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At James Wolfe, we are constantly striving to further enrich the opportunities and experiences for our pupils -- this may include playground improvements, extracurricular activities, development of indoor spaces (e.g. libraries), special provision, inspirational visitors and experiences. If you would like to make a contribution to our fundraising efforts, please go to our Go Fund Me page at <https://aofund.me/3f7ee947>. We will share updates on how we spend these donations in The Wolfe. Thank you for your contributions.





Welcome April's edition of The Wolfe,

We have received the Artsmark Gold Award! The Arts really shone in our recent Ofsted inspection – we are so proud of the arts that we offer at James Wolfe and it is fabulous to be recognised for it! There is more information further down in the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our request for OPAL equipment. Playtimes have been so lovely since OPAL launched and the children have really embraced the changes. The FJWS have not only supported us with this journey but also contributed financially in getting the infrastructure correct - including sheds - to ensure we can continue to fully facilitate OPAL. There are a number of ways that you can continue to support the scheme, including:

- donations of small world toys, games, fancy dress or LEGO
- financial donations
- donating your skills - we are looking to build a huge sandpit and welly store, so if anyone is in the building trade and able to offer their skills please let us know

International Evening will be held on Thursday 27th June from 3:30pm until 5:00pm in the Randall Place playground. We will be asking families to make a dish which represents their heritage to share with all who attend. It will be a time to come together and appreciate our wonderful community we have here at James Wolfe school. Further details to follow.

We have said goodbye to Mr Junior who left us on Friday and will be welcoming a new Sports Coach to the team in the coming weeks. We wish him well in his future ventures.

Many thanks for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you on the gate.

Victoria Gallagher
Headteacher

Cheryl Raithby
Deputy Headteacher

Key Dates

*Important
DATE!*

April

Monday 15th to Friday 26th April – Year 6 Group 1 Intensive Swimming
Thursday 25th April – RP Class Photos
Friday 26th April – Boys’ Football ‘B’ League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Ground)
Monday 29th April – Year 5 Mars & Earth Trip to Horniman Museum

Class Assemblies

Wednesdays (except 4V, which is on a Monday) at 9:30am:

Randall Place

1st May: 2R
8th May: 2B
15th May: 2E
22nd May: 2M
19th June: 1H
26th June: 1S
3rd July: 1F
10th July: 1W

Royal Hill

24th April: 4P
29th April: 4V
1st May: 4S
8th May: 4M

May

Thursday 2nd May – Nursery Closed
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May – Year 5 Neptune & Jupiter Trip to Horniman Museum
Wednesday 8th May – Year 4-6 Choir Singing Spectacular Concert
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 15th May – Year 4/5/6 Girls’ Football Team Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Ground)
Thursday 16th May – Year 1 Parent Involvement Morning
Thursday 16th May – Boys’ Football ‘A’ League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Ground)
Thursday 16th May – KS1 Mixed football Tournament (TBC)
Friday 17th May – Boys’ Football ‘B’ League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Ground)
Monday 20th to Friday 24th May – Science Week
Thursday 23rd May – Year 1 Carnival (2:30pm) and Year 6 Bake Sale (RP)
Monday 27th to Fri. 31st May – Half Term

June

Wednesday 5th June – Year 6 Trip to The Lion King
Wednesday 5th June – Girls’ A League Football Presentation Evening
Thursday 6th June – Boys’ Football ‘A’ League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Ground)
Thursday 13th June – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 13th June – Boys’ Football ‘A’ League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Ground)
Thursday 13th June – EYFS & SEND Sports
Monday 17th to Thursday 27th June -- Year 6 Group 2 (AM) & Group 3 (PM) Intensive Swimming
Thursday 27th June- International Evening 3.45-5pm
Friday 28th June – INSET Day

July

Wednesday 24th July – Last Day of Term/Year

Next Year



Year 6

Ms Bedding, Ms Cope, Ms Edgington & Ms Britton

Year 6 Celebration

At the end of the Spring term, Year 6 had Science Week, where we learnt about the circulatory system. We created models of blood, using different foods to represent the various cells and dissected lambs hearts to gain an understanding into the different parts of the heart. We also completed our art projects, where we used recycled materials to create our own sculptures, inspired by the Orbit by Anish Kapoor.



