

*we are equal, we include everybody, we ask questions, we are creative, we are learners*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term! It has been a very warm start and also very busy. We are looking forward to all sorts of activities so keep your eye on the newsletter for dates. Welcome to Mr Joe Webb who joined us this term and is our second teacher in Anstruther House.

Jessica Finer

**Headteacher**

**Architecture today**

The new school has been featured in a magazine called Architecture Today. Please go to the school website where you can click on the link to read the article and see some photos of our amazing building from some different angles. The school has also been shortlisted for the London RIBA awards! This is very prestigious and very exciting. Fingers crossed we get to the regional finals!

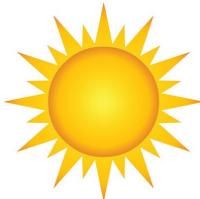
**Visit to see Julian Clary, Author and David Roberts, Illustrator**

Year 4AG and 5AE visited Kensington Town Hall this week to see a famous author and illustrator talk about their work. The children enjoyed hearing the author speak to them about the writing process and watching the illustrator draw live.



**Year 2 visit to see statue of Emmeline Pankhurst**

Last Friday Y2 went to visit the statue of Emmeline Pankhurst in the gardens behind the Houses of Parliament. The children loved being out in the sunshine sketching the statue and reading the plaques. Best of all we got to have a picnic lunch and play in a wonderful play park before coming back to school. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and made the trip possible.



**Hot weather**  
In the warmer weather children need to be dressed appropriately. Girls can wear summer dresses and boys can wear grey shorts. On PE days plain blue navy blue shorts are a great option. As this is England the weather changes so bringing a cardigan or light jacket is needed when the weather is changeable. Children can bring hats to shade them from the sun and it is a good idea to put some sun cream on your child's face/neck/arms before they come to school. Make sure water bottles come to school each day.

**Royal Wedding**

To celebrate the Royal Wedding we will be holding a squash and biscuits tea party for the children outside (weather permitting) using all our outdoor spaces. This is planned for Friday 18th May. We will let you know if we need any parent volunteers on the day and there will be more information to follow about how to dress up for the occasion!

**Collecting your child at the end of the day**

At the end of the day the playground is a busy place and our duty is to ensure the safeguarding of your children. We ask that when collecting children you stand in the areas designated so there is a separation between the children and parents. Thanking you in advance!

**Keeping children safe in the park**

As the days get longer many of you take your children to the park after school or at the weekends. Please keep your attention on your child when out and about as we have had reports of people in the area approaching children.

### Diary Dates

#### May

**1st** RLB Visiting Pizza Express  
**2nd** Y5/Y6 Quad Kids Festival at Holland Park

**2nd** Y2BM Assembly at 2.50pm

**3rd** **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**7th** **BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**14-18th** Y6 SATS Week

**16th** Y3/Y4 Mini Tennis at Westway

**16th** Y2VD Assembly at 2.50pm

**18th** Royal Wedding Tea party

**21-25th** Sports Week

**21-25th** Walk to School Week

**22nd** Sports Day

**23rd** Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket at Westway

**23rd** Y1AM Assembly at 2.50pm

**28-2nd June** **HALF TERM**

#### June

**7th** Singing showcase for Y4,5,6 parents and families 2.30pm

**12th** Y4PB to visit Waltham farm

**13th** Y4AG to visit the Waltham farm

**25th** Science Week

#### July

**2nd** School Journey Y5

**6th** Clubs Celebration at 9.30am

**11th** Nursery Graduation and tea party at 1.45pm

**13th** RBB & RLB graduation and tea party at 1.45pm

**20th** **LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**

### Upper School Clubs

Upper School Clubs started this week and will run throughout the Summer Term, every Friday afternoon from 2 PM. This term we have a record 10 different clubs, allowing children in Years 4,5 and 6 to learn with each other, as well as with different staff members.

**Get Active** - Incorporating dance and a range of great exercises to build fitness.

**Cooking** - Our now famous and ever popular club is a chance to learn new recipes and test them out on the teachers.

**Museum** - Using our amazing local resources, exploring the thousands of galleries and exhibits at the Science, Natural History and V&A Museums.

**Football** - Developing great sportsmanship and teamwork skills.

**Spanish** - Applying our knowledge from class and embracing Spanish culture, music and food.

**Art** - From old masters to modern greats, techniques and ideas from world famous artists.

**Manga** - Experience the ancient art of Japanese drawing brought up to date with Manga!

**Maker Space** - Building, tinkering, exploring and learning through objects we find all around us.

**Steel Pans** - Learning a specialist instrument with amazing tuition on this Caribbean staple.

**Creative Media** - Using our Media Suite, to bring dreams to life and learn filming and editing skills.

### Lost Reading Books

We are constantly trying to increase our stock of books for children to read in school and at home. As you know books are very expensive! If your child has taken a book home which is then lost we ask that you pay a nominal amount of £5 towards replacing the book. This can be paid via the office.



### Walk to School Week

This year 'Walk to School Week' is being held from Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May'. All parents can sign up via the 'Living Streets' website [www.livingstreets.org.uk/nwm](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/nwm). Once signed up you will receive a handbook on how to make the walk fun and safer for your children. You will also be entered into a prize draw to win £40.

### Self Portraits from Art Club

This week in art club the children made abstract self portraits in the style of Picasso.



### Sports week

Sports week is approaching The week of 21st May will be packed with lots of fun activities and there will be an Upper School Sports day at Battersea Millennium stadium on 22nd May.

**Sports Week**

### School closures

Please don't forget that the school is closed due to the council elections taking place next Thursday 3rd May. This is a planned closure and the teachers will be using the day to begin writing end of year reports on your children. Please note that Monday 7th May is a Bank holiday and therefore school is closed.



### Online Safety Tips

Discover the internet together - be the one to introduce your child to the internet. For both parent and child, it is an advantage to discover the internet together. Try to find websites that are exciting and fun so that together you achieve a positive attitude to internet exploration. This could make it easier to share both positive and negative experiences in the future.