



Weekly Newsletter # 14 – 13 December 2024

Christmas Arrangements

Festive Winter Dress Up Day

This year to help raise money for our sensory walls we will be having a dress up day on the day of the Christmas Lunch, **Tuesday 17 December, 2024**. For a £1 donation, on this day children can come to school in a festive/ winter outfit.



Christmas parties

Christmas Parties will be on afternoon of Thursday 19 December. Children may wear party clothes that day; no high heels, strappy or cropped tops. Your child's teacher will let you know closer to the time what refreshments are needed.

Spring Term After School Clubs

You will have received this week the details to register your interest for clubs in the Spring Term. Please ensure you register your interest by 9am on Wednesday 18 December to avoid disappointment.

You will receive an email after this date to confirm what club your child has been given along with payment details (if applicable). If a club is oversubscribed, we will select children at random and will endeavour to give your child one of the choices you have selected. If there are not enough children registered on a club, the club will not be run.



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Applying for Reception Places 2025

The deadline to apply for your child's Reception place for September 2025 is **Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 11.59pm**.

You must apply online via the Southwark admissions portal – <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

To view all primary schools in Southwark, please see school's brochure – [Southwark Primary Schools 24-25](#)

If you require any assistance making your application, please see Jonathan in the office.

We have 1 more open event for Reception classes on the following date: Thursday 9 January at 9.30am.

To book your place, please complete the booking form: <https://forms.office.com/e/UapggayXwH>


Please be aware that attendance at our nurseries does not guarantee your child a place in Reception.





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Curriculum in Action – Science



In this autumn term, Year 2 pupils have been working hard learning about, investigating and reporting on the properties of different materials in science. Pupils showed great team work skills when testing and asking questions about different materials. They used torches to find out if materials were transparent, translucent or opaque. Also, pupils made predictions about and investigated which materials would be most effective at plugging a hole. As the book work of Mariano, Yara and Darlie from Green Class shows, children have been recording their observations and results whilst using fantastic scientific vocabulary!





Curriculum in Action - Science

Year 4 pupils have been learning about invertebrates and vertebrates during the Living Things and Their Habitats topic, this term. Recently, they went out in to the school's nature garden and went hunting for the invertebrates living there. From the looks of it, they found lots of creepy crawlies and had a great time!



Our year 6 pupils have had a busy term in science, learning about the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explaining the functions of the heart in their Animals Including Humans unit whilst also classifying trees in the Living Things and Their Habitats unit.



Rire said:
The heart is a muscle that pumps blood around the body. When resting, your heart beats at 60-100 beats per minute.

Tabiah said:
We learnt how to check our pulse rate. We then investigated which activities activate the heart the most. We discovered that star jumps raised our pulse rate the most.

Hannan said:
We went outside and compared trees, looking for similarities and differences. We looked at the different shapes of leaves and all the colours.





Curriculum in Action – French



French

In the Language Unit, we have been learning to greet, say our names and age in French. We have used puppets to do this.



Bonjour,
Comment ca va?
Comment
t'appelles-tu?



Ca va bien merci.
Je m'appelle ...
J'ai neuf ans.

In the LU and LKS2, the children have been learning to say some Christmas words in French.





Curriculum in Action – French

We listened to the story **Silence, Père Noël** and invite you to listen to this at home.












<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vL8t5ZGMa4>



In KS1, the primary focus is on speaking and listening skills. We aim to develop confidence through repetition, songs and games.



Months - Mois			
January	February	March	April
janvier	février	mars	avril
May	June	July	August
mai	juin	juillet	août
September	October	November	December
septembre	octobre	novembre	décembre

English	French	Visual
Blue	Bleu	
White	Blanc	
Red	Rouge	
Yellow	Jaune	
Green	Vert	
Orange	Orange	
Brown	Marron	
Pink	Rose	
Black	Noir	
Grey	Gris	
Purple	Violet	

I know some numbers in French, 'deux' is two.

