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Newsletter No. 172

St Dunstan's, Cheam, C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Newsletter at the end of a very busy two weeks. I am sure you will enjoy reading all about the exciting activities enhancing the learning of our children!

We are excited that members of Year 5 will once again be proclaiming the start of the Cheam Charter Fayre tomorrow and will be taking part in Tudor dancing at the Lych Gate of the church, meeting at 8.45am. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Fayre—remember the PTFA will also be providing fun and games on their stall. Thank you to all involved, children and adults alike!

We will, sadly, be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Mellor from the school office at the end of this half term as she moves to pastures new. Mrs Mellor will be hugely missed and we thank her for all her years of dedication to the children and staff team at St Dunstan's for many years. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift, please send it in a sealed envelope to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Cygnus class are off to Wales on Monday for a week of activities on their residential trip and we send them off with our love for a wonderful week.

Ms J Corby

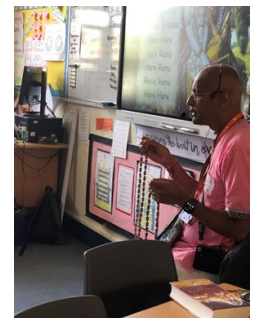
Hindu Workshop



Year 1 really enjoyed our workshop with Nabhinandan from the Mandir in Coulsdon. We shared our knowledge of some of the deities and

learnt so much more from our discussions with him. He brought his prayer beads with him and showed us how he prayed. Did you know that there are 108 prayer beads and he says prayers for each one and goes round the whole set 16 times? Finally, after we had sung the Hare Krishna song together, he answered all of our questions we had. He was so patient, there was lots of questions!

In Year 5 RE, the children have been investigating the theme of 'The Journey of Life and Death'. The session with Nabhi was both thought provoking and interesting, as both classes engaged in deep and meaningful questioning and expressed their ideas with compassion and respect. Nabhi answered all our questions with patience and was impressed by the both classes knowledge and listening skills.



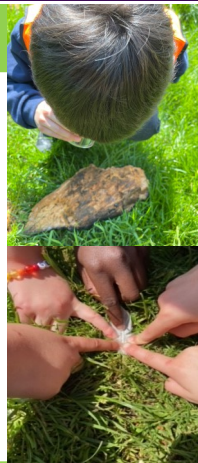
We were taken on a spiritual journey, where we learned about items that are special to a Hindu's faith, such as 'Bible- Gita'.

The children were also taught how to focus their minds to achieve their dreams through peace and calmness.

Year 2 Mini-Beast Hunt



Year 2 children had a wonderful time in Cheam Park this week, in the glorious sunshine, hunting for mini-beasts. They explored different microhabitats under logs, bushes and trees. Snails, ladybirds, millipedes, bees, butterflies.... just a few of our finds!



Coronation Bookmarks: Thank you to those of you who have ordered Coronation bookmarks. If you still wish to

order one then please bring your forms and money to school by Monday 22nd May. Bookmarks will be brought home after half term.

Coronation Bake Off: Thank you to those of you who have sent in your entry forms. Please could you bring in any final entries to school by Monday 22nd May.

Summer Fayre: Thank you to those of you who have offered your support on Saturday 24th June. We can only make the day a success with your help. We still need parents to lead on the BBQ in order for us to be able to run the stall on the day. We need parents who have or are willing to get food hygiene certificates and are happy to take a lead in the kitchen. Please contact ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com

Charter Fayre—Saturday 20th May: The PTFA will be having a stall at the Charter Fayre in Cheam village this weekend. Please come and say hello and have some fun if you are attending with your family.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PTFA

Your child has artwork ready to view on www.mychildsart.co.uk/order



Your child has uploaded a Royal self-portrait. You can now log into the parent portal using the details

given to your child at school and order personalised tea towels and other exciting products printed with your child's 'Kings & Queens' themed self-portrait design. Our school will receive 20% commission on all product sales.

Thank you for your support.

This Week's Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Jupiter Class
for 100% attendance from 5/5/23-11/5/23

★ **Congratulations!** ★

Date 11th May 2023 Signed Mrs. Porter



This Week's Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Aquila Class
for 98.8% attendance from 12-18th May

★ **Congratulations!** ★

Date 18th May 2023 Signed L. Pate



House Points

St David
463

St Andrew
376

St Patrick
429

St George
385

Attendance

The attendance figure
for w/c **08/05/2023** was:

97.1%

Our target is **96.4%**

'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Charlie	~
Venus	Alfie L	Alex Z
Pluto	Muireann	Emily H
Neptune	Eleanor T	Tin Ching
Mercury	Luca	Zach
Jupiter	Calli	All of Jupiter
Saturn	Bethany	All of Saturn
Delphinus	Leyla	Phoebe W
Phoenix	Niamh	Alfred
Orion	Alexandra	Thomas
Pegasus	Angel	Sophia
Unicorn	Lexie	Geraint
Hercules	Andrew C	Isabella M
Aquila	Caleb	Damon
Cygnus	Wesley	Pankaj

Sports News

On Monday a group of eight children went to the Year 5 & 6 Girls' Dyamo Cricket Competition at Purley Sports Field.

