

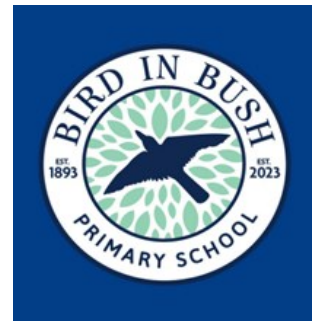


The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

November One Edition

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We did it again!

Bird in Bush School have again delivered for its children, for its community and for the second week of the Winter holidays 2024 by securing funding for CHAMPS.

CHAMPS Winter 2024 will be free!

CHAMPS will be Tuesday 2nd—Friday 5th January at Bird in Bush School

Daily from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. with free lunch

Open to all Bird in Bush School pupils in Yr 1—Yr 6

Bookings have been open for a month already and with places limited to 150 pupils, can we suggest you book now. Via the office or to office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk



CHAMPS is free holiday fun for our children

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Bird in Bush pupils in Bird in Bush uniform for this day especially. Thank you



Wednesday 8th November is the day for School Individual Pupil Photographs

Next up—Sierra Leone Day and Vietnam Day

Wednesday 8th November: Sierra Leone Day

(If you or a family member have Sierra Leone heritage please can we ask for your support to the handful of parents/carers on this day... please?!)

Thursday 9th November: Vietnam Day

(Like our Nigerian, Jamaican, North African, Spanish, Sierra Leone, English, Bangladesh, Cypriot and Polish families, we are blessed to have Vietnamese families in our school community. Two great celebrations next week)

PE in week commencing Monday 6th November

Year 1—Tuesday (Dance) and Thursday;

Year 2—Tuesday and Friday (Dance);

Year 3—Friday (Dance)

Year 4— Wednesday

Year 5—Friday + Swimming for Oystercatcher Class

Year 6—Thursday (+ 8.00 a.m. lesson)

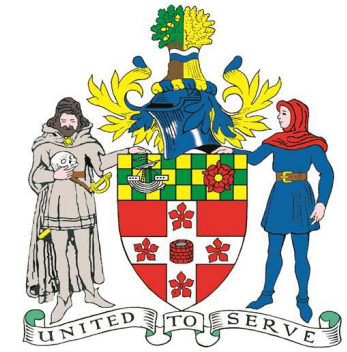
An invitation to Bird in Bush School from the Mayor of Southwark

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION 2023

Your school is invited to join in with the Mayor's Christmas Card Design Competition. The Mayor, Councillor Michael Situ, is running a competition involving all local primary schools, inviting students to submit Christmas design entries for the Mayor's 2023 Christmas card. This year the theme will be – *'Peace at Christmas'* and we look forward to receiving your student's designs associated with this theme.

Details for the competition are as follows:

1. Entries from reception and year 1 to be submitted to the Mayor's Office no later than the **Monday 13 November 2023**, to allow for judging and printing in time for Christmas.
2. Please ensure each entry is **clearly labelled** with the child's full name, age, school year group and school.
3. Entries to be received on **A4 paper** (landscape or portrait).
4. The final winning selection will be made by the Mayor
5. The majority of entries will be displayed in the Council Offices for 1 week following the announcement of the winner.
6. The winning design will be printed and used as the Mayor's official Christmas card.
7. The winner will be presented with a certificate and invited along with two adults to the Mayor's parlour for tea.



Mr Robinson was privileged to meet Councillor Situ, Southwark's Mayor, travelling from home to work this week. Councillor Situ has been an Old Kent Road local councillor for many years and this year holds the office of Mayor of Southwark. Educated in Nigeria in his primary school years, he then attended a Southwark Secondary School before University and his career as a criminal lawyer.

Most importantly is that for this year, we have 'our man' in the house! Our Peckham councillor, of Nigerian descent, locally educated in a state secondary school like many of our children is Mayor of Southwark.

Please can we ask that all the children at Bird in Bush School enter this excellent competition.

Remember the excellent theme above 'Peace at Christmas'

POP UP BOOKSHOP

A Pop Up Bookshop is coming to our school!



What will you discover?

CHOOSE ANY BOOK

Everyone will have a token to spend

What will you buy with your token?



Wowee! This week, all of our pupils were invited to come to a pop-up bookshop to browse, select and purchase a free book to take home and keep. There was an excited buzz in the hall and children struggled to choose from the amazing array of fiction and non-fiction books on offer.

Many pupils designed their own book cover so that they could be entered into a competition to win another token. There were lots of fantastic entries and winners will be able to return to the shop next week to buy their second book! Thanks to Children's Book Project (a wonderful charity) for donating 800+ books to our school for our children to enjoy!