Reminders

- Children have PE lessons on Thursday each week. Could 6M and 6U arrive at school in their PE kits, bringing their school uniform to change into after the lesson.

Upcoming Events

- SATs tests take place on the week beginning 13th May.
- 23rd May Y6 Bake Sale (RP playground)

Reading Book(s)

This term we will be completing our class reading of *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. We will be using a range of materials in our revision practise including extracts from classic texts such as *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.



Future Learning

Much of this half term will be focused on revising for the upcoming SATs tests and supporting children through this challenge. Following this, Year 6 will be exploring a range of careers, learning about the world of work & working life around the world, and we will be focusing on financial education in PSHE.



Year 5

Mr Cowley, Miss McKenna, Mrs Cameron & Ms Brinkman

Year 5 Celebration



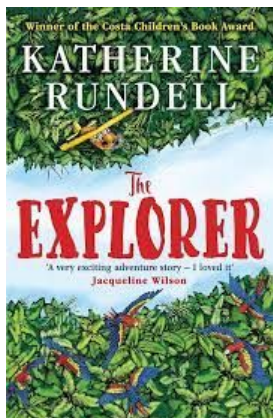
Reminders

P.E. is on Friday each week. When sessions are in the morning (5J & 5N), children may come to school ready in kit but should bring uniform to change into afterwards. For afternoon sessions (5E & 5M), children must come in wearing uniform but may travel home in PE kit.

Upcoming Events

Horniman Museum trip: 5M&5E Mon.29th April, 5N&5J Tue. 7th May.
Bank Holiday - 6th May
Half-Term - 27th to 31st May
Sports Day - Thursday 13th June
INSET Day - 28th June
International Day - 27th June
Open Evening - 10th July
Transition Afternoon - 10th July
Viking Workshop- 5E/5J 18th July, 5N/5M 22nd July
Last day summer term - 24th July

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

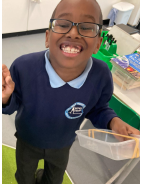
We will investigate exploration and deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest. We will draw and model rainforest animals. In Science, we will study living things and their habitats. Our English work will focus on retelling part of the narrative of The Explorer. Maths will continue with decimals and percentages, before moving on to shape, position and direction.



Year 4

Ms Burnett, Mr Phillips, Miss Parry, Ms Fagg & Ms Bell

Year 4 Celebration



Year 4 have been to Woolwich Gurdwara, they have learned about Sikh symbols, stories and Gurus, and have been inspired to think about how they feel when they give to others. During Book Week, the children adored the book swaps, visiting Reception and Nursery to share books, entering competitions and dressing up as their favourite characters! In Science, we have explored sound, with children even making their own instruments. Enhancing our curriculum, we have been lucky to have our reading volunteers support us with their gardening expertise as well - supported by contributions of equipment and compost, we have a plethora of potential delights planted already.

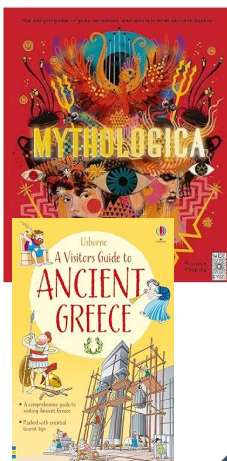
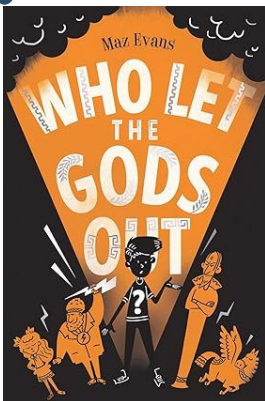
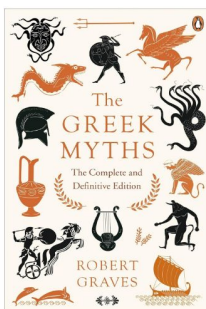
Reminders

- TTRS homework schedule: children should be completing 3x Soundchecks, 3x Studio games and 15 mins on Garage per week now. Please support your child.
- As the temperature warms up, please ensure your children have shorts in their PE kit as an option.
- Please note PE days changing just for this term: 4P&4S: Tuesday AM - come into school wearing PE kit please. 4M moved to Tuesday PM (come in in your uniform please).

