



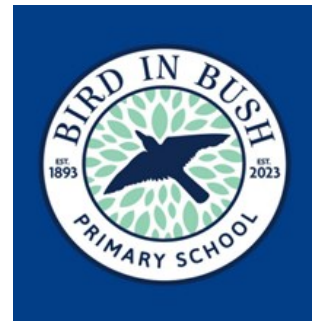
The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

November Three Edition

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Southwark's
WINTER
OF FOOD AND FUN

Activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 years who get benefits-related free school meals

21 December 2023 - 5 January 2024

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

Funded by
Department for Education

CHAMPS places— Winter 2024

We have less than 20 places left for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 to join us for CHAMPS: free food, fun and friends!

After the New Year comes in there is a whole week before school starts again on Monday 8th January. Our recommendation is to send your full of energy children to CHAMPS! (02/01 to 05/01)



Welcome to
BIRD IN BUSH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Looking for a Reception Class place for your child for September 2024 onwards? Come and find out for yourself about the local 'proven Peckham primary school' that everyone is talking about in our area

Southwark's flagship school for school dinners, free holiday offer and our racially literate curriculum

Come and visit
Bird in Bush School
between 9:45 a.m. - 3:30 a.m. every Wednesday at this time

"I truly believe the Early Years is outstanding! They have gone above and beyond for my children!"
Reception Class Parent/Carer survey, Autumn 2023

In 2024, Bird in Bush School will be open every day 7.45 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Chance to help our school and to earn £50 of Asda vouchers for you and the your family at this time.

What we are asking for your help with: To hand out 200 flyers at local destinations (e.g. outside Asda or the library etc..) to parents/carers/local residents next Saturday 2nd or Sunday 3rd December Interested? Text Mr Robinson now (1st come 1st chosen)

Next up—Eritrea/Ethiopia Day and Ghana Day

Wednesday 22nd November: Eritrea/Ethiopia Day

(Thrilled parents from two neighbouring East African countries are celebrating together!)

Thursday 23rd November: Ghana Day

(Great excitement noted and thanks going out to the staff and parents joining in to celebrate Ghana Day next week)

Next week is a four day week (Inset Day on Friday) so PE days are changing for all

PE Days in week commencing Monday 20th November

Year 1—**Wednesday** (Dance); Year 2—**Tuesday**

Year 3—**Thursday** Year 4—**Thursday**

Year 5—**Monday** Year 6—**Tuesday** (No additional 8.00 a.m. lesson on Thursday)

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



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Spare clothes are always useful at Bird in Bush

Do you have spare school trousers, blue tracksuit trousers or PE shorts?

In case of accidents at school these are always needed. Donations welcomed



Our Odd Socks say you can laugh but our stance against bullies says you can't laugh at me. #antibullyingweek2024

Find out more about the Ledbury Estate redevelopment—tomorrow, Saturday

WE'RE BUILDING THOUSANDS OF NEW COUNCIL HOMES ACROSS SOUTHWARK

Meet the contractor Higgins Partnerships

Saturday 18 November 2023 10am-2pm

Higgins Partnerships will be at the Ledbury T&RA hall on Saturday 18 November between 10am and 2pm.

It's an opportunity for you to meet the team who will build the new homes on the Ledbury Estate.

Thank you Parents/Carers—from donations made to the school at this time, the Year 6 teams were able to take their BBC 500 Words Writers to the London Eye for a inspirational, creative trip.



International celebrations at Bird in Bush School—Autumn 2023

The next celebration are planned—please see overleaf

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 SOMALIA	30.11 LATIN AMERICAN



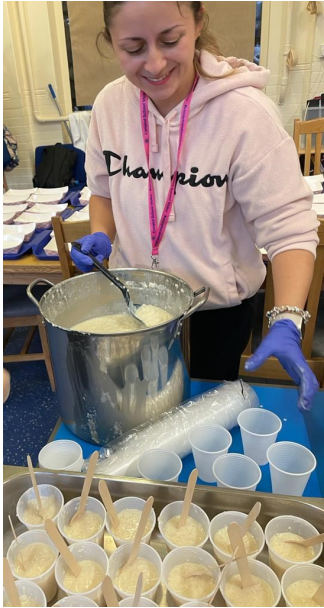
New flags ordered for this week:

- Bolivia
- Romania
- Latvia
- Guinea Bissau
- Ivory Coast

Have we then displayed every flag?



Thank you to our Afghanistan and South American Cooks and Supporters. An exceptional celebration at Bird in Bush School this week



Everyone asking for more of all these foods!



Proud of my country..
And my mum!



The key end of term dates and celebrations

1. Winter/End of Term/Christmas Fair is coming

2. School Nativity—
presented by children from our Nursery and Reception classes:

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

3. & our celebration day!

Wednesday 20th December

Colourful Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

**& end of term/Christmas
concert presented by our Year 2s**

4. End of term—Thursday 21st

Adapting our sessions for different communities

Over the past year, our Healthy Zones team has found that despite advertising our parent sessions far and wide across our schools, we weren't always attracting a culturally diverse audience. We sensed that some parents were not attending because they don't speak English either fluently or at all - making it difficult for them to get involved and share their valuable thoughts and ideas.

We decided to address this by working with schools to identify commonly spoken languages and hosting additional parent sessions - this time with interpreters on hand, offering translated recipes and packed lunch suggestions using familiar foods.

Last week, we hosted a parent session for Spanish-speaking parents at Bird in Bush Primary School, Southwark. Several parents attended for the first time. We had a friendly and interactive discussion about the policy work we've been doing in the school. Our team also shared packed lunch recipes that were not only healthy but also affordable and quick to prepare, understanding that many parents have limited budgets and time.

We finished the session by cooking a spicy potato dish native to Spain - patatas bravas - proving once again that food brings people together. The session provided a brilliant opportunity for the parents to engage with the school community, contribute to our Healthy Zones work, and connect with each other.



Parent session at Bird in Bush Primary



One parent said: "Spaces like this, in my native language, make me feel closer to the school and help me notice how important it is that we as parents support the school in the changes they are implementing."

Another said: "Having some healthy ideas that include food that we normally eat at home gives me the confidence to know that we are doing right and helps us think about the best meals for our children's health."

schoolfoodmatters.org/news-views/blog/involving-parents-all-communities-create-healthier-school-food-environment

ABOUT US WHAT WE DO GET INVOLVED NEWS & VIEWS

Involving parents from all communities to create a healthier school food environment

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Our Healthy Zones programme is all about helping schools create a food environment that puts young people's health centre stage. We know that parents play a crucial role in shaping children's eating

Bird in Bush School Cultural Community Events in the news!

The recent Spain Day attended by a supporting charity, School Food Matters, has alerted the attention of the national newspapers to a small corner of the Old Kent Road where special things are happening and where attention is recommended to be directed.

Community cohesion is at the heart of successful countries and we are all very proud of the community of Bird in Bush School who are a shining example to us all.

Look out for more in the national news about our school