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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 to The Wolfe!

Following parent feedback, we are trialling a new format for our newsletter which will be sent out once a month. Each year group have the opportunity to share reminders and upcoming events and information about the learning taking place in class. We will still share whole-school information/notices below, as well as key dates.

Visitors always comment on how amazing the school is and my goal is to ensure the children leave James Wolfe ready for secondary school socially and academically, having experienced a huge number of opportunities. I have now been Headteacher at James Wolfe for over a year and I am so proud of what we have achieved. I have listed a few below:

- There have been transformations within the school including the Secret Garden, nearly-completed scooter track and turf at Royal Hill, and our lovely first aid and quiet play area at Randall Place.
- Our Forest School is back up and running and the children in Reception now get to experience this with our forest school and Reception teacher, Ms Syrocki.
- Sports coaches, Mr Junior and Ms Saunders, have transformed the way P.E. is taught in our school, led by Mr Armson, and the children report a love for P.E..
- Music has been elevated with the introduction of Rock Band. Singing assemblies are a firm favourite and have been reintroduced.
- Important work on ensuring diversity in our curriculum is happening with the support of an expert in the field. Working parties include staff and parent feedback on systems and processes within our school. We have updated our behaviour policy adding discriminatory behaviour and report this to our governors.
- Pupils are part of leadership groups, have their voice heard and lead on events.
- Enrichment clubs take place every Friday and the children love to explore new hobbies.
- We had promotions within the school and appointed Mr Armson and Mrs Price (formerly Ms Herbert) as Assistant Headteachers. They have already had a huge impact on the school.
- We have become the Signature school to teach BSL within the borough for staff and the local community.
- Punchdrunk are coming back to lead on Immersive experiences at James Wolfe.
- Biscuits and Books sessions have been reintroduced and we look forward to future events where we can invite you in to see our wonderful school.

I can't believe that I am already writing about December events! A Winter Newsletter will come to you in the next few weeks outlining the events. Don't forget, you can request a black and white copy of any letters, including this, from the school office.

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

Victoria Gallagher
Headteacher

Key Dates

*Important
DATE!*

November

Thursday 9th November -- Year 5 Neptune Trip to Planetarium
 Monday 13th November -- Year 5 Jupiter & Earth Trips to Planetarium
 Monday 13th to Friday 24th November -- Year 5 Neptune Intensive Swimming
 Tuesday 14th November -- Year 5 Mars Trip to Planetarium
 Tuesday 14th November -- Boys' Football Team Fixture vs St Alfege
 Wednesday 15th November -- Girls' Football Team Fixture
 Wednesday 15th November -- Lantern Parade
 Thursday 16th November -- Year 2 Biscuits & Books (RP 9:15am)
 Wednesday 22nd November -- Orchestra Rehearsal at Blackheath Halls
 Wednesday 22nd November -- SEND Coffee Morning (RP 9:30am)
 Friday 24th November -- Parent Advisory Group Meeting- Equity (9:15am)
 Monday 27th Nov. to Friday 8th December -- Year 5 Mars Intensive Swimming
 Monday 27th November -- Year 2 Maple & Beech Christmas Journey Trips to St Alfege
 Tuesday 28th November -- Year 2 Rowan & Elm Christmas Journey Trips to St Alfege

December

Friday 1st December -- FJWS Christmas Fair (RP 3:30pm)
 Thursday 7th December -- After-School Activities End
 Wednesday 13th November -- Girls' Football Team Fixture
 Thursday 21st December -- Last Day of Term

Dates to be confirmed in Winter Newsletter:

Christmas dinner day
 Yr 1-6 Christmas show
 Yr 1-6 Christmas show
 Reception Christmas show
 Nursery Christmas show
 Class parties

January

8th January 2024: INSET day
 9th January 2024: first day of term

February

Parents evening
 Friday 2nd February -- Parent Advisory Group Meeting- Equity (9:15am)
 Half-term holiday: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023.