Upcoming Events

- Class assemblies: 4P 24th April, 4V 29th April, 4S 1st May, 4M 8th May.
- Online event with the British Museum - The Greeks Date TBC
- Year 4 Greek Day - dressed in togas, children will partake in Ancient Greek activities including enjoying Greek food! Date TBC.
- Miss Parry ran the London Marathon last Sunday. She ran for Place2Be. If you would like to sponsor her, the page is still open: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophie-parry10>

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

'What was life like in Ancient Greece?' Is the question we will be investigating next term. We will write a care plan for the three-headed Cerberus, whilst mapping Greece and all its islands! We will delve into myths and explore the ancient lives of Spartans and Athenians, including exploring artefacts as evidence for the influence Ancient Greece has had on our own lives. In Art, we will be designing our own mythical beast - watch this space.



Year 3

Miss Ablett, Ms Mistry, Miss Thompson & Miss Khorami

Year 3 Celebration

Year 3 have come back positive and motivated for the Summer term. The children have started reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and have already acted out scenes, written a letter from the POV of the main character Lila and participated in a debate about gender roles. In Maths, children are using known strategies to solve addition and subtraction calculations. As part of our Geography project "Extreme Earth," the children will be learning about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes and will be making their own volcanoes using paper mache and a chemical reaction!

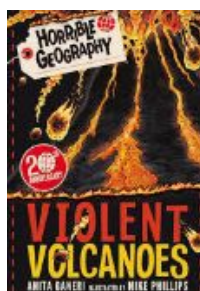
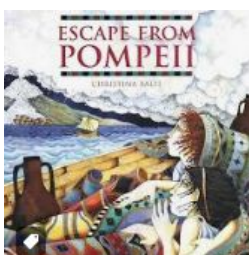
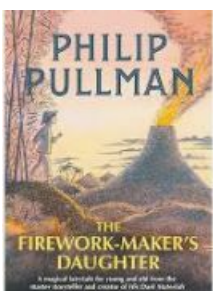
Reminders

PE is on Mondays. 3P and 3C need to wear their PE kit to school and change into their uniform for the afternoon sessions. 3O and 3A wear their school uniform to school and change into their PE kit for afternoon sessions.

Upcoming Events

25th April - Class Photos
27th to 31st May - Half Term
INSET Day - 28th June
International Day - 27th June
Last day of Summer term - 24th July

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

The children will be designing, making and erupting their volcanoes this term. Please bring in newspapers and small plastic bottles.



Year 2

Miss Nutley, Mr Cooke, Mrs Richardson & Miss Cambridge



Year 2 Celebration



The topic 'The Great Fire of London' hooked all of our children this term and they thoroughly enjoyed exploring the subject through art, computing, music, reading & writing. The children had an incredible day at the Tower of London, where they showcased their knowledge of the historical event. In Science, children loved visiting forest school to look for and observe minibeasts!

Reminders

School begins at 9am. Please ensure your child is in the line at 8.55am ready to begin their learning.

Do not allow your child to bring toys into school. This includes smart watches.

