



# The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

December Two Edition

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**If something is not fair... challenge it**

## **Google Reviews for Bird in Bush School.**

Google has linked reviews for our new school with those of Camelot School. Recent feedback has commented on how these dated reviews of a very different school offer have been misleading.

Please can we ask our parents/carers to update Google Reviews with current feedback. Thank you

## **Key End of Term Dates for all to note**

### **1. School Nativity—**

presented by children from our Nursery and Reception classes:

**Wednesday 13th at 9.30 a.m. &  
Thursday 14th December at 2.00 p.m.**

### **2. & our end of year Celebration Day—see overleaf**

**Wednesday 20th December**

Colourful Jumper Day; Christmas Lunch  
& end of term/Christmas concert presented by our Year 2s

### **3. End of term—Thursday 21st December from 12.00 noon**

## **Our Christmas Fair needs your help**

**Friday 15th December  
3.15—4.30 p.m.**

**Please see overleaf for how  
you can help and take part**

## **PE timetable for Week commencing**

### **Monday 11th December**

Year 1—**Monday** (Dance);

Year 2—**Tuesday** (Outdoor)

Year 3—**Wednesday** (Outdoor)

Year 4—**Friday** (Dance);

Year 5—**Friday** (Dance or Swimming - Redwing class to swim)

Year 6—**Thursday** (Outdoor + 8.00 a.m. lesson on Thursday)



**+ Can you donate any of the following:**

- small bags of sweets & Halal sweets
- smaller prizes for the hoopla and tombola, e.g. good quality biscuits, jams, tins of food, small toys, any gifts our children would like to win

**+ larger prizes for the raffle, e.g. boxes of chocolate; footballs or other new sports equipment; vouchers for local shops/entertainment.**

- **Hampers would be very welcome— can you ask your local shops to help?**

**Please can you help in the following ways:**

- volunteer to face paint
- volunteer to serve food & drink
- volunteer with running stalls

**Christmas Fair Cash is needed!**

The Christmas Fair this year will accommodate some tap and pay but it would be helpful if parents & carers brought cash to spend.

50 pence; £1 coins; £5 notes best



## End of Term Celebration Day Wednesday 20th December

(apologies there was an error in last week's newsletter—it is not Wednesday 15th December—which is not actually a date!)

- Colourful Jumper Day
- Christmas School Lunch
- Celebration Concert—led by Year 2s—afternoon



## The British

by Benjamin Zephaniah

Take some Picts, Celts and Silures  
And let them settle,  
Then overrun them with Roman conquerors.

Remove the Romans after approximately 400 years  
Add lots of Norman French to some  
Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Vikings, then stir vigorously.

Mix some hot Chileans, cool Jamaicans, Dominicans,  
Trinidadians and Bajans with some Ethiopians, Chinese,  
Vietnamese and Sudanese.

Then take a blend of Somalians, Sri Lankans, Nigerians  
And Pakistanis,  
Combine with some Guyanese  
And turn up the heat.

Sprinkle some fresh Indians, Malaysians, Bosnians,  
Iraqis and Bangladeshis together with some  
Afghans, Spanish, Turkish, Kurdish, Japanese  
And Palestinians  
Then add to the melting pot.

Leave the ingredients to simmer.

As they mix and blend allow their languages to flourish  
Binding them together with English.

Allow time to be cool.

Add some unity, understanding, and respect for the future,  
Serve with justice  
And enjoy.

Note: All the ingredients are equally important. Treating one ingredient better than another will leave a bitter unpleasant taste.

Warning: An unequal spread of justice will damage the people and cause pain. Give justice and equality to all.



# Proud to be part of Bird in Bush School

Thank you for all the feedback we have received from pupils, staff and parents/carers how proud you are to be part of Bird in Bush School at this time.

Bird in Bush School is Southwark's Racial Literacy Curriculum Hub which is a recognition of what we all proud about.

## Proud to be British

There is so much to be proud of in our school and in our country at this time... especially if you get what there is to be proud of.