Later in the year

Easter holidays -- Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023
 Monday 13th- Thursday 16th May -- Year 6 SATS
 Half-term holiday: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 (Spring Bank Holiday on 29 May).
 Friday 28th June -- INSET day
 Friday 21 July 2023 -- last day of the year

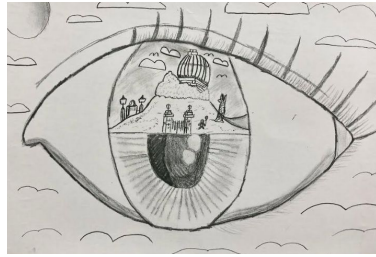


Year 6

Ms Bedding, Ms Cope, Ms Edgington & Ms Britton

Year 6 Celebration

We have had a fantastic start to Year Six. All classes enjoyed creating a piece of art in the style of street artist My Dog Sighs. We sketched a detailed drawing of our eye with a hidden surprise drawn into the iris: self portraits of ourselves!



Reminders

PE is on Thursday.

Please can children practice Spelling Shed and TTRS each week- speak to your classroom teacher if you need your login details.

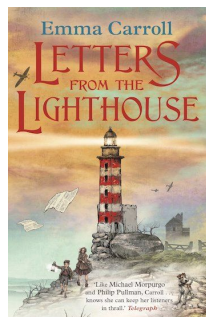
Upcoming Events

- Lantern parade: Wednesday 22nd November
- Mock SATS week: wb. 4th December
- Trip to Chislehurst cave: date tbc

Reading Book(s)

This half term we are reading *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll.

We will also be reading extracts from *Once* by Morris Gleitzman and *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.



Future Learning

This half term we will be learning about World War Two, focusing on life on the home front, what it was like to live through the Blitz and the evacuee experience.

In science we will be investigating how electricity works by building circuits. Meanwhile in art, we will be learning all about wartime pattern-maker Enid Marx, and creating our own prints.



Year 5

Mr Cowley, Miss McKenna, Mrs Cameron & Ms Brinkman

Year 5 Celebration

We all thoroughly enjoyed our 'All About Me' topic that was inspired by the work of Frida Kahlo. Her amazing story proved an inspiration. Please come and visit us on the first floor at Royal Hill if you haven't yet managed to view our fabulous work. We are pleased that the case of the 'London Eye Mystery' has been solved. Our trip on the was an amazing experience. Children have grasped a good knowledge of 'Place Value' in maths and have taken brilliantly to our new times-table scheme. Please listen out for '40 out of 40'!



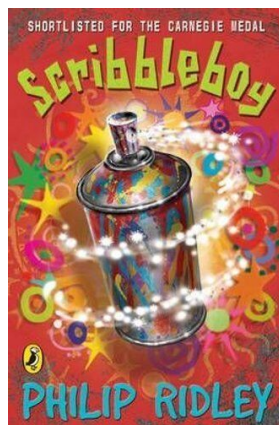
Reminders

P.E. is on Friday each week. When sessions are in the morning (5J & 5N) children may come to school ready in kit but bring uniform to change into afterwards. Afternoon (5E & 5M), come in uniform but may travel home in kit. Swimming dates (see Upcoming Dates).

Upcoming Events

Lantern Parade: Wed. 15th Nov. (3:40 meet at Discovery Centre).
Planetarium visit: 5N 9th Nov, 5E 13th Nov, 5J 13th Nov and 5M 14th Nov.
Swimming Lessons: 5M- 27th Nov. to 8th Dec. 5N- 13th to 24th Nov.
Leake Street Graffiti visit: 5E&5M 27th Nov., 5J&5N
Christmas Concert- Dates tbc.

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

We are currently considering our views on graffiti and forming opinions regarding: art for or vandalism! You will hopefully be asked to share your personal views. In maths we have progressed to the four operations of calculation, with fractions to follow. Maths Week will focus on time. Children are excited in their engagement in the 'Space' science topic. Swimming sessions will be completed this term.

