



Y1 - Africa Topic

This half term, Y1 have been learning about Africa in all areas of the curriculum and were able to showcase their learning on Africa Day. Both classes took part in a range of activities linked to Africa throughout the whole day, including making their own African tile, reading African stories and making their own Anasi spiders. The children had also been working very hard on learning some traditional African songs and dance routine, which they performed so their parents and peers. The parents were really impressed with the children's clear hard work and teamwork throughout the day, commenting that 'it was a truly wonderful day'. However, Africa Day wouldn't have been such a success without parents' involvement and we value their continued support always. Africa Day was truly enjoyed by all!



Visit to Peckham Wildlife Centre

During the week of 22nd May the Reception classes went on a trip to the Wildlife Centre in Peckham. The children had been looking at the book 'Bog Baby', which involved releasing the bog baby back into a pond. The children went pond dipping and they found lots of interesting creatures including a newt! They also went hunting for minibeasts. The children were very well behaved and had lots of fun. Thank you to the parents who supported by going on the trip.

Nursery admissions – if your child is born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they are eligible for start Nursery in September 2017. Have you applied?

School Disco

Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the school disco which took place on Wednesday 24th May. The children really enjoyed themselves and lots of fun was had.

Also thank you to the members of staff who stayed to help.



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 20th June – Class Photographs

Wednesday 21st June – EYFS Big Toddle event

Week beginning Monday 26th June – Southwark Park Sports Week

Thursday 6th July – Parents' Association Summer Fair

Wednesday 12th July – Parents' Evening



Y5 - Vikings

Year 5 were lucky enough to have a whole day workshop this term from *History off the Page* earlier this term. The children made a range of objects associated with the Vikings including medicine bags 'to cure the sick', clay runes 'to tell the future' and amulet necklaces such as Thor's hammer. The children enthusiastically learnt about key battles and re-enacted them with their friends. Year 5 also brushed up on their excavation skills; each group uncovered a range of artefacts from the Viking period and used them to make inferences about the Viking way of life. Lots of the children came to school dressed in Viking outfits which made the events feel even more realistic. A fantastic day!



Y2 & Y6 SATs – well done

Big congratulations to the children in Y2 and Y6 who completed their SATs tests last month.

We are very proud of the effort that every child put into preparing for them and the focus they demonstrated during the tests.

Also a big thank you to all the adults that have supported the children during the school day and have given up their time to take booster classes before and after school.

The Parents Association need donations for the Summer Fair. If you're having a spring clean and come across anything that they can use please leave at the school office for the Attention of the PA.

Yoga

This year, children from Y1 to Y6 have participated in 3 yoga sessions, one each term.

The children have responded very positively and have begun to understand the feeling of calm and quiet and the importance of it in our busy lives.



Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to the 40 children at Southwark Park who were awarded a silver attendance badge. This means that they have been at school every day from September to March, autumn and spring terms.

69 children were awarded bronze badges, these children achieved 100% attendance during the spring term.

Another 64 children achieved attendance of over 98% during the spring term.

This means that 173 children (49%) of Y1 to Y6 achieved 98%+ attendance from January to March 2017. Well done to them!