



Ashmead
Primary School



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6th November 2015

Dates for the diary

12th Nov: Reception trip to Pizza Express, Y3U trip to The Transport Museum and Nursery (PM) Parent Cafe (Letters and Sounds) - 2.45 pm

13th Nov: Nursery (AM) Parent Cafe (Letters and Sounds) - 9am

16th Nov: Y6 performing Macbeth at The Albany

17th Nov: Open Morning for prospective Reception parents - 9.30 am

19th Nov: Y3V trip to Transport Museum and Parent-teacher meetings 3.50 - 6.00

24th Nov: Y1 trip to Science Museum and Parent-teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30

26th Nov: Y3U Class assembly at 9.10 am and Y2 visiting St John's church

3rd Dec: Y4 Class assembly at 9.10 am

4th Dec: Open Morning for prospective Reception parents - 9.30 am

8th Dec: Reception Parent Cafe (Maths through play) - 9am and Nursery (PM) Parent Cafe (Maths through play) - 2.45 pm

10th Dec: Y5E Class assembly at 9.10 am

11th Dec: Nursery (AM) Parent Cafe (Maths through play) - 9am

12th Dec: Christmas fair 11 am - 2 pm

14th Dec: KS2 Christmas sing-a-long 9.10am

15th Dec: KS1 nativity - 2.30 pm

16th Dec: Nursery trip to The Albany

17th Dec: EYFS production - 2.30 pm

18th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term

21st Dec - 1st Jan (inc.) Christmas break

4th Jan: INSET day (no children in school)

5th Jan: Children return to school

Parent - Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Today you will be receiving a letter in your child's book bag about our upcoming parent-teacher meetings. We always try our best to coordinate appointments for siblings and to do this we ask that you please return the slips by Tuesday 10th November (9am). All the teachers will meet together at lunchtime on Tuesday to go through all the slips and allocate appointments. If you send your slip back by Tuesday, you should then receive a confirmed time that afternoon. Thanks for your co-operation!

PTA AGM

Thanks to everyone who came to the PTA AGM on Wednesday night. The turn out was good and during the meeting, parents and carers in attendance nominated and re-elected the committee for the year. Thanks in particular to the committee members and volunteers who have worked so hard over the last year. Keep an eye out for dates for meetings about our next PTA event, the Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th December (11 am - 2pm).



Parent Gym

Our first Parent Gym workshops started last Monday and the first session was well attended. If you are interested in attending a future course then do let Jane or Sean know as we are compiling a list of interested parents to hopefully run the course again. As a reminder, Parent Gym is a series of six workshops proven to increase parents' skills and confidence and so improve the behaviour and wellbeing of their children. Comments so far have included, 'I thought I was the only parent who felt like that' and 'It's good to be able to talk about things as we all face similar difficulties at times'.

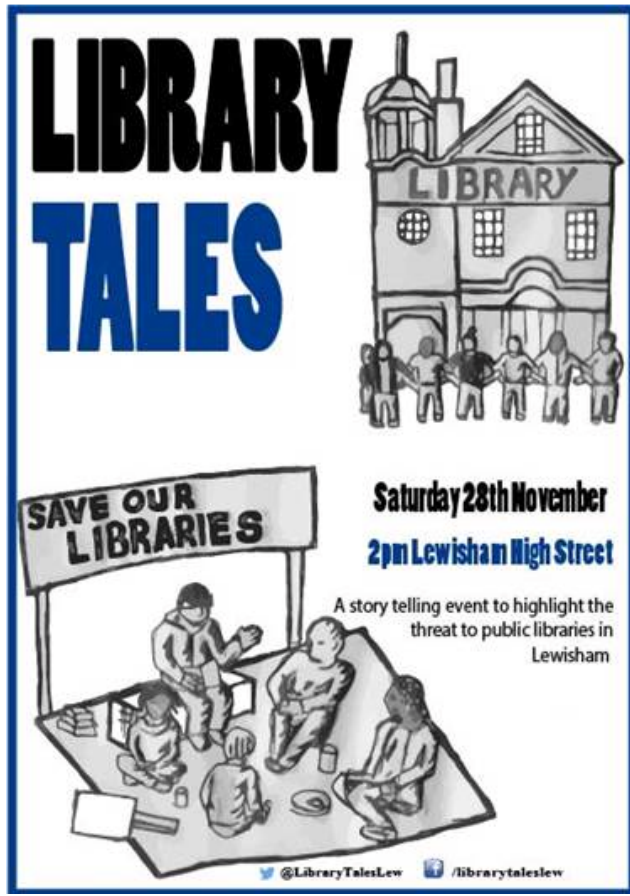


Library Tales Lewisham

You are invited to a free event at Lewisham Library on Saturday 28th November at 2pm. This is a public story telling event to highlight the threat to public libraries in Lewisham. The organisers are also looking for people who are willing to take part and tell a story - ideally library related but could also be linked to learning, community or public services.

If you're interested, email:

librarytaleslew@outlook.com



School Council

Early in the term each class from Y2 to Y6 elected two school councillors. They meet with Sean every two weeks and they lead a discussion with their class in the intervening week. Classes have a circle time in the week when they don't hold school council meetings so there are lots of opportunities in the school for children to express any worries and concerns they have and give their opinions on how to make the school better.

We thought it would be good for you to know some of the discussions we've been having.

Each class has thought about their behaviour as a class and self-assessed how they were doing as well as thinking about how to make this even better.

As part of consulting with children about our School Improvement Plan, classes thought about one thing they thought would improve the school. Most children wanted to re-surface the cage which is something the PTA are considering fund-raising towards.

School Council has also discussed how many children are reading at home every day and how many are accessing My Maths every day. We will be returning to this through the year, particularly to reading.

We have also looked at what it means to have integrity in our learning behaviours and this will be a big focus this year too.

Next week we have asked the children to think about what they would like a budget of £500 to be spent on and how we can make children more independent and responsible at Ashmead. Ideas so far include children acting as litter police, children leading assemblies and children being the headteacher for the day! Working on improving children's independence and responsibility is a big focus of our work all year.

School Council minutes are uploaded to our website under the "Children" tab.

How well does Ashmead communicate?

A small group of governors are currently working with the school leadership team to carry out a review of communication between the school and parents. We want to audit and evaluate our current approach, look at what is done elsewhere, and decide whether we want to make any changes or improvements.

As part of this, some of us will be attending our next Parent-Teacher meetings on 19th and 24th November. We are keen to gather your valuable thoughts and feedback in order to inform our proposals and improve the way we communicate with you!

If you have time, we'd love to ask you a few questions on the night to understand what you feel is working well and where there is room for improvement.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any thoughts or questions in the meantime please contact Harriet Becher on harriet.becher@yahoo.co.uk or Harriet Knight on harriet.knight@googlemail.com

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