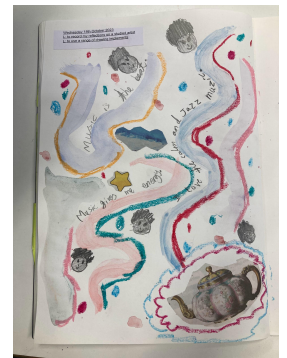
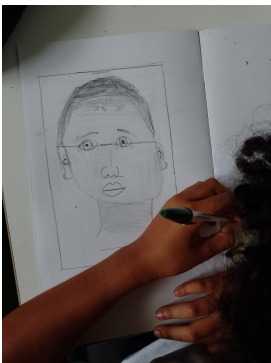


Year 4

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

Year 4 Celebration

We have had a fun-filled start to Year 4. From the Whole School Project, where we created poems and artworks about ourselves to our Trip to Deptford Creek we have relished our diverse learning curriculum.



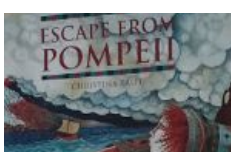
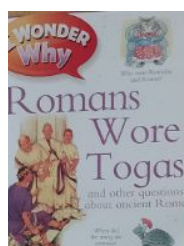
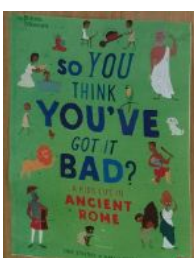
Reminders

- Please check that your child is bringing their school uniform into school on their PE day. They are expected to change into their school uniform after PE - to avoid chills in damp clothing.
- Reading records should be filled in at least 5x weekly and signed by an adult.
- Encourage your child to access Google Classroom to complete home learning, to ensure they can be celebrated for their hard work.

Upcoming Events

- Lantern Parade: Wednesday 15th November wave at staff and Year 5's with their lanterns.
- Maths week - 13th to 17th November. Foci are 12 hr and 2hr TIME and COMPETITIONS.
- Christmas concert dates coming soon...
- West Greenwich library visits -individual to classes.

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

Why did the Romans invade Britain? We will investigate! Reading 'Julius Zebra - Rumble with the Romans' by Gary Northfield. We will be exploring the features of diary entries and writing our own using detailed descriptions of characters. Also, we will be designing our own Roman sandals - understanding a plan and prototype. Science will help us to understand the states of solid, liquid and gas - understanding particles... unlike the Ancient Romans did! In RE we'll be studying different forms of worship and celebrations across different religions, including Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism.

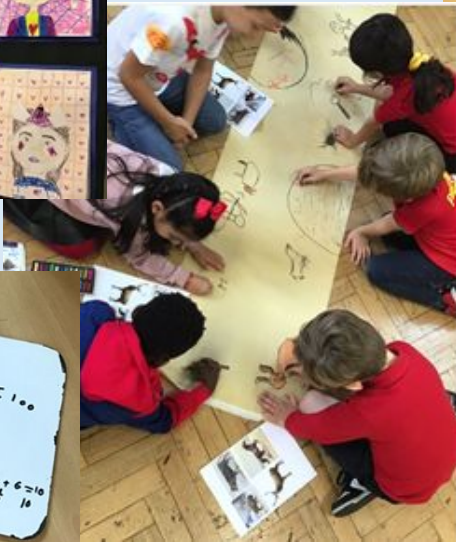


Year 3

Miss Ablett, Ms Mistry, Miss Thompson & Miss Khorami

Year 3 Celebration

Our start to Year 3 has been full of fun and has focused on celebrating ourselves. For our Whole-School Project, we wrote poems that identified the qualities that we have which make us unique and created artwork to accompany our poems, inspired by the artist Jean Michel-Basquiat. In Maths, we have increased our understanding of numbers using manipulatives and applied our skills to addition and subtraction questions. Our confidence has grown in our number fluency. We became expert historians by exploring the Stone Age and its different eras.