Upcoming Events

End of Year Performances:

1st May - 2R

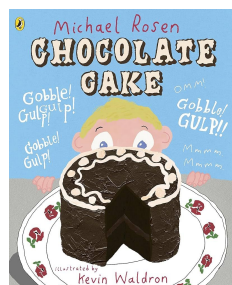
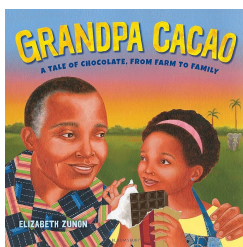
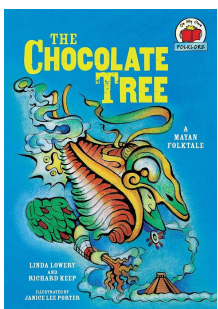
8th May - 2B

15th May - 2E

22nd May - 2M

Performances will be at 9.30am and will last approx 20 minutes.

Reading Books



Future Learning

Science - What does a plant need to grow?

Geography - comparing Greenwich to a Brazilian town.

Computing - typing and learning how to create a poster.

Religion - Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita.

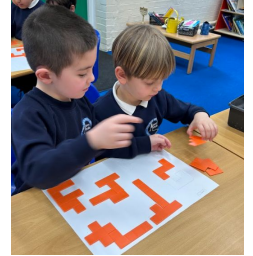
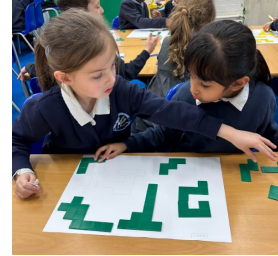


Year 1

Mr Chaplin, Miss Smith, Miss McGuire & Miss Addae-Ankomah

Year 1 Celebration

We finished the Spring term writing our superb dinosaur stories. It has been amazing seeing the progress in writing since the start of the year. In Maths, we explored shapes using tangrams and pentominoes. It was great to test our problem-solving skills! This term, we have begun our Carnival topic. We have written our own carnival poetry, making sure to use exciting adjectives to express and show what you might see or hear at carnival.



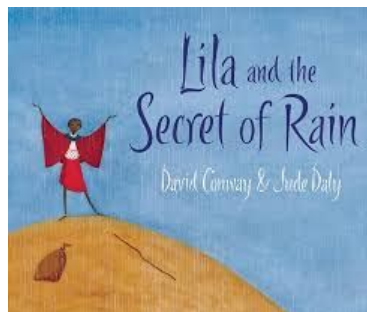
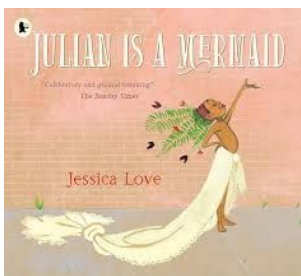
Reminders

- PE is on a Tuesday each week
- Reading records and books due in by Friday each week
- Lessons start promptly at 09:05 each morning so please make sure you are in on time so that children do not miss out on valuable phonics/reading/learning time
- BSL is every Friday

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 23rd April: 1W and 1H visit to Mosque
- Wednesday 24th April: 1S and 1F visit to Mosque
- Thursday 25th April: Class photos
- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Thursday 16th May: Parent Involvement Morning and Parents Phonics Screening Meeting
- Wednesday 22nd May: Carnival
- Thursday 13th June: Sports Day

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

- Creating carnival masks/flags
- Creating carnival instruments
- Learning a carnival dance
- Making carnival food
- Exploring measure and length in Maths
- Writing diary recounts and story retelling



Reception

Ms Syrocki, Mrs Price, Mrs Renouf, Miss Seruti, Ms Manning & Miss Lind

Reception Celebration

At the end of the Spring Term, we learnt about two historical figures - Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman - and compared their achievements. We have been learning about celebrations that have been taking place, such as Holi festival, Easter and Eid. We have been observing the changes in seasons and spotting signs of Spring, such as blossom, new leaves on trees and insects.



