



Weekly Newsletter # 20 – 9 February 2024

White, Orange & Turquoise Classes - Parents Evening

These will be held on **Monday 26 February**.

The link and information about how to book appointments will be sent out on Monday 19 February.

Swimming Lessons



This is a reminder that swimming is a **compulsory** element of the national curriculum for all children in Year 3 and Year 4 unless they have a medical certificate from the doctor.

Activities, Events and Holiday Provision

There are a wide range of activities taking place over February Half Term for children and young people with SEN, including:

- **Playschemes**
- **African drumming**
- **SENsational stay and plays**
- **Podcasting and Tobogganing with Neurodiversity Hub**
- **Coding and computer club**
- **And more...**



Click on the link for more details:

<https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/leisure/february-half-term-2024>



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Curriculum in Action - Phonics

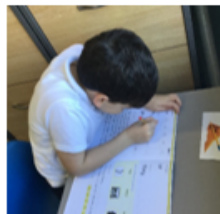
Curriculum in Action

Phonics

The children in the Language Unit follow a phonics programme called **Essential Letters and Sounds** (also followed by the Main School).

It teaches children how sounds are represented by written letters.

The children use robot arms and blending hands to help them orally blend the sounds in words.



They practise reading and writing words and sentences containing the sounds they have been taught.

It's good because you get to learn new words.

Oscar

The best bit is reading books.

Andre



They read books together matched to their phonic knowledge.

It's fun because it helps me learn my letters.

I like it when we do robot arms for long words.

Aram

I like it when we do the drum roll for a new sound.

Alex

I love it.

Elyes

World Book Day



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World Book Day is only a month away!

You are a Reader!

We have lots of fun planned to support the love of Reading for pleasure including our **Book Fair starting on 14 March!**
Over half term get thinking about creating your own WBD characters!

KS1 - Fairy Tales theme

KS2 - A character who inspires you!

Children will also be discussing characters within class as they prepare a door decoration for a book they have been reading together in class.

Be creative: We love home-made costumes and imagination is key.

Have a think! Have fun. More to come after the holidays!

You can find lots of stories to share at home here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



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SENsational Stay and Play

Thursday 15 February

The whole of the AST will be supporting *SENsational Stay and Play* staff and co-delivering an Autism specific session for autistic children aged 5-11 and their parents.

There will be a range of activities on offer across the day, arts, craft, games and Capoeira sessions!

The session takes place at Dulwich Wood Children's Centre, with the benefit of some great outdoor space to roam freely and explore what's on offer!

The team will be there to lead some of the activities, to have fun with the children, as well as be available to talk with families directly.

Please do share the attached flyer with the relevant families in your own schools.

Places are limited for this session – scan the QR code to register.





SENsational Stay & Play



Free February Half Term Fun for Autistic Children aged 5-11

Delivered in partnership with Southwark Autism Support Team

- **Have fun with your child through a range of activities, including arts and craft, games, food play**
- **Capoeira sessions** [More Info](#)
- **Meet other families**
- **Get advice and support on a range of topics including; communication, behaviour, and toileting**

Thursday 15th February 2024 10-3pm
Dulwich Wood Children's Centre
Lyall Avenue, London SE21 8QS

Places are limited, please register your interest via :
<https://forms.office.com/e/1uHcNtR8mh>
Or scan QR code





Sessions provided by Southwark C&F centres in collaboration with Cherry Garden School



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Family Art and Craft Morning

Southwark Family Hubs

Southwark Council

Family Art and Craft Morning

10.00 am- 12:00 pm
Wednesday 14th February

Are you feeling creative?

- Pop along with your children and have some fun.
- Come and meet with the team and ask questions about our service and what we offer to the community.
- We are still available to offer one-to-one support to parents and young people between 9.30am-13.00 pm

Brandon Library
Maddock Way
SE17 3NH



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Family Skating February Half Term

JAM SPEED ROLLERS

**HALF-TERM
FAMILY
SKATE
4PM-6PM**

**BRANDON YOUTH
CENTRE
19 MADDOCK WAY
COOKS ROAD
SE17 3NH**

**WEDNESDAY
14TH FEB**

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



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Parent Support

Southwark's Mental Health Support Team (Groundwork MHST) will be running an **online group** aimed at **supporting parent/carers with common behaviour problems they experience with their child(ren) at home**. The group will run for **6 weeks** and is **evidence based and free of charge**. I have attached a flyer to this email for you to share with your p/c networks/ those you think might benefit.

Please see below for more information:

Join for an interactive online group focused on providing strategies, support and practical tips to encourage positive behaviours at home. As a parent/carer it can sometimes feel overwhelming and isolating to manage challenging behaviours without support. This group aims to provide a judgement free space in which you can share your concerns as well as learn new ways to encourage positive behaviours at home.

Topics include: Fostering positive relationships, emotional regulation, effective instruction giving, consequences & praise.

Please note this group will run for **6 consecutive weeks (Tuesdays 1-2pm)** and attendance at each is encouraged.

Please contact **Rosa or Rebecca** with any questions or to access the **online link to the group**:

rosa.kornfein@groundwork.org.uk | 07999 402 360

rebecca.skinner@groundwork.org.uk | 07872 400882

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

ONLINE GROUP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

Advice, support and strategies to encourage positive behaviour and improved relationships

TUESDAYS 1 - 2PM

20TH FEBRUARY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 5TH MARCH, 12TH MARCH, 19TH MARCH, 26TH MARCH

SIGN UP

CONTACT ROSA OR REBECCA TO FIND OUT MORE AND COMPLETE YOUR SIGN UP:

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rebecca.skinner@groundwork.org.uk

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February Half Term Post Office Vouchers

All children who are eligible for free school meals/pupil premium will receive the POP vouchers as normal from the council by Monday 12 February via email.

If you have any issues receiving the voucher you must complete the enquiry form via the link:

https://forms.southwark.gov.uk/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=2246

NB: do not contact the school with voucher queries - all queries must be made via the link above directly to the council.

Dates for week commencing 19 February

Monday 19 February

2.00 **Burgundy swimming**

Tuesday 20 February

All day **Year 5 trip to Greenwich Planetarium**

9.00 **Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements**

10.00-10.30 **Turquoise Class swimming**

10.30-11.00 **Scarlet Class swimming**

Wednesday 21 February

11.00 **Local Area workshops for Vermilion Class**

1.30 **Local Area workshops for Burgundy Class**

Thursday 8 February

3.30 **Year 6 Homework Club starts**

Friday 9 February

2.00 **Vermilion swimming**

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 27 February 2024

Year 2 trip to London landmarks

Monday 18 to Friday 22 March 2024

Year 5 School Journey to Kingswood



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