Reminders

This half term, P.E. is on Monday. 3P & 3C should come to school in P.E. kit and bring uniform to change into. 3O & 3A should come to school in uniform and bring P.E. to change into.

Reading Pupil Voice: Please have a think back to the texts from Year 2 and complete the form at <https://forms.gle/XqcUaHWRkSTMfBYM6> - thank you!

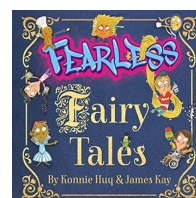
Upcoming Events

Lantern Parade: Wednesday 15th November - join us for Year 5's proud Lantern Parade.

Christmas Concert dates - to be confirmed.

Future Learning

In Maths, we will use numbers to 1000 to reason and problem solve, then cover angles. Maths Week will focus on time. Our Science topic will be Light and Dark. Geography will be learning about Europe (countries, capital cities, populations, flags) and developing our atlas skills. In R.E, we will be learning about the Bible.





Year 2

Miss Nutley, Mr Cooke, Mrs Richardson & Miss Cambridge

Year 2 Celebration

Year 2 have had a wonderful first half term and enjoyed delving deep into our first topic of 'All about me'. The children drafted and published amazing poetry about their friendships and created excellent self-portraits using photography and art. The children have been taking their knowledge of place value further whilst also becoming 'doubling experts' with their maths speed tests.



Reminders

PE is held on a Wednesday.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with a name to avoid misplacement of belongings.

Homework and Reading Records need to be returned on a Thursday.

Yellow Reading Records need to be signed weekly.

Spellings need to be practised weekly using Spelling Shed.

Upcoming Events

Thursday November 16th

Biscuits and Books (parent/child reading session) 9.15am

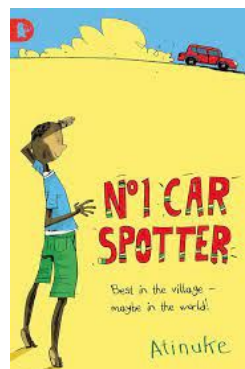
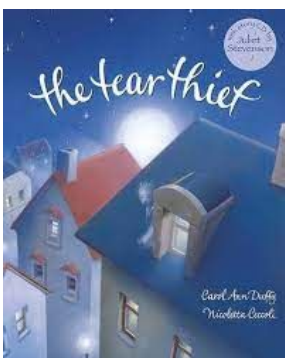
Monday 27th November

2M and 2B - Christmas Journey
St. Alfege's Church

Tuesday 28th November

2R and 2E - Christmas Journey
St. Alfege's Church

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

This term we will be continuing to read our decodable books and also reading extracts from our whole class text, 'The Tear Thief'. We are using our place value charts to complete addition and subtraction number sentences. We will be able to use an atlas to name countries near the equator, north and south pole. We will also be learning about Buddhism.



Year 1

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

Year 1 Celebration

The children have had a fantastic first half term settling into year 1. Classes are now doing full lessons and experiencing so many different subjects in their learning.



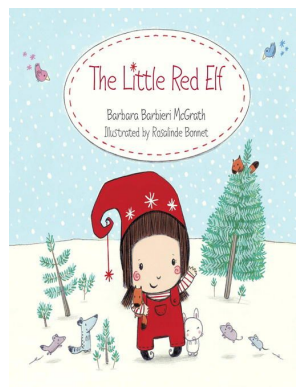
Reminders

- PE is every Tuesday. Please remember warm clothes for the Autumn/Winter seasons
- Reading records and Little Wandle reading books to be returned by Friday each week.
- To upload any home learning to Google Classroom or hand in your home learning book

Upcoming Events

Thursday 7th December: Parent involvement morning 09:00-10:00. Further information closer to the date

Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

- Geography: Identifying countries, cities and features of the United Kingdom
- History: Creating our own timelines
- DT: Designing and creating houses for 'The Three Little Pigs'.
- Art: Developing our sketching and drawing skills
- RE: Exploring the Christmas story
- Maths: Addition and subtraction
- Writing: Creating our own diaries



Reception

Mrs Griffin, Mrs Price, Mrs Renouf, Miss Seruti, Miss Syrocki & Miss Lind

Reception Celebration

The children in Reception have settled into school excellently and are enjoying learning in the orchards, garden and even starting PE lessons and Forest School!



