

Spring Term Newsletter 4

Friday 9th March 2018

World Book Day

In order to celebrate **World Book Day**, which this year fell on Thursday 1st March, John Ruskin held its annual Book Week. A range of activities took place throughout the week to encourage the children to enjoy reading, with many of the children coming to school dressed up as favourite characters from books they have read.

The children are also taking part in this term's reading challenge, **Take Ten**, where they are reading for pleasure to a variety of different audiences for ten minutes each day. We are creating a reading collage in our library, so have asked adults to take photos of the children reading, which they can send to:

office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk.

All the children who complete the challenge will be entered into a prize draw where they can win a £5 book voucher.



Gardening news

Children from Year 2, who attend the school gardening club, will be taking part in the Young Marketeers sale at Borough Market in the summer term, selling the amazing fruit and vegetables that they have grown. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Fareshare charity.

Fareshare will be in to school to lead assemblies with both KS1 and KS2 on Tuesday 20th March.



What to do if you have a concern at John Ruskin

Parents and carers may have concerns, worries or complaints about things at certain times. We take these very seriously at John Ruskin and will always seek to resolve any problems by working with you and your family.

If you have a concern or wish to make a complaint it is usually best to start by talking to the class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

You can contact us in the following ways:

- By speaking to us in the playground after school
- By making an appointment to speak to us
- By writing a letter to us

When writing a letter, please always supply your name, telephone number and details of your concern, as we will usually want to arrange a meeting with you to discuss the issues raised.

There are a number of policies available on our website, or by request at the school office, that inform you of what you can do in a variety of situations.

These include the John Ruskin:

- Complaints procedure
- Safeguarding policy
- Whistleblowing policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Single equality scheme

The chair of governors, Mark Howarth, or the vice-chair, John Bulwer, can also be contacted by letter via the school office.

Parent, staff and pupil questionnaires

These annual questionnaires will be available soon. Parents please try to complete your questionnaire and return it to school. Your views count!



Lunchtime, playground and playtime improvements

We are currently working on improving the children's experiences at playtimes and lunchtimes. Our teaching assistants recently had specialist training from Jenny Moseley, and we are now looking at ways of implementing some of the course suggestions.

Changes over the next few months will include:

- Changes to the dining hall layout and how the food is served
- Changes to the organisation of games in the playground by lunchtime supervisors.
- New playground markings (subject to fund raising)
- More responsibility given to pupils in the dining hall

We would love to know what you think and will be opening up the dining hall and playground to parents after Easter. More information about this will follow, as well as an invitation to parents to join us for lunch. If you have any ideas for other improvements please let us know.

Cinema Club

The Friends of John Ruskin will be running an exclusive cinema club on **Wednesday 21st March** in the Language Unit building from **3.45-5.15pm**. The KS2 movie will be **Jumanji** in Lime Classroom and the KS1 movie will be **The Incredibles** in Purple Classroom.

A few tickets are still available for each film and cost **£1.50 per person**, which includes popcorn and drinks.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The funds raised from this event will go towards renovating the playground markings.



Yellow Class create toy sculpture at Tate Modern

In February, Yellow Class worked with an artist called Mo Scott at the Tate Modern. They took along some toys that they no longer played with and created a fantastic sculpture out of them, using light and shadows. The toys that Yellow Class donated have now gone to the Barnado's charity. Well done to all the children involved.



Forthcoming Dates

Friday 9th March – Start of Science Week

Thursday 29th March – Children's reward morning

Thursday 29th March – Last day of spring term, school closes 2pm

Monday April 16th – Staff INSET day (school closed to children)

Tuesday April 17th – First day of summer term for children