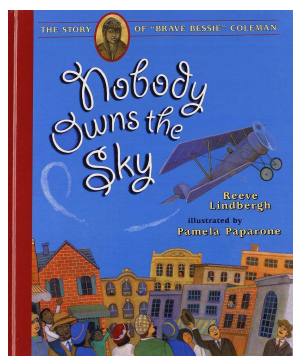
Reminders

- Ensure your child has a PE kit, wellies and spare clothes (including underwear and socks) in school.
- Please bring in reading books on Thursdays.
- Please look out for our Learning News every week on Tapestry.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May - Hero Day. Dress up as your hero (can be real-life or superheroes!)
- 27th-31st May - Half Term

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

This half term, our theme is 'Who is your hero?'. We will be reading Supertato books and learning about the real-life heroes who help us in our community. We are looking for parent volunteers to come in and talk about their jobs. Please let your class teacher know if you can help!



Nursery

Miss Clipsham

Nursery Celebration



Reminders

A reminder of start/finish times:

AM: The gate is open 0845-0900,
then again 1130-1145.

PM: The gate is open 1530-1545.

If you arrive after those times, you
will have to go to the School Office.

**PLEASE RETURN BOOK BAGS EVERY
FRIDAY MORNING!**

Upcoming Events

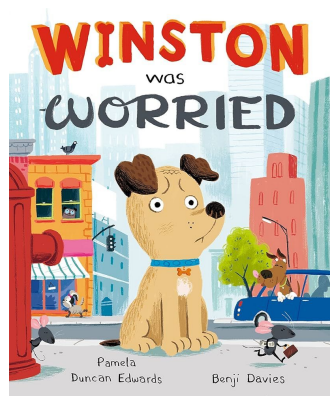
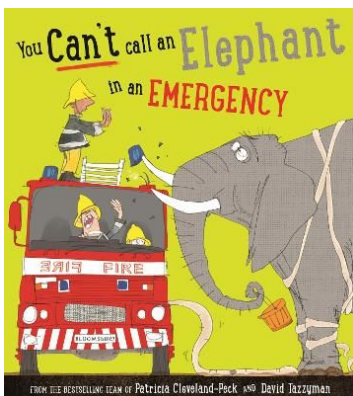
Thursday 25th April - Class Photo

**Thursday 2nd May - Polling Day
NURSERY CLOSED**

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

27th - 31st May - Half Term

Reading Books



Future Learning

This half term, we are learning all
about people that help us!
We will be exploring different jobs
and the role they play as part of a
community. If you would like to
come into Apple Tree to talk about
your job (whatever it is!), please let
Miss Clipsham know and we can
arrange a time for you to come in!

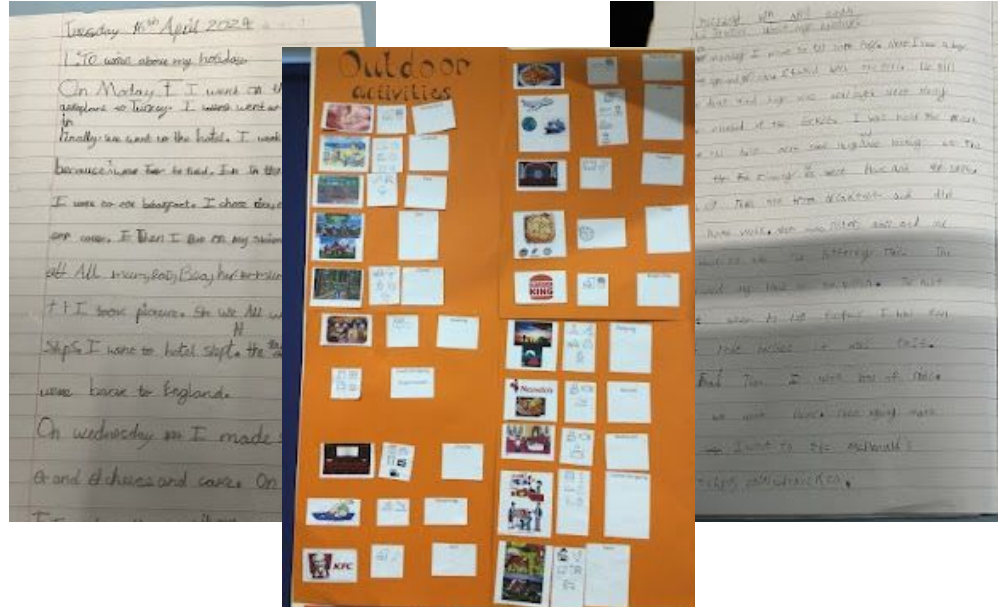


Deaf Centre

Ms Yeranossian & Ms Gray

Centre Celebration

The Centre children enjoyed telling us all about their fantastic Easter holiday and writing a recount using past tense. They linked it to different outdoor activities in deaf studies.