Reminders

Please remember to make sure all items of clothing and shoes are labelled.

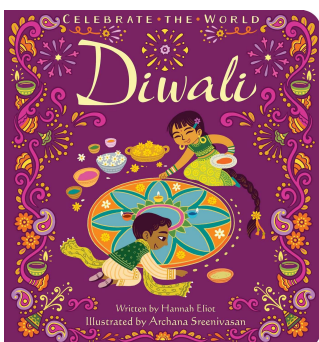
Please ensure children bring in their PE kits on Monday to take home on Friday. Every child also needs a pair of wellies in school for Forest School.

Upcoming Events

Reading mornings are taking place every Friday morning! We invite you to join your child in their class and enjoy sharing a book with them and their friends.



Reading Book(s)



Future Learning

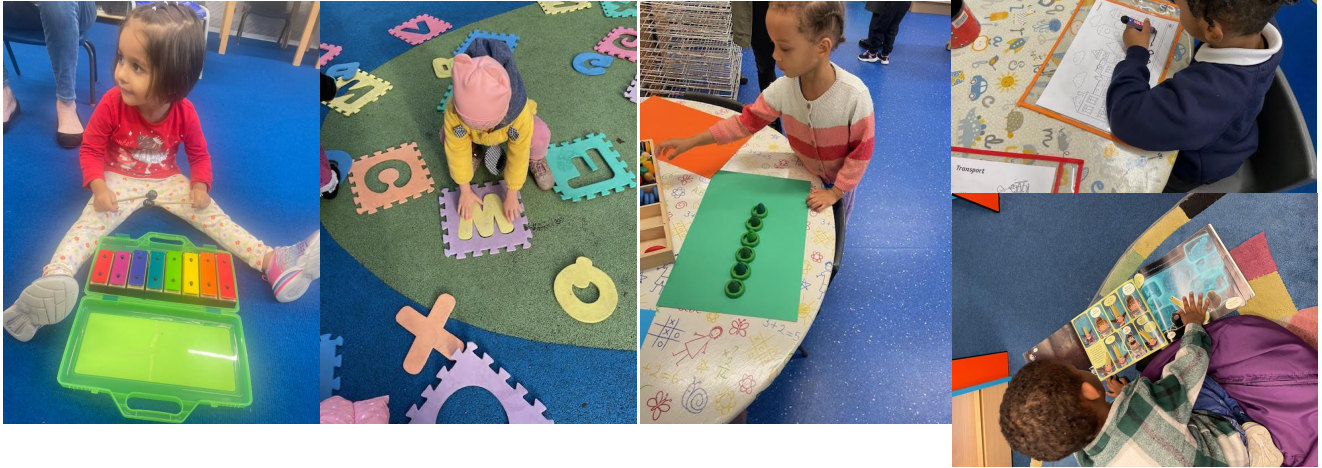
This half term, we are learning about different celebrations and finding out how they are celebrated! We are also exploring the changes that happen in Autumn. We are beginning our work on number, including subitising and one more and one less. In phonics, we are continuing to learn and revise our Phase 2 sounds.



Nursery

Miss Clipsham

Nursery Celebration



Reminders

All our friends in Apple Tree are happy, settled and confident, they are all able to remove and hang their own belongings in the morning - please give them a chance to be independent!

Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the cold and that all hats/gloves/scarves have names in them!

Upcoming Events

As part of our celebrations theme, we will be having a birthday party on Friday 24th November.