-Nailah

'Décembre' is December and 'Janvier' is January.

-Adam

I can say the colours in French.

-Kyro



Curriculum in Action – French

In Year 6, the children made shape and colour books.

We made books
about shapes and
colours to help those
who don't know
French. They were fun
to make

Sign of the Week

The Sign of the Week is 'Information'

[Signing 2024-25](#)





Christmas Activities

Parent Skills2Go NUNHEAD
Community Interest Company

Winter FOOD & FUN

FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
(0-8YEARS)

Date:
Monday 23rd
& Tuesday 24th
December 2024

Time: 10am- 2pm
Address:
5 Nunhead Green
Se15 3QQ

For more Information
02035369609, 07394662602
✉ Admin@parentskills2go.com
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Monday activities:
crafts Music , games,
lunch etc

**Tuesday: Games,
Christmas Lunch
and a gift from Santa**

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Christmas Activities

Parent Skills²Go ROTHERHITHE
Community Interest Company

Winter FOOD & FUN

FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
(0-8YEARS)

Date:
Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th December 2024
Time: 10am- 2pm
Address: Lewington centre
9 Eugenia Road SE16 2RU

Monday activities: crafts Music , games, lunch etc
Tuesday: Games, Christmas Lunch and a gift from Santa

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Christmas Activities

Parent Skills^{2Go}
Community Interest Company
CAMBERWELL

**WINTER
FOOD
& FUN**

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
10+

**Date: Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th
December 2024 Time: 10am- 2pm**

**Monday Activities: TRIP TO CINEMA
Tuesday: Games,
Christmas Lunch, Gift Giving**

**Address:
Camberwell Library
Camberwell SE5 7AL**

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Additional Community Flu Clinics

Southwark are running additional community walk-in flu clinics. These are walk-in clinics and there is no need to book an appointment. See below for details:



South London
Children and Young
People's Community
Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

Live or go to school in the borough of Lambeth?
Aged 4-16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself this winter!

Tuesday 17 December, 10:00 - 14:00
Rye Oak Children & Family Centre, SE15 3PD

Wednesday 18 December, 10:00 - 14:00
Rye Oak Children & Family Centre, SE15 3PD

Wednesday 18 December, 10:00 - 14:00
Stockwell Children's Centre, SW9 9TG

Thursday 19 December, 10:00 - 14:00
Rye Oak Children & Family Centre, SE15 3PD

Thursday 19 December, 10:00 - 14:00
Stockwell Children's Centre, SW9 9TG

**No need to book an appointment. Call
020 8614 5496 for more information.**



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Dates for week commencing 16 December

Monday 16 December

2.00-2.30 Burgundy Class swimming

Tuesday 17 December

Festive Winter Dress Up Day

10.00-10.30 Turquoise Class swimming

10.30-11.00 Scarlet Class swimming

11.45-1.30 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18 December

Deadline for Spring Term Clubs register of interest

Thursday 19 December

Pm Christmas Parties

Friday 20 December

Last day of term and Reward Morning - school ends at 2pm

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 7 January 2025

First day of Spring Term

Thursday 9 January

Year 2 Homework Club (for 6 weeks) starts

Tuesday 21 January

Main school & Purple Class Parents Evening

Wednesday 22 January

Red Class Parents Evening

Thursday 23 January

Lime Class Parents Evening

Monday 3 February – Friday 7 February



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Children's mental health week – theme TBD

Friday 14 February

Reward afternoon

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Half Term Holiday

Thursday 27 February

Yr6 Homework Club (for 5/6 weeks)

Thursday 6 March

World Book Day - theme to be confirmed

Thursday 6 March – Wednesday 12th March

Book Fair open

Monday 10 – Friday 14 March

Science Week – theme Change and Adapt

Friday 4 April

Reward morning

Last day of spring term - school finishes 2.00pm

Monday 7 April – Monday 21 March

Easter Holiday

Link to term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)



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