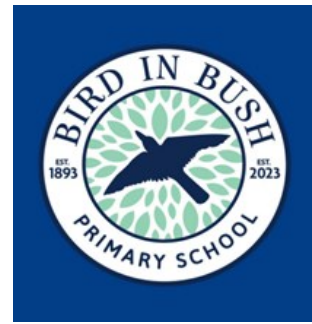




The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

January 2024 Edition Three

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Please don't miss these events

Tuesday 30th January - Your Parents Evening Appointment

Wednesday 31st January—Deadline for the January Story Writing Challenge

Wednesday 7th February— meet our Southwark Mayor, Michael Situ—come at 2.30 p.m. for a meeting about Southwark issues to discuss

Wednesday 7th February—come to school and watch the semi finals of the African Cup of Nations at 5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

Friday 23rd February—come and join the Chinese New Year parade in the playground—2.30—3.00 p.m.

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day—Dressing up essential for all!

Week starting Monday 11th March—Science Week at Bird in Bush School

Parents Evening

Tuesday 30th January

Appointments
1.00—6.45 p.m.

Reminder:

The school will close at 12.45 p.m. on Tuesday 30th January to support every parent/ carer being allocated a full ten minute appointment time

You have been sent a confirmation of your appointment time

PE timetable for Week commencing Monday 29th January

Year 1—**Friday** (Dance)

Year 2—**Friday** (Indoor Games);

Year 3— **Thursday** (Cricket);

Year 4— **Friday** (Dance);

Year 5—**Friday** (Indoor or Swimming Sandpiper class to swim)

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

National Storytelling Week

Dream up a world

National Literacy Trust

Change your story

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What is National Storytelling Week?

In 2024, National Storytelling Week will take place from Monday 5th to Friday 9th February.

This fantastic annual event is a joy for all. When we share stories about the world, they allow us to step into other worlds, to relax and escape and they can help develop our imagination and creativity.

Our children will be invited to write our stories.

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Watch out for further instructions but the basic criteria for our stories is based on that used for the BBC 500 Words competition which our Year 6 pupils recently entered.

- ◆ no more than 500 words
- ◆ Fictional stories only please
- ◆ Not judged on spelling, grammar or punctuation
- ◆ Judged on originality, plot and enjoyment

We would love to welcome parent/carer/family members to come and tell a story to our children in assembly.

Please let Mr Robinson know if you can come to school on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th February?

The second Super Six Challenge will be across the holiday week in February preparing for the Bird in Bush School Parade.

Super 6 medals will only be given to those children participating in each challenge



Date for your diary

Come and join in with the Bird in Bush Year of the Dragon/Chinese New Year Parade in the playground on Friday 23rd February.

During the February half term, there will be a Chinese New Year Art project which will result in your child being involved in the parade celebrations on this date.

Celebrating this event is one of the Super Six events that your child has been invited to participate in for 2024.

The next event/challenge will be linked to their participation in the British Science Week in March 2024.

Message from the Department for Education

Measles prevention

There have been recent outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



The screenshot shows the NHS website page for Measles. The page has a blue header with the NHS logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are navigation links for Health A-Z, Live Well, Mental health, and Care and support. The main content area is titled 'Measles' and includes a brief description: 'Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.' There is a section titled 'Check if you or your child has measles' which states: 'Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth.' Below this, there is a section for 'Cold-like symptoms' which lists: 'The first symptoms of measles include: a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, and red, sore, watery eyes.'

This week at Bird in Bush School, we started our peer mediation training. Our **Peer Mediation Programme** is a peer-to-peer programme where trained mediators serve as an impartial third party to assist pupils in navigating a conflict or concern with another pupil. Our training programme (created in-house) consists of six group training sessions, and then they will be given further support from the Inclusion Team while on duty in the various playgrounds.

Session 1 To teach children the meaning of conflict

Skill: Conflict resolution



Today's session consisted of helping the children understand what conflict means both at school and outside of school. By the end of the session, the children understood that conflict is a serious disagreement or argument about something. Peace (Year 5) stated, "If two people or groups are in conflict, they have had a serious disagreement or argument and have not yet reached agreement."

Well done peer mediators; it was an excellent first session.

Bird in Bush School is proud to offer all children from Reception to Year 6 the offer of a free, daily hot breakfast. For 2024 we are also supported by Greggs in our provision. The gates for this breakfast club are open from 8.20—8.30 a.m. Please note this is not an additional child care provision. We offer a £2 a day provision that starts at 7.45 a.m for this reason. The gates are open for this provision from 7.45—8.15 a.m.

Should your child be attending breakfast club not be interested in eating breakfast then we will view this as childcare and charge accordingly

We are proud to offer a free

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

in partnership with The Greggs Foundation



Running every day during term time
Please contact the school office for more information



**Might you be interested in a daily job in the school
11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
If so, please apply to this offer**



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***Our expanding primary school on the Old Kent Road...
'Southwark's newest Primary School'
is offering fixed term contract positions within our
Early Years team.***

Starting January 2023 until 31st August 2024

Early Years Play Assistants
15 hours per week – starting at 11.00 a.m.
Grade 3 spine point 2-6

(All positions are paid on a pro rata basis and are term time only)

We are a multicultural inner-city Southwark primary school with a friendly supportive team, whose diversity is an asset. The school offers exceptional levels of support and excellent opportunities for professional development to all its staff.

We are extremely proud of our diverse pupil intake (with over 60% of pupils from families receiving FSM or NRPF support) as well immensely proud of the diversity of our staff team (over 60% of our staff team are from a BAME background)

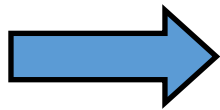
**Closing date for applications: 9.00 a.m. Monday 29th January with
interviews to follow without delay**

For an application pack or if you have any queries please contact Sharon Raven, Office Manager (email: office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk)

Bird in Bush School is committed to the Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
All posts are subject to pre-employment checks. References will be sought and successful candidates will need to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

7 of our AFCON teams are through the Last 16 starting this weekend.

Do you know your country badges?



Also at this time, we are supporting our two teams still in the last 16 of the Asian Cup.



Our teams are Palestine and Syria

Come and watch the African Cup of Nations Semi Final Matches with us at Bird in Bush on Wednesday 7th February at 5.00 p.m. in the Rio Hall.

There have been offers to bring food to share at this event which are well received. This is an event for parents and children to attend together, possibly dressed in team colours.

This is an event for everyone not just supporters of African Nations Football.

Please let Mr Robinson know if you are attending and if you are able to bring some of that lovely food that the Bird in Bush community makes.