### Professor Benjamin Zephaniah

15th April 1958 - 7th December 2023

It is with great sadness and regret that we announce the death of our beloved Husband, Son and Brother in the early hours of this morning the 7th December 2023. Benjamin was diagnosed with a brain tumor 8 weeks ago.

Benjamin's wife was by his side throughout and was with him when he passed. We shared him with the world and we know many will be shocked and saddened by this news. Benjamin was a true pioneer and innovator, he gave the world so much. Through an amazing career including a huge a body of poems, literature, music, television and radio, Benjamin leaves us with a joyful and fantastic legacy. Thank you for the love you have shown Professor Benjamin Zephaniah.

## More Good News from School Governors **Free Book Bags for Reception and Year One children**



**We will be giving all our children a new Reading Book Bag before the end of term... & it's free!**

Thank you to all of you who supported the fundraising events for Children in Need. You may remember, there was a chance for parents to win £50. The name was drawn today by Miss Barber and well done to... The Owolabi Family!!

Please come to the to collect your £50 winnings!



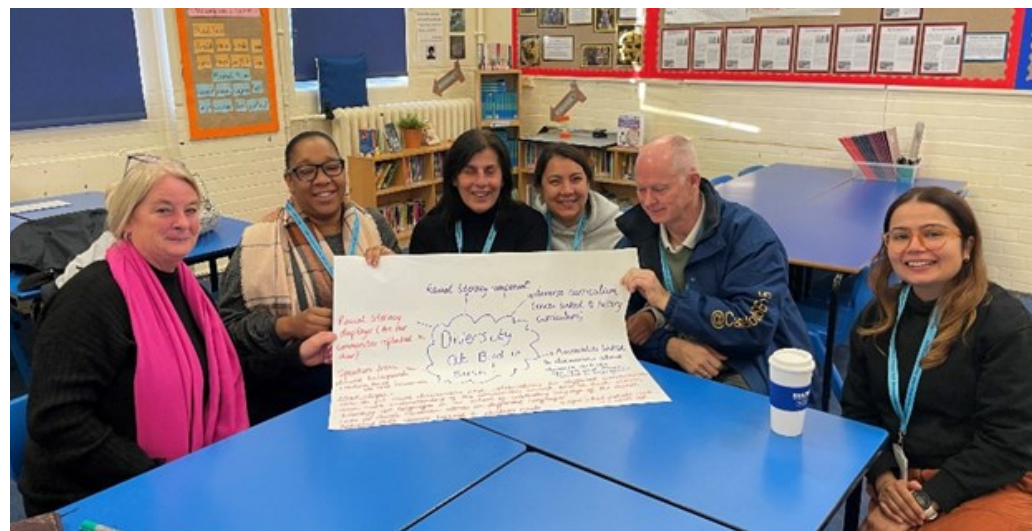
## Curriculum Diversity Working Party Feedback

As you know at Bird in Bush, we recognise that, in order to fulfil our educational mission, everyone in our community – our pupils, our staff, and everyone in our current and prospective families – should be able to see themselves reflected in the learning at Bird in Bush.

We believe that in order to produce empowered global citizens who are prepared to use their unique potential to “create a better world”, we must also ensure that our curriculum is reflective of all experiences and voices – including those that are often unheard, or have been historically overlooked.

Our diversity working party, along with the senior leadership team, meet once a term to ensure all of this is achieved for our pupils and more. We are keen to include parents/carers in our working group.

**If this is something you are interested in, please register your interest with the office. Thank you.**



# Bird in Bush School is a winning school!

The fastest growing school in Southwark,  
year on year at this time.

First win in the A league of the Saturday  
Southwark and Lambeth Schools league..  
including a hat-trick from Amare!



**CHAMPS –  
FREE School Holiday Camp**  
We have few spaces left for CHAMPS  
this year, which will be taking place on  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

*CHAMPS will be here at Bird in Bush School and is a time for the children to come and expend any remaining energy they have after all the treats they will have had over the Christmas period.*

*It will be opened to all pupils from Yr 1 to Yr 6. For further information, please visit the school office to sign your children up or make your booking at [office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk)*

Be quick though, because once the spaces are gone, that is it!