

# PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 6th October 2023

#### Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

#### New Head Girl, Head Boy and Prefects

A great number of children in Year 6 put themselves forward to make a positive contribution to our school by applying for the roles of Head Girl, Head Boy or Prefect. The children completed an application form and were interviewed by Mr Bless and Mrs Langstaffe. We were again impressed with their thoughtful answers and their desire to support our school to be an enjoyable and safe place to learn and grow. They spoke highly of our school but also came up with good suggestions for further improvement. I congratulate all candidates for their efforts, they made it very difficult for us to choose between them but in the end, the standout pupils were:

Yasmine Maguire – Head Girl, Shaun Kalawon – Head Boy, Kezia Acheampong – Deputy Head Girl and Ronnie Tootill – Deputy Head Boy.

The 41 prefects will be split in two groups to take the role for 5 months each.

#### Parent Consultation Evenings

- I hope that you have all booked a 10-minute slot next Tuesday or Thursday. If not, make a separate appointment with your child's class teacher to find out how they have settled into their new year group, their progress and targets.
- **Food Tasting STIR Food** will be serving samples of our school menu for parents and children to try. This is particularly good for children who are unsure whether to change from packed lunches and save their family a lot of money this year!
- The Immunisation Team will also be present on both evenings to answer any questions parents may have.

#### School Uniform consultation – PE Days

Let us know whether you wish us to change our uniform policy so that children come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. For this to work, we rely on children coming to school dressed appropriately at all times. See page 2 for more information and the survey link.

#### Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations this week.

Mr Jan M Bless Headteacher

#### **WEAR RED DAY 2023**

On Friday 20 October, everyone is encouraged to wear something red. This is to symbolise they stand up to racism - showing racism the red card! It demonstrates that people are proud to be anti-racist and that racism is unacceptable.



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SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



### Attendance for week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

New date

Ash 95.00 %	1B 91.85%	2A 93.93%	3F 93.40%	4A 97.78%	5G 83.21%	6C 96.80%
Birch 87.10%	1G 96.15%	2C 99.29%	3G 94.33%	4L 92.31%	5H 92.96%	6D 97.60%
Oak 95.16%	1S 83.00%	2F 87.04%	3H 97.50%	4T 90.40%	5W 88.89%	6F 95.65%

Well done to Ash, Oak, 1G, 2C, 3H, 4A, 6C, 6D and 6F with attendance above 95%.

Overall attendance since September 2023: 93.30%

SCHOOL YEAR 2023 - 2024 PUT THIS -				
DATE	YEAR	EVENT ON YOUR CALENDAR!		
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> and Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> October	all	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm with food tasting and Immunisation Team		
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> October	4	Trip to Herts Young Mariners Base		
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2 tbc	Visit to The Monument		
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3 to 6 Y2 Class TBC	KS2 Maths Café Visit to The Monument		
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> October	5	Trip to London Transport Museum		
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	all	Children wear red to school – Show Racism the Red Card		
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	2C	Visit to The Monument		
6 <sup>th</sup> November	all	Photos for Individuals and Siblings		
25 <sup>th</sup> March	all	Class Photos		

#### P.E. at Prince of Wales

Further to the parent forum's discussion earlier this half term, to increase student participation in P.E., to avoid children feeling embarrassed whilst getting changed and to maximise learning time, we propose that our children come to school wearing their P.E. kits on the days they are doing P.E.

For this to be successful, we have to rely on parents making sure children are dressed appropriately for school on both P.E. and non P.E. days.

To support this, we will signpost the days your child has P.E. on noticeboards around the school, in the newsletter and on the school website.

Any change would be implemented from 31st October after the half term so the deadline to complete this form is Monday 16th October at 12pm in time for our SLT to confirm the result and to give parents/carers two weeks before any change takes place.

#### 1. Which would you prefer?

Children to come into school wearing their P.E. kit on P.E. days

 $^{f C}$  To keep it the same as now - children bring their P.E. kit into school and get changed

Complete the survey here: P.E. at Prince of Wales (office.com)



#### This week we focus on

### LEADERSHIP



These pupils received a certificate this week:

Asya 1B, Alexandro 1G, Ada 1S, Tabitha 2G, Ava 2C, Cree 2F, Jazmyn 3F, Azariah 3G, Rebecca 3H, Ellerie 4A, Ajwa 4L, Nur 4T, Nadinsa 5G, Mira 5H, Lillie-Mae 5W, Birtan 6C, Jace 6D, Zaynab 6F



This special certificate is given by Senior Leaders to children who make a special contribution to the school community.

Danny was spotted when he noticed a child in distress and immediately alerted a member of staff to help sort this out.



Our Motto 'Learning Together, Growing Together' is equally for children and adults.

Congratulations to Mrs Ruskin and Mrs Sternaj for successfully completing their HLTA training.

#### **ELECTION OF PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BODY**

The Governing Body of the School currently has one vacancy for Parent Governors.

I am writing to invite nominations of parents interested in standing for election to fill this vacancy.

#### The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the School and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body undertakes its role by setting the vision for the School and then ensuring that the School works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the School and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the School, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

Before you decide to put your name forward, you may wish to know a little more about what is involved. Governors' responsibilities include consideration and agreement of the aims and policies of the school, discussion and approval of the targets for improvement, appointment of senior members of staff, setting and monitoring the budget, monitoring the performance of the school and reporting to the parents and community on how they have accomplished their tasks.

#### **Expectations from a governor**

Governors are expected to attend termly Governing Body meetings, regularly visit the School for monitoring purposes and undertaken relevant identified training. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. They need to have an interest in the School and in the welfare of the pupils and the time and willingness to become involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body.

If you wish to stand for election could you please let me know in writing by Wednesday 11th October.

If the number of candidates is greater than the number of parent governor vacancies then a ballot will be necessary. In this instance you will be sent details of the candidates and a ballot paper on which to record your *vote/s*. Should a ballot be necessary, the candidate may if s/he wishes write a brief description of themselves, in not more than 200 words, for circulation with the ballot papers.

#### Who can stand for election?

Every parent of a registered pupil at the School is entitled to stand for election except someone who is

- an elected member of the Council;
- paid to work at the School for more than 500 hours in a 12-month period.

All prospective candidates should contact the School Office on 01992 762 840 to request the 'Declaration of Eligibility Form' which they should read, sign and return to the School to state that none of the information applies to them.

The successful candidate will be required to have a DBS check. As this position is exempt from The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 you will be required to declare all unspent and spent cautions and criminal offences, including any pending convictions. The disclosure of a criminal record or other information will not necessarily debar you from volunteering as a Governor. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances, nature and background of your offence(s).

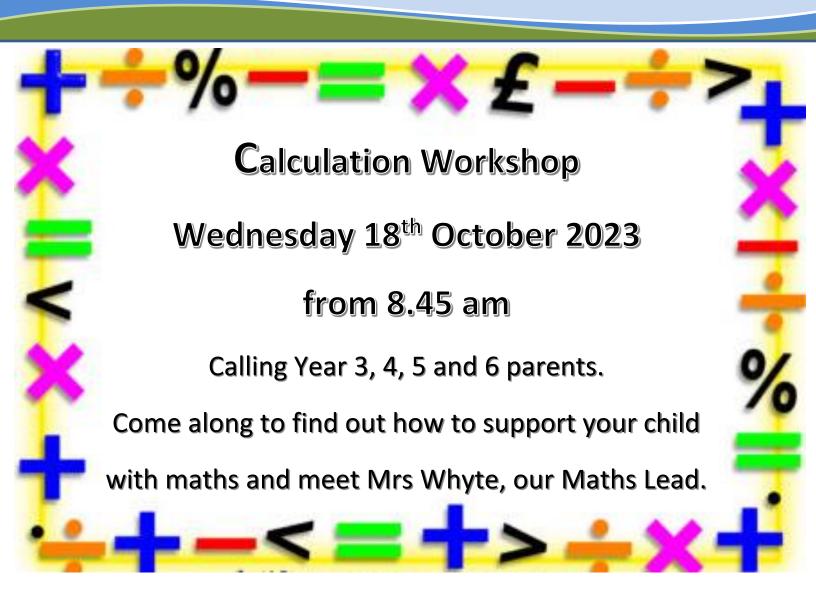
Parent Governors are representative parents but not parent representatives and bring a parental perspective to the GB discussion. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to become involved in the School.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at the School, please forward your contact details and I will arrange for a Governor to contact you.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bless

Headteacher





Our first match of the season we won 3-1 thanks to Ozgur who make it 1-1 and Ryan who scored by the left post to make it 2-1. Ryan then did an amazing 'tiki taka' with Aras and took a shot to make it 3-1.