We won one game and lost three although the last match was very close and we only lost by 6 runs. We all tried our very best, even though we were one of the least experienced teams. We were praised for our outstanding sportsmanship.



School Allotment—Edible Garden



A massive thank you to Luke & Jenna from LDS carpentry & Mrs. Jenkins for their time and experience donated to the build on the 18th May:

Phase 1 of our school allotment. The whole of the school have been extremely excited to see the development of the area. Sofia H, Ellie, Isabel, Maisie & Nefeli from Year 5 have been busy treating the planters ready for Phase 2.

A huge thank you for your donations, which has helped make this happen and we look forward to finishing next week ready for the new term.



Please ensure that if you use the cycle racks at school, your bike is removed from the rack prior to the May half term as the bike rack is being moved.



INSET DAY Monday 10th July 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

May

22nd—26th

Weds 24th

Thurs 25th

Fri 26th

May 29th—June 2nd

Year 6 Cygnus Residential trip to Maes y Lade

Year 3 Swimming Lesson

PTFA Coronation Bake-Off

Break Up for Half-Term 3.15pm/3.20pm

Half Term

June

Mon 5th

5th—9th

Weds 7th

Thurs 8th

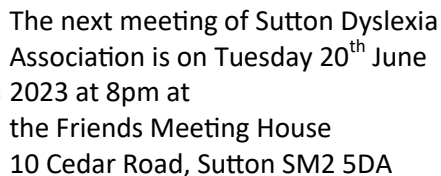
Children return to school

Year 6 Aquila Residential trip to Maes-y-Lade

Year 3 Swimming Lesson

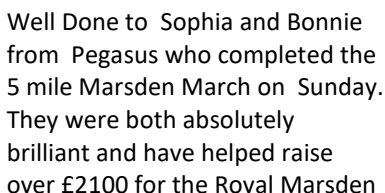
Year 4 Tennis Lessons—Peaches Close

Please see the school's website under school calendar for a full list of dates and events for this term.



Fin O'Regan will be giving a talk, "No Two Children are the Same". It is a talk about Neurodiversity so may be of interest to parents of children with ASD and ADHD, also. He is an ADHD and Neurodiversity Consultant and Trainer.

Entry is free and all are welcome. No need to register for the talk.



Cancer charity, plus they have both worked very hard towards their Charity Brownie Badge.



Free SPORT

Teddy Bear Picnic & Sports Day

Charity event in aid of NCT & Downlands Trust

Bring a picnic & enter a Teddy in Fancy Dress to win a prize

Sunday 11 June 12pm -4pm

Nonsuch Park, Dog free Area, near Mansion House, Ewell Rd Entrance, SM3 8AB

Entrance £2.50 per adult, Kids FREE

Activities:

- Radio St Helier
- Bezerkaz Circus Skills
- Sports Activities
- Fun Games
- Fun Fair
- Baby Sensory
- Reading Fairy
- Fire Engine
- Deer, Pimms & Prosecco
- Cakes & Sweet Treats
- Rodney's Balloons
- Bug hunt
- Village Ceramics
- Basketball Shootout

Bring cash on the day for entrance & activities

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See the next newsletter for details of the Year 5 proclaiming the start of the Cheam Charter Fayre Saturday 20th May also the Year 6 residential trip to Maes-y-Lade.



**MAES Y LADE
CENTRE**

CAN YOU HELP?

HOME START

We need Volunteers!

Sutton

Help us to improve the lives of local children

Being a Mum or Dad is never easy but some Sutton families are really struggling to cope at the moment. If you could spare 2-3 hours a week to offer friendship and encouragement to other local parents you could make a real difference to their happiness and wellbeing.



Come and join our friendly team!

Are you a Mum, Dad, Nan or Grandad? Are you kind, good at listening and keen to help others? If so, you could help us support other parents who are having a tough time.

Sign up for our FREE Volunteer Preparation Course to:

- Learn how to support parents with children under 5
- Improve your own mental health and wellbeing
- Gain experience for your future career
- Make things better for other local families
- Meet new people and make new friends

FREE TRAINING

Want to find out more?

Please email admin@homestartsutton.org.uk or go to www.homestartsutton.org.uk/volunteer

VOLUNTEER PREPARATION COURSE

Our next course is a Hybrid Course, combining e-learning modules (self-study) followed by 4 in-person sessions at Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches on the following dates:

Tues 20th, Thurs 22nd, Tues 27th and Thurs 29th June from 7-9pm

Visit www.homestartsutton.org.uk/volunteer for full details of future courses.

For an application pack call 020 8647 6501

Home Start are recruiting volunteers for two projects and have a free training course beginning 20th June.

They have a long waiting list of families who have been referred to them for support because they have a child at risk of exclusion from school and/or engagement in criminal activity; or a teenager suffering with poor mental health. They provide a volunteer to support the parents and MAPS (Mentoring, Advocacy and Peer Support) provide a mentor for the teenager.

Thank you for your support.

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