

## NEWSLETTER 5, DATE: 04.02.2011

### Curriculum/Assemblies/visits

This week Jet Class wowed everyone with their assembly on Road Safety. Can you guess this riddle that they made up about the part of a bicycle?

**I can be red, I can be white  
You must not confuse me with a light  
I mustn't be broken, I must be clean  
And most of all I must be seen  
I appear on spokes and pedals too  
But I'm never green, black or blue.  
To go out at night you must have me  
For I help others in order to see  
I'm not really something you can dislike  
And you'll find me somewhere on your bike.**

They reminded everyone of the rules for being safe when crossing the road:

- **Think First** - Find the safest place to cross then stop.
- **Stop** - Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- **Use Your Eyes and Ears** - Look all around for traffic, and listen.
- **Wait Until it's Safe to Cross** - If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- **Look and Listen** - When it's safe, walk straight across the road.
- **Arrive Alive** - Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.

They ended by singing Staying Alive.  
Well done Jet Class we really enjoyed your assembly!

### Next Week in School:

**Assembly Theme:** Good to be me

#### Monday:

- 9.10am, Key Stage 2 certificate assembly
- 9.30am, Year 3 visit to Syon Tropical Centre
- 9.30am, Year 6 visit to BBC Television Centre

#### Tuesday:

- 9.10am, Key Stage 1 certificate assembly
- 4.30am, Mrs Mears at Hammersmith & Fulham Succession Planning working group meeting

#### Wednesday:

Mr Vafadari and Mrs Hough SENCO training course  
Roehampton University

#### Thursday:

- 9.00am, Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Hough, KS1 SATs information meeting for Year 2 parents
- 12.30pm – 3.35pm Friends of Wendell Park disco for children

#### Friday:

9.00am -10.00am Mrs Hough, helping your child with spelling and phonics, workshop for parents

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### Albert and Friends

Albert and Friends circus skills workshop started on Saturday. It looked a fun way to relax whilst learning new skills.



There are still places if you would like to join them just arrive at 10.00am on Saturday morning.

### Friends of Wendell Park

The Friends of Wendell Park work hard to raise money for the school and to put on activities. A big THANK YOU to the Friends!

Every parent is a member of the Friends of Wendell Park, you do not need to join.

### Class Representatives

To help more people become involved with the Friends, they would like volunteers for parents to be a class representative. This would not mean lots of work. The representative would talk to other parents informally in the playground about events that are coming up and ask their views about what activities to put on. If you are interested please give your name to Sandra Griffin in the school office.

### Certificate Assemblies

The first certificate assemblies for this term take place on Monday and Tuesday.

These assemblies are really important. Celebrating is one of the school's 5 C's and provides an opportunity for public recognition of children's hard work and achievements.

Celebrating and sharing success encourages children to keep going!

Children are working hard teachers are really pleased that in assessments at the end of last term some children made good progress in relation to their targets for the end of the year.



### PARENT WORKSHOP

A parent workshop on phonics and spelling will be taking place on Friday 11th February at 9.00am in the library.  
All welcome!



### Key Stage 1

Y1 Aquamarine - Abdiwahab  
Y1 Paua - Kuds  
Y2 Sapphire - Hina  
Y2 Opal - Shaqir

### Key Stage 2

Y3 Pearl - Shane  
Y3 Ruby - Aymen  
Y4 Turquoise - Nayyaf  
Y4 Jet - Joy  
Y5 Emerald - Eden  
Y5 Amber - Tallulah  
Y6 Amethyst - Harrison  
Y6 Graphite - Sam

## Children's Zone

# The Nursery Celebrate Chinese New Year



This week in Nursery we have been learning about the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit. We have been listening to stories, learning songs and looking at Chinese writing.

On Tuesday afternoon we had a Chinese New Year party and invited our parents and Mrs Mears.



We finished off the party by singing our New Year song with all the actions and then everybody had a fortune cookie to take home.

We all had a great time and learned a lot about the celebration of the Chinese New Year.



We were very grateful to Jonathan's mum who brought us in some delicious Chinese treats to eat. Everybody had a try at eating their noodles with chopsticks, which is not as easy as you may think!

