



School News

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Our three school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe

Fourth Plinth Schools Award



On Monday, Miss Roberts and Mr Carden led an assembly introducing the children to the **Fourth Plinth Schools Award**.

This is a competition that involves designing and/or making a model of a sculpture or drawing for the Fourth Plinth which expresses your views on life in London. This is something that your child can do during their half term holiday.

What is the Fourth Plinth?

The Fourth Plinth sits in the north-west corner of Trafalgar Square. It is a platform for an ongoing programme of contemporary sculpture commissions. The plinth was originally meant to host an equestrian statue of King William IV.

However, it remained empty from 1841 until 1999 when the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) announced that a sequence of three contemporary artworks would be displayed there from 1999-2002.

It was so successful, a commission was set up to decide the plinth's future use. The commission decided that the best use of the plinth was to continue to show temporary contemporary art commissions.

In 2000, the Mayor of London took over management of Trafalgar Square and created the Fourth Plinth Commission as it stands today.

Are there any prizes?

There are winner and runner up prizes for different categories, **5 to 7 years and 8 to 11**

years, as well as prizes for the best work from each borough. There will also be a presentation ceremony at City Hall and all of the winning entries will appear in an exhibition in late spring.

Which art form is acceptable?

Your child's creative entry can be in one of the following art forms:

- ✓ **Drawing**
- ✓ **Painting**
- ✓ **Sculpture**
- ✓ **Collage**
- ✓ **Digital designs**

When is the deadline?

The deadline for submitting your child's entry to the school office is **Friday 28th February**.



How should I label my child's entry?

If you would like your child / children to participate, please make sure that the artwork is clearly labelled with:

- Child's full name (first name and surname)
- Age
- Title of artwork
- Brief description of artwork (25 words maximum)

Thought for the week

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Room Hire

This week a few parents met with Mrs Dyer and Mrs Camplin about the second-floor room hire.

In September, The **Reverend Graham Buckle**, the vicar at St Stephen's church, discussed our extra classroom spaces with a local clothing company, **Watts & Co** (They make the special clothes that are worn by vicars and priests).

Watts & Co were very interested in two of our classrooms because they wanted to hire extra space to make more clothing. At our meeting the parents visited the classrooms and began to read the risk assessment.

They raised questions about:

- DBS checks
- number of Watt & Co. staff
- movement around the school
- expansion of the business
- visitors to the school
- additional noise
- the use of the toilets and
- contact with the children.

Mrs Dyer answered their questions and they were happy to see that the points that they raised were also answered in the risk assessment. If you would like a copy of the Risk Assessment, please ask the office staff.

Behaviour at our After-School Clubs

We are so proud that the behaviour of our pupils during the school day has been consistently favourably commented on by visitors and inspectors.

We have a wide range of clubs after school. Some of the coaches have reported that a minority of pupils have not been displaying their usual positive learning attitude and good manners. We need the clubs to run smoothly so that all pupils are given an enjoyable session without any disruption by rude behaviour.

Please talk with your child and remind them about the school's expectations for behaviour. It is not fair that children are missing part of a PAID lesson because the tutor / coach spends a portion of the lesson dealing with behaviour issues.

Please note that if your child disrupts the lesson:

- in the first instance, they will receive a verbal warning and a second chance to improve their behaviour:
- In the second instance, they will lose their place in the after-school club for the term.

Recommended Reading Lists

We are so proud of our children's delight, interest and pleasure in reading.



To further support this, throughout **February and March**, we will be recommending three different books in each newsletter for each class in our school.

Year group	Recommended books list: 6th February 2020
Einstein class Reception & Nursery	Peace at Last - Jill Murphy What the Ladybird Heard - Julia Donaldson Once Upon an Alphabet - Oliver Jeffers
Galileo class Year 1	Meerkat Mail - Emily Gravett The Tiger Who Came To Tea - Judith Kerr There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly - Lucille Colandro
Snow class Year 2	Mog Time Treasury - Judith Kerr Choosing Crumble - Michael Rosen Jinnie Ghost - Berlie Doherty
Newton class Year 3	Charlotte's Web - E. B. White Mr Stink - David Walliams The Animals of Farthing Wood series - Colin Dann
Al-Khalili class Year 4	The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpurgo The Great Elephant Chase - Gillian Cross The Way To Sattin Shore - Philippa Pearce
Jemison class	Middle school: The Worst years of my Life - James Patterson

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Year 5	War Horse - Michael Morpurgo A Time of Fire - Robert Westall
Curie class Year 6	Holes - Louis Sachar Wonder - R. J. Palacio The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Milwood Hargrave

[The book list in its entirety is published on our school website here >](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
SPRING TERM 2020

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
February 2020	
Thursday 6 th	9am: KS1 SATs workshop for Year 2 parents
Friday 7 th	Music assembly
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day workshop for parents & carers
Tuesday 13 th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th	9.15am: Einstein class (Nursery & Reception) assembly
FEBRUARY HALF TERM MONDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 21ST	
Tuesday 25 th	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 26 th	Ash Wednesday Start of Lent
March 2020	
SHAKESPEARE WEEK 2nd – 6th March	
Tuesday 5 th	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 6 th	9.15am: Snow class (Year 2) assembly
Wednesday 11 th	3.30 - 7pm: Year 3 parents' evening
Thursday 12 th	3.30 – 7pm: parents' evening Nursery, Reception & Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 17 th	9am: KS2 SATs & School Journey workshop for Year 6 parents
Wednesday 18 th	11am: Mothering Service at St Stephen's church
Friday 27 th	9.15am: Jemison class (Year 5) assembly
April 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	RE Day
Thursday 2 nd	Years 3 & 4 disco
Friday 3 rd	9.15am: Newton class (Year 3) assembly 'Roll Back the Stone'
Friday 3 rd	LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
SUMMER TERM 2020

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
April 2020	
Monday 20 th	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday 22 nd	Science Day: Year 3 Zoom Rail workshop
Thursday 23 rd	St George's Day Ramadan starts
Wednesday 29 th	Angela Burdett-Coutts Day
May 2020	
Friday 8 th	MAY DAY BANK

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	HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
KS2 SATs WEEK Monday 11th – Friday 14th	
Wednesday 20 th	Year 1 Educational visit to Tate Britain
Thursday 21st	Ascension Day
Thursday 21 st	3.30 - 4.30pm: Disco for Years 1 & 2
MAY HALF TERM MONDAY 25th – FRIDAY 29th	
June 2020	
Monday 1 st	Start of Summer Term 2
Thursday 11th	Corpus Christi
Wednesday 17 th	KS2 Sports Day at Battersea Park
Tuesday 23 rd	Secondary transfer meeting for Year 5 parents ONLY
Thursday 25 th	3.30 - 4.30pm: Disco for Year 5
Saturday 27 th	12 – 3pm: Burdett-Coutts Summer Fair
YEAR 6 PGL RESIDENTIAL MONDAY 29th - FRIDAY 3rd July	
July 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	Year 5 choir performing at Graham's special service
Friday 10 th	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 15 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day at Vincent Square

Thursday 16 th	2pm: Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Stephen's Church
Friday 17 th	LAST DAY OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm
Monday 20 th & Tuesday 21 st	STAFF TRAINING SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

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