalty notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence within a three year period, there **will not** be a discount for early payment.

The penalty notice is payable at the full amount of £160 within 28 days of the date of being issued

Third Offence/Any Further Offences Within a Three Year Period

If there is a third instance of term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence, a penalty notice **will not** be issued.

Any further cases will be referred directly to Magistrates' Court for prosecution. Magistrates can impose a fine of up to £2500 per parent, per child.

If a parent is found guilty of an offence, this is recorded as a criminal offence and will show on any DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks as "Failure to Safeguard a Child's Education"

Reasons for Penalty Notices/Prosecution

Term Time Leave of Absence

A school can apply to their local authority for a penalty notice if there are 5 or more days of consecutive absence due to term time leave.

Unauthorised Absence

A school may apply to their local authority for a penalty notice if there are 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. These absences can be a combination of the following codes:

G - Term Time Leave of Absence

O - Unauthorised Absence - Failure to contact the school (unexplained absence) may result in an absence being recorded as unauthorised

U - Late After the Close of Registers

Transition, In year Admissions and Cross Border Checks

All schools will have the ability to check for previous penalty notices/prosecutions issued within a three year period in their own local authority or any other local authority that the family has lived in at year 6 to 7 and 11 to 12 transition or for in year admissions.