## Friends of Wendell Park



Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the cake sale this week. Reception were in charge and made an impressive £71! Next week it's Year 2's turn but as always, all donations are welcome!

There has been lots of excitement about this year's W factor, the talent show for years 2-6. Today was the final day for handing in forms for the auditions. Auditions will take place after school on Thursday 10th Feb, Monday 14th Feb and Tuesday 15th Feb. Please make sure that your child looks at the board in the playground to find out their date and time and to arrive 10 minutes before.

Finally, last week, I introduced myself as the new Chair of the Friends. Here is a photo so you can put a face to a name! Please do get in touch in the playground or by email [kate@katehowe.co.uk](mailto:kate@katehowe.co.uk) if you have any ideas for raising money for the school or ways in which you would like to help.

# What we found out in our Science Investigation

In Year 6 we have been studying Forces in our Science lessons. We have been learning all about gravity and its effects and we have even had a look at some of Newton's laws of motion.

We recently looked at the forces which act in water and we discovered that buoyancy (upthrust) is the force which keeps boats and swimmers afloat.



In this weeks Science lesson we had loads of fun! We had a go at making our own floatable vessels out of modelling clay. We measured the mass of the clay and then set about moulding it into different shapes. We wanted to test which shapes would sink and which would float. After we had honed our ideas we were able to create our final floatable vessel, which we hoped would stay afloat for a substantial amount of time. We were amazed that some of our vessels stayed afloat over night, perhaps one day we can become ship engineers! Look at some of our photos to see how much fun we had.



In science we did an experiment about what boat can stay for the longest on top of the water .we got to make our boats. It was really fun and I enjoyed it and I would do it again.

In science we did an amazing experiment about sinking and floating so we made boats in pairs. The boat was made from clay. The experiment was very fun and a wet time!

In science we are learning about forces. Yesterday we did an experiment. We had to make boats out of clay, and then put them on a tray of water. My group knew that we needed to make the clay as thin as possible so the buoyancy of the water could keep it a float. We had a competition to see whose could stay a float. Our one has been a float for a day and is still floating. I REALLY ENJOYED THIS EXPERIMENT.



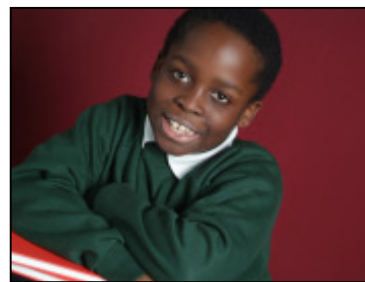
Yesterday in science we were learning about forces. We did an experiment to see which boats could float the longest. It was a competition! We need to make it thin and with no holes in them because otherwise the boat will start to sink. My boat was floating for a day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! That was a record. I enjoyed it so much it was awesome.

By Francesc

In science we are studying Forces. So yesterday we got split up into pairs and we got to do our own boat, out of clay. My and Jay's stayed for 1 day!!!!!!!!!!!!!! But there was a little hole so the water got in and the boat sank. I really liked it and I hope I'll do it again.

By Angelika

## Amber Class trip to the Science Museum



On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Amber class went to the science museum and learned about energy.

First we met at school and then walked to Stamford Brook station and took the train to South Kensington

station and walked to the science museum.

Alex taught us about renewable and non-renewable energy. Non-renewable energy is bad for the environment and will eventually be gone forever. Renewable energy can be made using the Sun (Solar panels), with (Turbines) and water (Dams). We can never run out of it.

After Alex had finished, we played energy games. My favourite was the dance game. In the game you had to follow the instructions on the screen and put the oil, coal or gas into the right factory.

Last of all, we collected our coats and went off to the tube station and returned to school.

Cecil



# Disco



Feb 10<sup>th</sup> in Lower Hall

Nurs & Rec : 12:30 - 1:00

Yr1 & Yr2 : 1:05 - 1:50

Yr3 & Yr4 : 2:00 - 2:45

Yr5 & Yr6 : 2:50 - 3:35



You can wear your own clothes  
and . . . .

It's FREE!

