



Dates for the diary

- 16th March:** Nursery (am) trip to Painted Hall *Nursery closed to afternoon children*
- 17th March:** Reception Parents' Handwriting workshop 9.00 - 9.45
- 18th March:** Nursery (pm) trip to Painted Hall *Nursery closed to morning children*
- 18th March:** Y1, Y3 and Y4 dance showcase: 2.45 pm in the main hall
- 19th March:** Y1 class assembly - 9.15 am
- 19th March:** Y2, Y5 and Y6 dance showcase: 2.45 pm in the main hall
- 20th March:** Solar Eclipse event
- 23rd March:** Y2 trip to Imax
- 23rd - 25th March:** Y4E on school journey
- 24th March:** Y6 on school trip to London
- 25th March:** Nursery Parents Fine Motor skills workshop (morning children/parents at 9.00, afternoon children/parents at 2.30)
- 25th - 27th March:** Y4S on school journey
- 26th March:** Y2V class assembly - 9.15 am
- 26th March:** Reception class trip to Deptford Lounge

30th March - 10th April Easter break

- 13th April:** Children back to school
- 17th April:** Y4 trip to Roman Villa

Thursday 7th May: INSET day School used as a polling station (school closed to children)

- 11th - 15th May:** KS2 SATs week
- 12th May:** Y1 trip to Greenwich Ecology Park

25th - 29th May May half term break

Book Week

We had a fantastic week last week for our annual book week. The week was packed with fun events including author talks, book swaps, a great 'Family Reading Experience', drama workshops and of course our dressing up day on 'World Book Day'. It was lovely to see so many parents and children taking part in all the activities throughout the week (and of course we also had Parents' Evening and PTA quiz night!). It was a busy and brilliant week!

Have a look out in the South London Press today for photos of our fantastic World Book Day costumes!



Nursery trips next week

Next week Nursery are going on two trips to The Painted Hall in Greenwich. On Monday 16th the morning nursery class will travel to Greenwich and after visiting the Naval College will have their lunch and return to school after lunch. The morning children then have the option to stay of the rest of the school day - therefore there is NO AFTERNOON NURSERY on Monday 16th.

On Wednesday 18th March it is the afternoon nursery class's turn to go on the trip so they need to be at Nursery at 8.45 am and can be picked up at normal pick up time at the end of the school day. Remember, there will be NO MORNING NURSERY on Wednesday 18th.

PTA Quiz Night

Thanks to the PTA for putting on another fun quiz night last Friday. The event raised over £360 and was, as ever, a fiercely fought contest with the winning team ('Probably the Best Team in the World') winning by just half a point! Thanks to Pete and Rachel Snow for setting and running the quiz and to all the committee members for the delicious food.

Calling all scientists... Why is the sky blue? Investigate the sky at home!

What you need:

- A tall smooth glass or clear plastic container (a vase would work well)
- A bright torch
- Semi-skimmed milk
- Water
- And (very important) a dark room

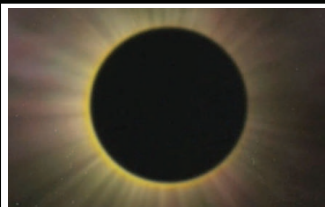


How to:

- Fill the container about three quarters full with water.
- Add 1 tablespoon of milk and mix well so that the liquid is very slightly clouded.
- In a dark room, shine the torch from the bottom of the container about 2 inches away. The liquid appears a light blue-grey colour.
- If we move the torch to the side of the container and look at it from the opposite side, the liquid now appears to be a pinkish orange.
- Play around with distances, angles and position of the torch to see how the different colours in the sky occur.

What's happening?

We are using the torch, water and milk as a model for what's happening in the sky. The torch is the sun and the milk droplets act as the molecules of gas in the atmosphere. It is these molecules that scatter the sun's light and our torch's light. It appears blue when we shine the light from the bottom because the blue light is scattered the most as it travels up the container. We can make this liquid change colour, and investigate red and pink sunsets, by moving the torch and changing the position of the beam of light. In the same way, the sky appears a different colour depending on the position of the sun. It is often said that the most beautiful sunsets occur over polluted cities and after volcanic eruptions when there is a lot of smoke and ash in the air. We can see this intensity of colour change when



Next week's solar eclipse

We are getting very excited in school about next week's solar eclipse, the first one in the UK for 16 years! The eclipse is due to happen on Friday 20th March from approximately 8.30 am and is due to peak at 9.30. We have purchased 350 pairs of solar eclipse glasses so the children can watch the eclipse safely.



Keep a look out for a parentmail or note in your child's book bag for more details of what we are doing on the day!

Free activities for children and families

There are lots of things happening in Lewisham for children and families and we want as many parents/carers as possible to be aware of these services - they are free after all! You can keep updated with the free activities and events for children in the borough by signing up for regular e-newsletter bulletins. Sign up at: www.lewisham.gov.uk/signupkids



'My Maths' and 'Bug Club'

Don't forget to sign on with your child to their Bug Club and My Maths accounts.



MyMaths.co.uk

Governor News - Sharon Shruballs, Parent Governor



Governors enjoyed meeting parents and carers over the last two weeks at the Parent-Teacher Meetings. We spoke to parents and carers about the new Ashmead Home-School Agreement and we handed out a draft copy of the agreement to give people the opportunity to share their opinions about it.

In addition to this we asked for feedback on the school's Vision and Values. Teachers and Senior Leadership staff have been discussing the current twelve key values with the children, focusing on two every half term. Parents and carers were given the opportunity to contribute ideas considering any other additional values that they believed should be added.

Finally we asked people to look at the two proposed plans for a new lobby area at the front of the building to make the school more secure. We asked people to share their views about which plan of the lobby area they felt would work better for the school.

Sean has collected all the suggestions and feedback and will share them with parents and carers at a later date.

Governors are looking forward to attending the next Parent-Teacher meetings in the summer term.