Reminders

- iPads - need to come to school every Monday and go home every Friday.
- Log reading at home on Google Classroom.
- Upload any special photos onto Google Classroom to create stronger links between home and school.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Reviews have started. See individual invites for details.
- Thursday 9th May 2024 - Trip to the Science Museum.
- Friday 10th May 2024 - Deaf Awareness Celebrations at JW with other deaf centres.

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

We have just started our new topic 'Space'. We will be learning all about space and aliens. Using the book *The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot*, we will link it to our knowledge of traditional tales and create our own story in space.



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Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We hope you all had a safe and relaxed holiday break and are refreshed for the term ahead.

We wholeheartedly thank each and every one of you who contributed to our Spring Events. We hosted an Egg Tombola which went down a storm - we had lots of donations and that meant lots of winners! Our Year 6 Bake Sale sold out fast, with lots of great cakes donated and eaten! On the Wednesday, we called our fabulous Raffle, with all sorts of prizes donated from local businesses and parents. We hope you were successful in winning something.

Our week ended with two days of discos and so much fun was had, with lots of dancing and some fabulous party wear! We are now thinking of making this an annual event. As you know, our objective is to make money for the school, so that it is able to buy the extra things their budget doesn't stretch to. By donating eggs, prizes and cakes - and by buying raffle/tombola tickets and attending the discos - YOU have helped raise £1800 over our week of events. Thank you.

Please stay tuned for news on the Summer Events coming. If you would like to help or have any ideas we could use, please contact us.





INCLUSION

Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum CIC in Partnership with Greenwich Local SEND Partnership

Parent Carer Workshops

Day and Evening Workshops for Parent Carers

We are pleased to let you know about several workshops we are hosting in partnership with Health, Social Care and Education. Following on from requests from parents to host workshops in a number of different, please see our what we hope will be a rolling calendar of workshops regularly. If you would like to be kept up to date about what we do, our meetings and events – become a member [JOIN US - Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum \(greenwichpcpf.org\)](#) and join our community Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gpcpf/> and a WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HU3X1T4M5IS6RdBsqbFnnX>. Please see details about each session with Eventbrite links, if you have any questions please email us on admin@greenwichpcpf.org. All sessions will be online.

Supporting your child to manage their emotions and behaviour: Using an Emotion Coaching approach

This session is relevant for all families. It will provide a space to reflect on your parenting style and how you can support your child in managing their emotions using an evidence-informed approach.

Wednesday 5th June 10.30-12pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gpcpf-supporting-your-child-to-manage-their-emotions-and-behaviour-tickets-795383311897>

Thursday 6th June 7-8.30pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gpcpf-supporting-your-child-to-manage-their-emotions-and-behaviour-tickets-797865766987>

Exploring difficulties with sleep and toileting

This session is particularly relevant for families of children in the early years or with SEND, would like a space to consider strategies to support a healthy sleep routine and independent toileting skills.

Wednesday 3rd July 10.30-12pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gpcpf-ser-parent-workshop-sleep-hygiene-and-toileting-difficulties-tickets-797868043797>

Thursday 4th July 7-8.30pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gpcpf-ser-parent-workshop-sleep-hygiene-and-toileting-difficulties-tickets-797875666597>

SOLIHULL APPROACH COURSE

Please contact Mrs Raithby regarding FREE online parenting support courses for parents. Solihull Approach covers a range of topics all aimed at understanding and supporting your child with sleep, meeting their needs and anger & self-regulation.