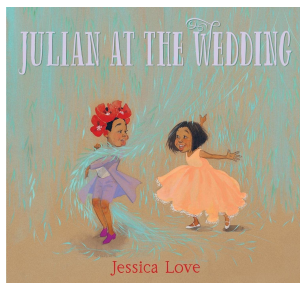
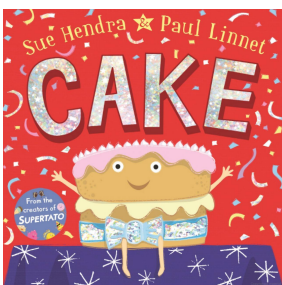
The children will have the opportunity to wear party clothes to school and we will play games and share party food!

If you have any old decorations at home, Apple Tree would be very grateful for the donation!

Reading Books

Two of our key texts this half term are *Cake* by Sue Hendra

Julian at the Wedding by Jessica Love



Future Learning

This half term we are going to be learning about different celebrations! The first three are: Diwali, Birthdays and Weddings!

If you have any pictures of your family celebrating any of those occasions, please share them on tapestry so that we can talk about them in class!

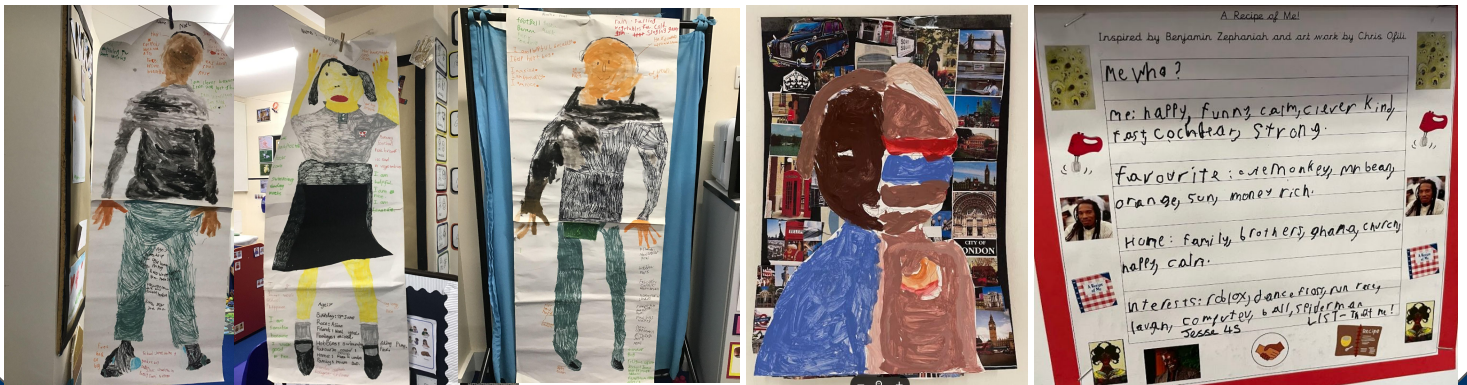


Deaf Centre

Ms Gray & Ms Yeranossian

Centre Celebration

We enjoyed exploring our identities and finding out what makes us unique.



Reminders

Use of iPads at home:

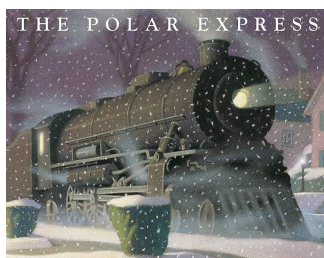
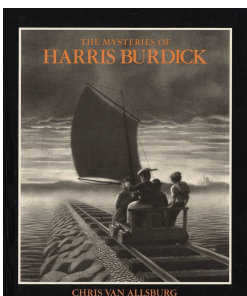
- Check Centre 1 and Centre 3 Google Classroom for updates.
- Upload pictures from the weekend onto Child's Work.
- Upload videos of reading onto Child's Reading.
- Use Spelling Shed.
- Practice Timestables Rockstars (Y3 and up).