'That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.' – Jhumpa Lahiri

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

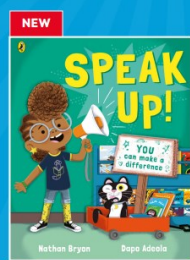
COME TO the BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



£7.99 **£2.99**



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£12.99 **£7.99**

Our next School Book Fair is Week commencing November 16th. See you there



& have you heard the news?! A public library standard of a children's library has just opened at Bird in Bush School. This is possibly the best Children's Library in this area and one that the children of Bird in Bush School can visit at any time.



International Celebration – October and November 2023

If you are willing to cook dishes on a set date please inform Miss Patrice in the school office. Thank you

Any suggestions for cuisines to celebrate in the last week of November... we have had interest from both our English and Nigerian staff and community for a 2nd celebration of their cuisine?!

Week commencing	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Monday 2 nd October	04.10 ENGLAND	05.10 GREECE
Monday 9 th October	11.10 POLAND	12.10 NIGERIA
Monday 16 th October	18.10 BANGLADESH	13.10 JAMAICA
Monday 30 th October	01.11 SPAIN	02.11 NORTH AFRICA
Monday 6 th November	08.11 SIERRA LEONE	09.11 VIETNAM
Monday 13 th November	15.11 AFGHANISTAN	16.11 SOUTH AMERICA
Monday 20 th November	22.11 ETHIOPIA/ERITREA	23.11 GHANA
Monday 27 th November	29.11	30.11



Which Bird in Bush School community flag is missing?



We have lots to communicate to everyone about Bird in Bush School!



Secondly, looking forward to welcoming in our future. Future Reception 2024 children.. and their families are welcome to come and see our school on tours. Every Wednesday across November and December. *"Little people and big people to look around the school that everyone is talking about in our area."*



& our third banner, announces only a few school places remain at Bird in Bush School. Currently, we are full in Reception, Year One, Year Three, Year Five and Year Six. Only places available in Nursery, Year Two and Year Four *Please help us to communicate every message above*

Firstly, welcome.

Welcome to everyone, every child, anyone, any child, family.

"Proud to be diverse, inclusive and striving to be exceptional every day."

At this time in our lives.. can we all note..
How blessed are we.



Spain Day with visiting helpers & patatas bravas!



North Africa Day with food from Morocco, Algeria and Egypt all in one celebration.

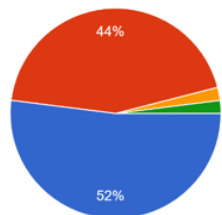


Exceptional thanks to all who completed their survey

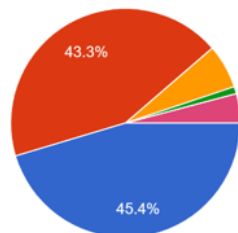
Parents Survey Autumn 2023

All parent feedback is used in our School Development Plans

My child is happy at school and I have necessary feedback from the school?
100 responses



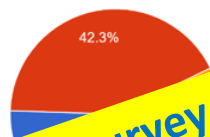
If I raised a concern, I feel confident my child's school would respond well
97 responses



● Strongly Agree
● Agree
● Neutral
● Disagree
● Strongly Disagree
● Not applicable to our school
● Don't feel able to answer

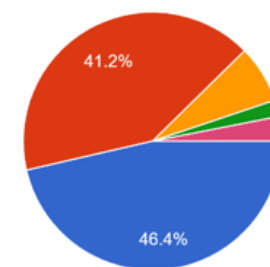
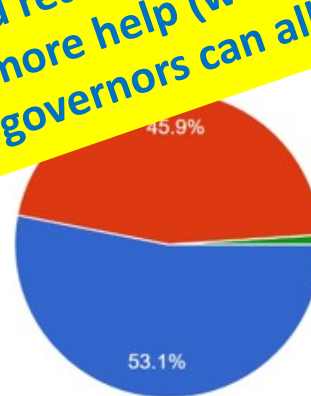
Pupil behaviour and discipline in well managed at the school
98 responses

My child is progressing well at this school -
97 responses



The school's senior staff are well qualified
98 responses

Parents survey feedback included in Autumn Term governing body discussions include:
♦ Parents/Carers are happy that the school is supporting pupil mental health & well being
♦ Parents/Carers recognise the pressures that the school operates under and are appreciative of the efforts of the staff team and leaders
♦ but as in every situation, parents/carers would really more! More clubs wanted, more support for bringing up and educating your children, more help (we all accept it is a tough time for all at the moment and any additional help that governors can allocate is so appreciated)



96% + My child is happy at school and I have the necessary feedback from the school

90%+ If I raised a concern, I feel confident my child's school would respond well

99% I would recommend my child's school to other parents/carers