GREENWICH PARENT CARER PARTICIPATION FORUM
CIC
Company no: 13953720

We are looking for SEND Parent Champions

We are the official strategy voice for Parent Carers with a child/YP with SEND 0-25 living in Greenwich. We are parent led and independent.

What the role involves

- Telling parents about Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum official strategic voice in Royal Greenwich
- Navigating Royal Greenwich's Local Offer
- Understanding how to access SEND services
- Childcare and parenting support
- Dads/mens groups
- Acting as Parent links at both mainstream and special schools

What are the benefits for you ?

- Training to assist you to move toward developing your confidence and skills
- Experience that will support you toward new goals and employment
- You will become better informed and equipped in your own role as parents
- You will receive a small remuneration, regular support and supervision

Become a Parent Champion and be the voice in your local community.

More Information and to apply :

admin@greenwichpcpf.org / stella.abu@greenwichpcpf.org

<https://greenwichpcpf.org/>





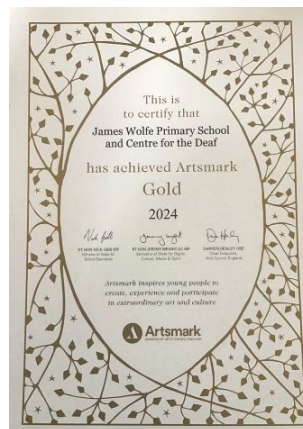


Notices

Music Fund Concert

The London Music Fund invite you to attend a concert featuring saxophonist Jess Gillam MBE, which will be hosted by LMF Ambassador Yolanda Brown OBE and include performances from current and former LMF Scholars, as well as pianist Sasha Grynyuk. The concert will be on 7th May 2024 at St John's Smith Square.

Tickets in the gallery are £10 - however the discount code 50MUSICFUND will get you two tickets for £10 (plus booking fee). To book your tickets, please visit <https://www.sjss.org.uk/events/london-music-fund-concert-jess-gillam-and-friends> and enter the promo code when prompted.



Artsmark Gold Award

Over the holiday, we received a very exciting delivery - our Gold Award from Artsmark!

This award is accredited by the Arts Council England and recognises schools for their exceptional commitment to creativity. We initially applied for the Artsmark award, the only one covering arts and culture provision in England, in November 2021 - this has been a two year journey and we are therefore very proud to have achieved the Gold Award, which will be displayed in school very soon. If you would like to see their feedback on how art and culture is delivered within our school, please take a look at our website.





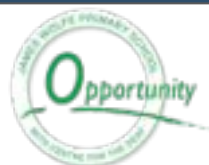
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Teachers vs the Marathon

Last Sunday, Mrs Curtis and Miss Parry ran the London Marathon, in support of SportsAid and Place2Be respectively - well done to them both!

Since 1976, SportsAid has supported tens of thousands of athletes by distributing over £50 million in awards - their impressive track record was highlighted at Tokyo 2020, where their alumni won 141 medals! Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that helps them to cope with wide-ranging and often complex social issues including bullying, bereavement, domestic violence, family breakdown, neglect and trauma.

To donate, please visit Mrs Curtis' fundraising page at <https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/siobhan-curtis> and/or Miss Parry's at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophie-parry10>.
Thank you.





Notices

Creative Writing Club

WRITE YOUR STORY



3:15pm - 4:15pm

inkhead
A PLACE TO LOOSEN YOUR PEN

**Creative Writing Club (10 sessions)
THURSDAY, 25th April to THURSDAY, 4th July**

We've been doing this in London for over 15 years. We are a group of qualified writers: playwrights, poets, novelists and journalists.

We encourage children to write the stories they want to write. Colourful characters; superheroes and supervillains; planning and editing are all improved in a fun atmosphere.

Children LOVE coming to Inkhead. Suddenly, they can write! We give regular feedback both written and verbal.

Parents LOVE inkhead. Children's literacy levels improve (sneakily) and they realise that writing is just so much fun!

To book:

Please email info@inkhead.co.uk with your child's name and class. £10/session (£100/term)