Upcoming Events

- Thu 9th Nov: BSL Level 1 classes starting for parents and staff.
- Wed 15th Nov: Year 5 Lantern Parade.
- December (TBC): Frank Barnes Christmas Performance

Reading Book(s)

Exploring the author Chris Van Allsburg



Future Learning

This half term the centre is looking at imaginative writing to expand our creative writing skills.

Our music teacher from Music for Life will be working with all centre children to create a Christmas performance.

Deaf studies will continue to focus on timely events, like exploring DeafZone on childline.



Friends of James Wolfe School

The FJWS is a charity run by a dedicated committee of parents, raising funds for James Wolfe to enhance each child's journey through our school. Through our fundraising efforts, we raise thousands of pounds every year for the school! Every parent is a Friend of James Wolfe and we welcome anyone who wants to join us, in whatever way works for you. We're all busy, so here are some ideas for getting involved:

- Join the committee! We meet once a month after drop-off. Children are welcome.
- Become a Class Rep! Be the voice for your class by whipping up support. This doesn't involve much time commitment but is a great resource for everyone.
- Volunteer for events! Share your talents! Do you have any fundraising ideas? Perhaps you can help in the job you do? Could you do a sponsored event for the school? Are you a DJ? A face painter? Could you help us write grant applications for funding? We are always open to suggestions!
- Fund-match! Many large organisations offer fund-matching for charities like ours.

We are currently getting ready for our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December! There will be plenty more information to follow, but if you are able to have an estate agent board outside your house advertising the fair, please get in touch.

We are also looking for donations for our fabulous raffle. If you have a business that could donate something or even a bottle of wine or unopened, unwanted gifts that you could give, please let us know.

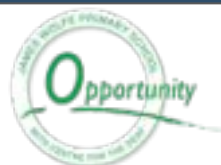
We thank you for your continued support.

Please follow/like us on Twitter/Facebook to find out more about what we do, as well as about upcoming social/fundraising events. All are welcome!

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Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich>

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Notices



SEND Coffee Morning

Ms Minkoulou will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22nd November between 9:30am and 10:30am at Randall Place. This session will be based on Educational, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and any questions you may have around those. This session is relevant for parents of children with an EHCP and those who are interested in what they are and what they mean for a child and their needs.

If you would like to join us, please contact the school office to add your name to the list for the session. Other sessions have been planned throughout the year around other areas of SEND. We will share these dates with you soon.



Parent Advisory Group

As a school, we have an ongoing commitment to ensure our practice promotes and strives for equality in all areas and this is a school priority. This is not something that we can do alone, so please do come to our Parent Advisory Group meeting.

The purpose of this meeting will be for the school to share our equity plans, for parents to share any general issues to be worked into training and planning and for parents to offer ideas or support.

This term's meeting will be at 9:15am on Friday 24th November 2023. Meetings are held termly, so if you are not able to make this one, please do email the school to share any feedback.





Notices



Parent Survey

The Royal Borough of Greenwich wants to hear your thoughts on childcare for children and young people of all ages. This is important due to the government's recent announcement that more parents will be supported by an extension of free childcare offers. The Royal Borough want to hear how this may affect the way you use childcare, as they need to make sure that there are enough places in early years settings to meet the demand.

Plus they would like to hear feedback about childcare for older children/young people.

Please complete the short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RBGCSA2023-Parents> before Friday 24th November 2023.

If you have any questions about this survey, you can contact the Families Information Service on fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 6921. As always, thank you for your valuable feedback!



Photography Competition

We have launching an Autumn Photography Competition for pupils to enter over the next few weeks and up until the end of November. The competition is a fun way of getting creative with your camera, celebrating the natural world and enjoying the great outdoors! All entries should be sent via email to admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk. The closing date is Sunday 19th November. Entries will be judged by our art leadership and the winning photographs framed and displayed in school.