We were so happy to win our first game of the season let alone in a great while! We all played well despite being a man short. We thank all for your support and those who believe in us.

The second game we lost 3-0. We did well as a team but we just could not beat them.



#### This letter contains important information.

Dudu Sher-Arami Director of Public Health London Borough of Enfield

October 2023

Dear parents and guardians,

Measles update: Getting your child vaccinated can stop them from being sent home to isolate for 21 days. Book an MMR "catch-up" clinic appointment now on 020 8702 6187.

Over the summer you may have seen news reports that London is at serious risk of a measles outbreak this winter. With the risk of 100,000 cases in London, now is the time to act.

#### What do I need to do?

- Check your household's MMR vaccination status you can check:
  - With your GP surgery over the phone or by email,
  - · For children, in their 'Red Book' (their personal health record),
  - If you are registered, you might also be able to check online or via the NHS app.
- If your child has not had two doses of MMR vaccine, book an appointment with the Enfield School Age Immunisation Team on 020 8702 6187.

This winter the team are running MMR "catch-up" clinics in schools.

Other family members can book an appointment with their GP. If someone's vaccination status is unknown, it is safe to receive the MMR vaccine even if they have had it before.

Measles is serious and highly infectious – 5 times more so than COVID. Any child not vaccinated is almost certain to contract measles if exposed to an infected person and 1 in 5 children with measles require hospital admission. It takes two doses of MMR to be fully protected. In Enfield only 66% of children have had both doses by age 5 – to prevent an outbreak this needs to be 95%.

Children infected with measles and children who are close contacts of someone with measles, who are not fully vaccinated with two MMR doses, could be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

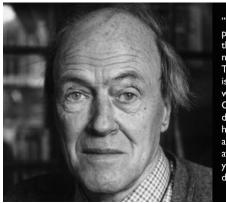
This could mean your child missing school for up to 21 days.

Children who have had <u>both</u> doses of the MMR vaccine have 99% life-long protection and do <u>not</u> need to be excluded. Vaccination keeps them safe.

It is never too late to get vaccinated for measles and the MMR vaccine is free.

Read further here: MMR Vaccine Letter (Parents) Final.pdf





"There is today something that parents can do to make sure that this sort of tragedy does not happen to a child of theirs. They can insist that their child is immunized against measles. I was unable to do that for Olivia in 1962 because in those days a reliable measles vaccine had not been discovered. Today a good and safe vaccine is available to every family and all you have to do is to ask your doctor to administer it."

-Roald Dahl

## Protect your Child

Did you know that London is at risk of a measles epidemic as thousands of children and adults are not protected?

Measles is a serious infection and can lead to potentially life-threatening complications.

It is five times more infectious than COVID-19 and can affect people at any age.

The MMR Vaccine is safe and highly effective. Check that you have been vaccinated – especially if you were born between 1989 and 2007.

There is a moving letter that Roald Dahl wrote in 1986, twenty-four years after his daughter Olivia died from measles. You can find it <u>here.</u>

For more information read this pamphlet NHS-UKHSA MMR Leaflet.pdf

# Financial Awareness

### with Citizens Advice Enfield

Citizens Advice Enfield is raising financial awareness through the cost-of-living by providing residents with the knowledge, resources and tools to help with:

- Budgeting
- Money saving tips
- Debt management
- Income maximisation
- Online safety

