

George Mitchell School

Weekly Primary Phase Newsletter

More is in me; be the best you can be.

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Our school values: Perseverance, Respect, Independence, Diversity, Excellence

Dear parents, carers and children,

This week the Unicef Ambassadors have been delivering presentations to their classes. Their presentations allowed children to vote on the UNCRC Articles that they feel should be included in a Whole School Charter for the Rights of children in our school. Each class has developed their own agreed Charter and will use what they have learned to develop a Whole School Charter.

Today we had a Learning French Afternoon. All children across Primary Phase learned new vocabulary and new conversational French, all about Food and Drink. Ms Tomkins from Secondary organised and oversaw the afternoon. We have another five French Afternoons planned for this year; our next one is Christmas!

Over the next 2 weeks, we have more than 20 new children joining our school. The good reputation of our school has grown in the local community and we are seeing many children join our school. I would like to welcome all our new children and families and also Rhys who is returning to our school. We will all work together to ensure all our new children are very happy and settle quickly. I hope you have a wonderful weekend,
Best wishes, Mrs Williams

Science and Learning in Year 2 Elephants



Year 2 have been doing investigative science this week. The children have been looking at properties of materials and choosing suitable materials for making a boat – they learned scientific language.

We need your help

Do you have any spare dressing up clothes or hats or shoes? We need them for lunchtime dressing up. Please hand them into Main Reception – thank you – we would be very grateful for any donations.



What's been happening this week?



Enrichment and fun for children after school too

Mr Orr is running a Multi Sports Club on a Mondays. Also Mr Peter runs a Cookery Club every Monday too – this week the children made German Cookies called **Haferflockenplätzchen** to celebrate Day of German Unity – the day when East Germany joined West Germany on the 3rd of October 1990.



Chess Club has started again this term. We have a very special marble chess set that the children can use which Mrs Kirwin gave to the Primary Phase when she left in July.

News and Views

Hurricane Matthew hits Bahamas and approaching Florida



Hurricane Matthew is continuing to sweep north through the Caribbean leaving devastation as it goes.

Parts of southern Haiti have been badly hit while Cuba has narrowly avoided the worst of it. US President Barack Obama has warned those living in the path of Matthew that it "is a serious storm" and people should prepare to evacuate. Weather forecasters say it will move across the Bahamas and reach the US east coast late on Thursday. In the Bahamas, Prime Minister Perry Christie told residents in coastal regions to move to high ground, according to local news reports. "If you live on the southern coast of any islands, you will be exposed to risk."

UNCRC Article 17

Every child has the right to reliable information from the mass media, television, radio, newspaper and other media should provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

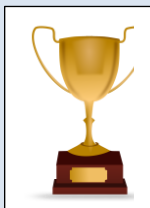
Attendance and Punctuality Awards

Attendance Award

Reception – 89% Peacock
Key Stage 1 – 96% Tigers
Key Stage 2 – 100% Sharks and Moose

Punctuality Award

Reception – 99% Peacock
Key Stage 1 – 96% Tigers
Key Stage 2 – 100% Sharks



Our value in focus for this half term is:

PRIDE

Children are learning about what PRIDE is and how they can show PRIDE and take PRIDE in themselves and their work at home and at school

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Year 1 Ladybirds – Hamzah
Year 1 Giraffes – Deea
Year 2 Tigers - Jayla
Year 2 Elephants – Vittoria
Year 3 Zebras – Nawfel
Year 3 Lions – Aisha
Year 4 Sharks – Nour
Year 4 Dolphins – Danyal
Year 5 Moose – Harlen
Year 5 Leopards – Afeef
Year 6 Panda – Jan
Year 6 Polar Bears - Amana

WELL DONE TO ALL THESE CHILDREN. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE EFFORT YOU ARE MAKING TO ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST IN SCHOOL.

Next Week's Menu

UNCRC Article 24

Children have the right to good quality health care and to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that they will stay healthy.

Monday – Quorn Chilli con Carne with nachos or Roasted vegetable and chickpea wraps with herby bread, mixed rice, mixed vegetables, green beans or fresh salad. English Apple Eves Sponge and custard, organic yoghurt or fresh fruit

Tuesday – Homemade beef burger in a bap or Quorn sausage roll or Salmon fillet in bread crumbs with warm bread, spicy jacket wedges, sweetcorn mini cobs, garden peas or fresh salad. Chocolate Cracknel finger with custard and fruit, fruit yoghurt or fresh fruit

Wednesday – Chicken and sweetcorn pie or Jollof rice with Quorn with warm garlic bread, mashed potatoes, broccoli, organic carrots or fresh salad. Fruit Jelly with fruit, apple compote and ice cream or fresh fruit.

Thursday – Homemade lasagne or jacket potato with grated cheese and homemade coleslaw with tomato bread, sweetcorn, fresh seasonal roasted vegetables or fresh salad. Jamaican Ginger Cake with pineapple and custard, organic fruit yoghurt or fresh fruit

Friday – Fish fingers, homemade Leek and potato and lentil pie or crispy battered fish with garlic and herb bread, chips, peas, baked beans or salad. Banana cake and custard, chilled organic milk with fresh fruit

Southbank Centre, Bankside - A Letter to My Future Self, Saturday 8th October, 12 noon – 4pm. The Clore Ballroom at Royal Festival Hall FREE, drop-in session



If you could write a letter to your future self, what would you say? What do you see yourself doing in the future? Will you be an astronaut or brain surgeon or famous singer? Join writers and artists in these free drop-in writing and crafting sessions to create letters to the future you. Read more at <http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/a-letter-to-my-future-self-1001878?dt=2016-10-08>

The Southbank Centre regularly runs free activities and workshops for children. It is a short walk from both Waterloo and Embankment stations. If you are interested in booking an event or would like to know more, please ask Miss Brooks

IMPORTANT DATES

10th - 14th October

Science Week

Wednesday 12th October

Year 6 Parents Meeting about Year 6 Residential Trip 3.15 0- 3.45pm

Friday 14th October

Year 3 Show

Wednesday 19th October at 3.15pm

Half Term – school closes

Monday 31st October 8.45am

Half term finishes – school opens

Thursday 10th November

PARENTS' EVENING