

- Dates for the diary**
- 11th June:** Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
  - 15th June:** KS2 Sports Day
  - Saturday 16th June: Summer Fair**  
**11.30am - 1.30pm**
  - 20th June:** Y2 trip to Joss Bay
  - 22nd June:** KS1 Sports Afternoon
  - 29th June:** EYFS Sports Afternoon
  - 29th June:** Y1 trip to Maritime Museum
  - 29th June:** PTA disco (KS1 and KS2) from 6pm
  - 3rd July:** Reception 2 trip to Woodlands Farm
  - 4th July:** Reception 1 trip to Woodlands Farm and Y5J trip to Greenwich Planetarium
  - 5th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 6pm
  - 9th July:** Nursery trip to Woodlands Farm
  - 10th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30pm
  - 11th July:** Y50 trip to Greenwich Planetarium
  - 17th July:** Y6 Production - 7pm
  - 20th July:** Last day of term and Y6 leavers' open morning and assembly - from 9am
  - INSET Days - 3rd and 4th Sept**
  - 5th Sept:** Children return to school (Reception and Nursery to start week beginning 10th September)

### Attendance

Unfortunately, as often happens before and after a school holiday our attendance drops as families take extra days as (unauthorised) holiday. Our whole school attendance (excluding nursery) dropped over the last two weeks to a disappointing 95.31%, below our whole school target of 96%. Please do support our aim to keep attendance at an acceptable level. If your children are to make the most progress that they are capable of then please remember: **every day counts!**

The class attendance figures for last week were:

- Year 5J: 97.15%
- Year 4: 96.74%
- Year 2: 95.94%
- Year 6: 95.86%
- Year 3: 95.85%
- Year 5O: 94.87%
- Year 1: 94.81%
- Reception 1: 93.67%
- Reception 2: 92.93%



*Every day*  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

### Home-School Agreement



Every child should have brought home a copy of our Home-School agreement last half term for parents/carers to look at, agree, sign and return. We are still missing a number of signed home-school agreements so it would really help us if you could return them as soon as possible. If you have mislaid your copy, don't worry, there are plenty of spare copies in the office - just ask!

### Key Stage 2 (Y3 - Y6) Sports Day

The children will be bringing home a letter today about KS2 Sports Day which is happening, as usual, at Ladywell Arena, this Friday. We will be asking for volunteers to travel to Ladywell with each class, leaving at approximately 9.30am. Please make sure your child is provided with plenty of water, a packed lunch (or request a school packed lunch), suncream and a hat if it is hot. All details are in the letter, do please keep an eye out for it. *See you there!*



### Safeguarding



*To safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure*

It is really important that we have up to date contact details for all our parents and carers so if your child becomes ill or we need to contact you for any reason then we can do so! There should also be other emergency contacts on your child's file that we can call if we can't get hold of the primary contact/s. We will be updating our systems regularly but in the meantime if you know you or one of your emergency contacts has changed their numbers do please let us know! **Thanks.**

## Our current value

We are currently looking at the value of **Reflection**.

### Anna Ward – Parent Governor

One of the roles of a school governor is to visit the school to confirm that the school is meeting Government guidelines. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May I visited the school on the first day of the Year 6 SATs. SATs stands for Standard Assessment Tests and they are administered at the end of KS1 (year 2) and at the end of KS2 (Y6). KS1 SATs are administered in an informal and untimed way and they are internally marked. In Y6 however, tests are carried out on set days, they are timed and are sent away to be marked externally. Every year there are debates as to whether these tests are a good way of assessing children's progress, whether it is the right thing to test children in this way, and whether the results are a useful way of monitoring progress. For the moment, however, SATs are statutory and schools are obliged to follow particular procedures when administering the tests. During my visit, I observed the papers being opened from their sealed bags and then collected after the test and put into sealed envelopes to be sent off for marking. I visited the classroom after the children had finished. The children appeared generally calm and relaxed.. I hope that the happy photos of the ice cream eating at the end show that the children came through it well supported and proud of their achievements in year 6.



### News from Nursery and Reception

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term, we hope you had a fantastic break! Reception are now busy learning all about eggs in preparation for the arrival of the duck eggs next week. We are already experts and can tell you exactly how to keep an egg safe and warm before it hatches. In addition to this, all of the children in EYFS have been fascinated by snails and frogs after finding lots of both in forest school. This interest is a really rich source of purposeful writing and our garden is now full of signs and instructions about how to handle the snails. Did you know that snails sometimes hibernate in the summer when it gets too hot? This is called aestivation. In PE we are learning some games and skills linked to athletics in preparation for our sports day. We can't wait to show you!

**Josie Hall**

### News from Y1, Y2 and Y3

We are all happy to be back at school for our final term for the year. We are excitedly learning about our new topics and looking forward to some great trips and experiences - Y1 are heading to the Maritime Museum at the end of June to develop their learning about maritime exploration. Y2 have their big trip to Joss Bay next week to enhance their understanding of coastal areas. Y3 are visiting Kew Gardens this week to enrich their learning about 'Global Gardens' and of course we have KS1 Sports afternoon next Friday and Y3 joining Y4, 5 and 6 at Ladywell Arena this week for Sports Day.

**Emma Dodsworth**

### News from Y4, Y5 and Y6

We've had a fabulous first week back to school following the half term break. The children in Y5 have begun their final topic in earnest and we have seen some incredible and creative examples of home learning appearing in school. The children in Y6 have been busy learning lines once again in preparation for their end of year show. The children even visited Lewisham College for a sneak preview of their chosen play. The children in Y4 have been extra busy: enjoying a robot workshop in which they began to design and write code for their own robots as well as considering how important the process of debugging is in systems. The children also participated in the first ever Platform Cricket Festival in Deptford Park last week. Out of 39 teams entered, we were very unlucky to be knocked out at the semi-final stage. All of the children represented our school fabulously and should feel exceptionally proud of themselves.

**Andy McPartland**

## The INCLUSION NEWS

### Inclusion News

A very busy first week back and with six more weeks left in the year, every learning day counts. This week we have been planning staff meetings for the remainder of the academic year, in an effort to

consolidate staff training and practice for this year. I have also been liaising with the Educational Psychologist for her final meetings and reviews for this term in preparation for these meetings and finalising the details for our Service Level Agreements with outside agencies for next year. Having done our weekly attendance analysis, we now stand at 95.91% for the year. We would really like to aim for 96% overall for the year, so please ensure your child attends school every day, where possible. If you have any Inclusion related queries, my email is [dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk) or as always find me in the playground.

**David Fielding**