### **Location:**

Every Parent & Child
Community House
311 Fore Street
London N9 0PZ

Date: 12th October 2023

Time: 11am

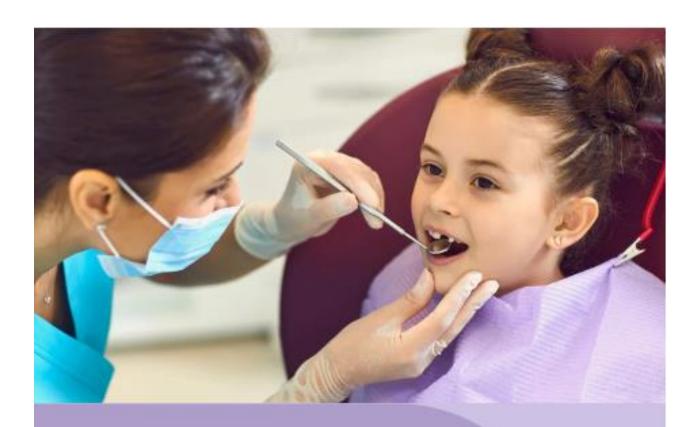


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- Build your child's self esteem
- Experience more joyful parenting

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Join a supportive weekly group to share this 12 week programme

Taking place at Bush Hill Park Primary School

Starting: FRIDAY 20th October 2023

To register your interest, and to receive a follow up call, please visit your child's school to ask for a registration form

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## Free school meals

### So no child goes hungry

From September 2023, all state primary school children in London will be eligible for free school meals for the next school year, saving families hundreds of pounds.\*

Search 'Free school meals London' to find out more.

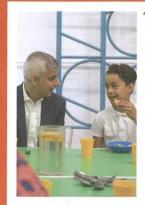






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THIS YEAR BY
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"I received free school meals myself, so I know from personal experience the difference they can make to children who are at risk of going hungry – and to parents who are struggling to make ends meet.

That's why I'm stepping in to provide this critical lifeline to London's families during such tough economic times."

Sadig Khan, Mayor of London

Your Mayor is investing £135m to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and ensure that children can enjoy a free lunch for the whole of the academic year.

It is vital that families still complete their school or borough's short registration form for Government Free School Meals. This will ensure you'll receive other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. It could also bring the school an extra £1,300 in funding. That's more money for extra curricular activities, teacher development, and support for children who need it most. Ask your school for more info or visit your borough website.

You may also be able to access food, activities or wider support over the holidays and weekends via the Mayor's Emergency Free Holiday Meals programme. Search 'Free holiday meals London'









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#### Partnership Coordinator to ETSP

#### Showcase your creativity with a new and exciting opportunity that will make a difference to children's lives.

Enfield Town Schools' Partnership (ETSP) is committed to delivering relevant and engaging programmes and initiatives for children and young people to help them thrive, especially those facing additional challenges in their lives.

We are looking to appoint a Partnership Coordinator to lead our dynamic team to help develop and shape the future of the charity as we continue to grow.

ETSP has been established for well over 9 years. Working within our successful partnership of over 20 schools you will have the opportunity to showcase your creativity and introduce new and exciting projects which benefit children and young people. This is an exciting opportunity for a talented individual to join the charity and work with the Board of Trustees and a large network of school leaders, all who are committed to improving outcomes for the children and young people within our school communities.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- · Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proven experience of effective project management
- Ability to identify potential external funding sources and match these to agreed priority work
- · A well-organised, analytical approach to their work
- Ability to build excellent working relationships and influence a wide range of stakeholders
- Ability to take notes and chair meetings

Benefits include flexible working hours, a Local Government Pension Scheme, plus a monthly well-being allowance.

If you can demonstrate these skills and talent, but may not yet have the full experience required, we will still consider your application. We can only accept applications from candidates who are located in, and eligible to work within, the UK. We encourage anyone interested in the role to apply before the deadline.

Job Title: Partnership Coordinator

Salary: £30,036 - £32,424 (FTE) (depending on experience) [Pro rata salary depending on hours]

Based: Enfield, North London

Contract: 1 year, fixed term contract (from the date of appointment) with a high level of flexible working

arrangements, plus an option to renew contract

Hours: Term time plus one week during the Summer holidays (40 weeks/year)

20 - 26 hours/week within Monday to Friday (flexible on days and times)

Our core working hours are 9.30am - 3.00pm

How to apply: For more information and to apply please visit our website etsplondon.org/careers

Application deadline: Friday 6th October 2023 by 12.00 noon

Interviews: Interviews to commence the week beginning 9th October 2023

The charity is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

If you have any queries about this position, please get in touch via info@etsplondon.org













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