

Newsletter

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Back in the swing of things!!

As we approach the end of our second full week back at school it is so heartening to see children, staff and parents in full flow. We face uncertainty with the growing amount of covid cases nationally but in Southwark cases remain relatively low. We continue to do all that we can to ensure a safe and hygienic environment.

Gaps in learning:

All classes have now done diagnostic assessments in reading, writing and maths to spot where children may have gaps in learning as a result of lockdown closures. Teachers and support staff are meeting to discuss the best ways to support children with gaps and we are starting to put in place an intervention programme for individuals and groups.

Staff news:

We say farewell to Miss Gethin Jones who goes on maternity leave today. I am sure you join us in wishing her the best of luck as she embarks on the exciting journey known as parenthood!

Gentle reminders:

Please remember that uniform is sold on Tuesdays and Thursday between 8:45 and 9:30 and then between 3 and 3:40. We operate a strict one in one out policy and it is really helpful to us if you can ring in advance to let us know when you intend to come in. If parents do come into the school buildings please can we remind you to wear a face covering. We are operating this policy for all visitors.

Introductory sessions for parents on Google Meet:

Thank you for all the parents who attended the introductory sessions on Google meet this week. Not an ideal way for you to meet your child's teacher but we hope you found the sessions useful.

Thought for the week:

"Compassion is
an action word
with no boundaries."

-Prince

Dates for Autumn term

New items in red

Monday 21st September—Google meet session for Y6 parents re secondary transfer 4:30pm

Tuesday 20th October—Flu vaccines for YR—Y6

Friday 23rd October—last day of Autumn 1
Week beginning Monday 26th October—half term week

Monday 2nd November—first day of Autumn 2

Friday 18th December—last day of Autumn 2.



Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Executive Headteacher:

Southwark CAMHS Children and Young People's Wellbeing Service Parent support workshop



The children's wellbeing practitioner team in Southwark are offering parents the opportunity to attend a virtual (video) workshop on: **Supporting your child with their fears and worries, Thursday 24 September or Monday 28 September** between **10am and 12pm** (midday).

They will be covering what causes anxiety, what maintains it and some tools and techniques to help you and your child manage their fears and worries.

The workshop will be interactive so you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and share your experiences with others.

As this might be the first time you've engaged in a virtual workshop there are some things you'll need to know. They will forward all the necessary information beforehand by email. At this stage, they're asking you to register your interest so they have an idea of the numbers.

If you'd like to attend the workshop, please email and they will be in touch: CWPTeam@slam.nhs.uk

Children's learning at Friars: Attendance:

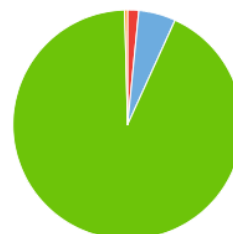
Year 5 have been reading a Friars favourite in literacy. Varjak Paw by SF Said. Here Lydia is planning a persuasive letter to Varjak, a cat and the main character about leaving home.

Attendance for the whole school this year so far is **93.38%**. This is a little lower than last week but given our circumstances pretty good! Well done to Y6 who have a whopping **98.47%** attendance so far!

WALT: Plan a persuasive letter

Who are you writing to?	Dear Varjak,
Why are you writing this letter?	I am writing this letter to explain why I think you should go outside with your family. Before tearing this letter up, read to the end and take in all that I say. I hope that you will respect all that I say and my opinions. I thank you for reading this far.
What do you think Varjak should do?	I think you should leave without your family with no hesitation. I know that E. L. Paw is not lying about that man. You should listen to me because I know the outside world. I live there. If you leave you can discover the other side, the outside world. Listen to me and my words because I know what it's like. Have you ever climbed a tree? Or seen a dog? Or even seen the outside? Make the great Jalal proud to be related to you!
What are the reasons that he should listen to you?	

Whole school this year



Stars of the week



EYFS / KS1

Year 1

Ja'Kye

For his excellent contributions in literacy this week thinking of great questions

KS2

Year 6

Sokraya

Fantastic focus during maths all week including when tackling challenging problem solving and reasoning activities.

Well done!

Values stars

Compassion	Kamaya Y1
Creativity	Jannah Y2
Endeavour	Anniyah Y3
Resilience	Cavani Y4
Respect	Freddie Y5
Responsibility	Akhmed Y6

Well done!

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Commitment to keeping children safe:
Paper copies of our safeguarding policy are available for parents from the school office. It is also posted on the policies section of the website.

Our focus value for this half term:

Compassion

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility