



The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

Second Edition—September Two

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Welcome to Bird in Bush School

Key events to welcome pupils and parents/carers

1. Meet the Teacher invites

Parents/Carers are invited to stay behind after drop off time to meet their child's class teacher on the following dates. Come to the Rio Hall first and finish by seeing your class in their classes. 8.45—9.15 a.m. daily as follows:

Next Wednesday 13th September—Year 6 Parents/Carers invite

Next Thursday 14th September—Year 5 Parents/Carers invite

Next Friday 15th September—Year 4 Parents/Carers invite

(+ Year 3—Wednesday 20th; Year 2—Thursday 21st; Year 1—Friday 22nd)

2. Autumn Term Parents Evening

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th September

Tuesday 26th 3.20 p.m.—6.00 p.m. & Wednesday 27th 3.20—4.30 p.m.

Sign for Parents Evening will be on tables outside gates across next week.

In the meantime, parents/carers can request times via the school office.

Email office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk

**“COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING;
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS;
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.”**

3. + separate invite to Yr 5 & 6 parents/carers meeting re Secondary School transfer process

Next Monday 11th 8.45 a.m. or 5.45 p.m. Rio Hall

Who's Who at Bird in Bush Primary School – September 2023

Bird in Bush School Teachers 2023-2024

Upper School (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Mauna Kea Building:

Year 6:

Mr Joyce (DHT)
Mr Maurice

Miss Baxter (AHT)
Miss Appleby

McKinley Floor:

Year 5:

Ms Lossa Grant (DHT)
Miss Wilcox

Miss Adeyemi
Miss Draycott

Year 4:

Ms Ben

Miss Stevens

Aconcagua Floor:

Year 3:

Miss Patterson

Miss Coley

Lower School (Years Nursery, Reception, 1 & 2)

Aconcagua Floor:

Year 2:

Mr Murphy
Miss Thompson

Miss Siddiqui

Kilimanjaro Floor:

Year 1:

Miss Brydon Jones
Miss Bishop

Miss Sampson

Mauna Kea Building:

EYFS Lead:

Ms Acquah
Miss Roberts

Miss Hier

Year R:

Miss Dubuisson

Nursery

Maternity Leave Teachers:

Miss Arif (to January 2024)

Additional Teacher & PPA:

Mr Bickerton

Academic Mentor:

Miss Ashok

Assistant Headteachers (AHTs):

Miss Baxter

Ms Acquah

Deputy Headteachers (DHTs):

Mr Joyce

Ms Lossa Grant

Head of School

Miss Eastwood*

Executive Headteacher

Mr Robinson

* + Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator (SENCo):

PPA teachers incl. HLTAs

Miss Mesmain; Mr Imran

+ Mr Kallon (M, W, Th, F)

+ AHT secondment year – Miss Saunders to Comber Grove, Southwark



The Bird in Bush Support Staff Team



Office Admin and Premises

School Office Manager: Miss Raven

Finance Officer: Mr Zajac

Administrative Officers: Miss Patrice

Premises Team: Miss Maribel Miss July

Teaching Support Staff

Early Years Practitioners: Miss Begum Miss Jones Miss Battell

Inclusion Team: Miss Svoboda Mathew Miss Anderson

Evolve Mentor: Mr Carlos

Higher Level Teaching Assistants: Miss Mesmain Mr Imran

Kitchen Team Mr Carlos S (chef) Miss Edo Miss Fatmara
Miss Natoya Mr Carlos A

Teaching Assistants

Miss Anderson	Mr Marcel	Miss Shelley	Miss Dalila
Miss Casey	Miss Chalmers	Miss Bianca	Miss Success
Miss Samira	Miss Gilbert	Miss Jones	Miss Raisa
Miss Maneco	Miss Gloria	Miss Morgan	Miss Mo
Miss Akusoa	Miss Michelle	Miss Popoola	Miss Pinnock
Miss Smith	Miss Lou	Miss Taylor	Mr Walker
Miss Walker	Miss Le	Mr Tesfay	Miss Izabela

Please note our staff reserve the right to be acknowledged as either Ms/Miss/Mr or without such titles where chosen. Support staff ordered in alphabetical order by family name

Let's inspire our pupils to be artists... as well as doctors, scientists, lawyers.. and teachers!

Bird in Bush Racial Literacy Art Week – September 2023

Bird in Bush School chosen artists

1. Lubaina Himid b. 1954
(Nursery)



2. Bhajan Hunjan b.1956
(Reception)



3. Yinka Shonibare b.1963
(Year One)



4. Chris Ofili b.1968
(Year Two)



5. Rezia Wahid b.1978
(Year Three)



6. Abbas Zahedi b.1984
(Year Four)



7. Lina Iris Viktor b.1986
(Year Five)



8. Grace Wales Bonner b. 1990
(Year Six)



... or could they grow up to perform? On stage, musically?
They are all harnessing talents and gifts in our pupils.
Ukulele, Violins, Singing all start in September

The Bird in Bush School Musical Composers

Principle: Assembly music choice

Educating about Music NC area

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:
perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians

Chronological order – based on the date of birth of the composer

September - Mozart b. 1756

October - Chopin b. 1810

November - Vaughan Williams b. 1872

December - Astor Piazzolla b 1921

January - Babatunde Olatunji b. 1927

February - Evelyn Glennie b.1965

March - Lin Manuel Miranda b.1980

April - Anna Clyne b.1980

May - Nubya Garcia b. 1991

June - Stormzy b. 1993

July - Ego Ella May b. 1994



1. Mozart – Classical composer from History – white male – not British (German)
2. Frederic Chopin – Folk composer from History – white male – not British (Polish)
3. Vaughan Williams - our chosen British classical music composer from History – white male
4. Astor Piazzolla – Tango composer from History – Hispanic – not British
5. Babatunde Olatunji – Percussionist from History – black male – not British
6. Evelyn Glennie – Deaf Percussionist current – white female – British
7. Lin Manuel Miranda – Songwriter/rap artist current – Hispanic – not British
8. Anna Clyne - Classical composer current – white female – British
9. Nubya Garcia – London Jazz artist current – black female – British
10. Stormzy – South London Pop composer current – black male – British
11. Ego Ella May – South London Neo Soul composer current – black female – British



Bird in Bush Primary School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2023/2024

Autumn term 2023

- Monday 4th September 2023* to Friday 20th October 2023 (35 school days)
Half Term Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023
- Tuesday 31st October 2023 to Friday 22nd December 2023 (38 school days)
Mid-term Inset Day Friday 24th November 2023

Spring term 2024

- Monday 8th January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024 (25 school days)
Half Term Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024
- Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024 (29 school days)

Summer term 2024

- Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024 (29 school days)
Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
- Tuesday 4th June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024 (34 school days)

Please be considerate of these term dates if making appointments or booking holidays. The school believes all such bookings should be able in such a way to ensure your child attends every day.. 100%

Then there will be occasions when we will need to work in partnership on a closer basis. From our Behaviour and Discipline Policy—as previously circulated—please find our agreed practice for communicating daily pupil challenges at school. Further explanation will follow in meetings



Bird in Bush School - Tiers of communication 2023- 2024



<p>Green behaviour - 1st and 2nd reminder (verbal)</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not logged on Arbor ● pupil apologises to teacher ● pupil supported by teacher to make change behaviour 	
<p>Yellow behaviour- 3rd reminder (time out from class) E.g.- continued low level disruption, distracting others from their learning</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sent to the other year group for 10 minutes- <i>child expected to join in with learning of the other class</i> ● pupil apologises to teacher upon return ● teacher Logs on Arbor (parent/carer phone call home by class teacher and notes of conversation added to Arbor) 	
<p>Orange behaviour* - SLT support</p> <p>* 15 minutes in Inclusion Room only for KS2 pupils</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● teacher logs on Arbor ● 15 minutes timeout in Inclusion Room or 5-15 minutes class based support (subject to SLT decision). Class teacher will ensure the class school council representative escorts the pupil to Inclusion room where necessary ● Pupil apologises to teacher at next appropriate opportunity and spends 5 minutes of their next play/lunch with teacher for a restorative conversation (see behaviour policy) and adds note on Arbor ● teacher to arrange meeting with parent/carer and inclusion team on the same day 	
<p>Red behaviour - SLT involvement</p> <p><i>Examples of Red behaviour:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prejudice bullying/language - verbal/physical abuse - continued defiance (e.g. refusal to enter classroom after Yellow and Orange tiers have been followed) - disruptive/dangerous behaviour (e.g. intentional damage to the classroom/ school) <p><i>+ swearing/kissing teeth from KS2 pupils – all incidents, heard by an adult = playground consequence</i></p>	<p><u>Actions</u> - playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● restorative conversation with pupil/ pupils by SLT on the same day and SLT log on Arbor ● SLT meet with parent/carer on the same day ● playground consequence next day for KS2 children authorised by SLT (15 minutes 12:45 to 1:00 p.m.in DHT's office) ● pupil not allowed to attend school clubs on that day and parents/carers informed by 2.00 p.m. ● Pupils may be removed from breakfast club and after school provision for continued Red behaviour subject to Executive Headteacher decision 	<p><u>Actions</u> - classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● teacher logs incident on Arbor and notifies SLT ● school council representative escorts the pupil to Inclusion room or SLT collects pupil ● restorative conversation with pupil by SLT and SLT decides consequence ● class teacher and SLT meet with parents on the same day ● playground consequence next day for KS2 children (15 minutes 12:45 to 1:00 p.m.in DHT's office) ● internal exclusion based in the Inclusion room* ● Pupils may be removed from breakfast club and after school provision for continued Red behaviour subject to Executive Headteacher decision <p><i>*subject to SLT approval. Class teachers will ensure the usual tailored lesson work is placed in the Inclusion room at the start of each day for the length of the IE to ensure the pupil is accessing their learning.</i></p>
<p>Executive Headteacher After School Detentions (Year 5 & 6)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision to authorise detention taken by EHT only ● Executive Headteacher will inform parent/carer in advance (by 2.00 p.m) ● Pupil will be kept in school until 4pm ● Not applicable for EHCP/SEND pupils 	

School Website Photographer Visit

Our new website is www.birdinbushprimary.co.uk

Next Thursday 14th September

Please can we request that all pupils are wearing their **Bird in Bush Polo Shirts and sweatshirts.**

If your child is doing PE they will need their Bird in Bush School white PE shirt plus blue or dark coloured shorts (not football shirts please). The uniform shop will be providing blue Bird in Bush School PE shorts and Bird in Bush School tracksuits to purchase in the future.

PE times are yet to be finalised but the plan for next week is as follows:

Year 1—Monday & Wednesday* Yr 2—Tuesday & Friday*

Yr 3—Thursday & Friday* * Dance sessions

Year 4—Wednesday

Year 5—Friday

Year 6—Thursday

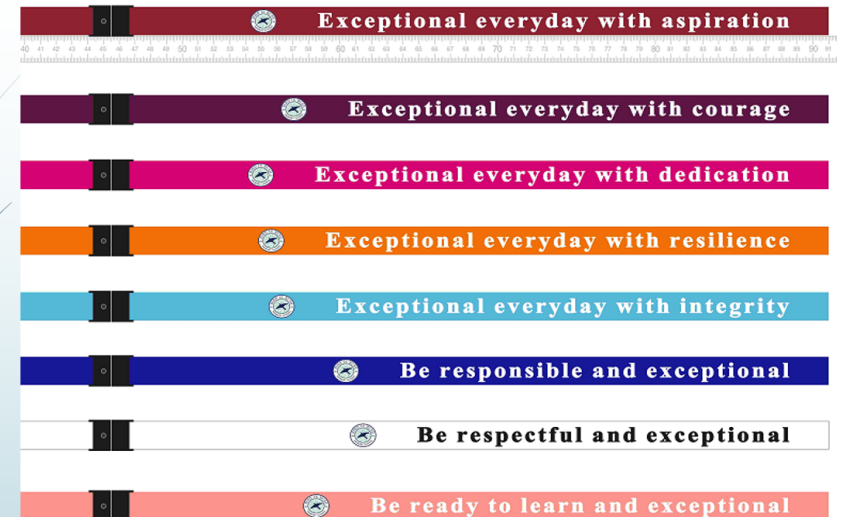
(+ additional PE for Year 6 pupils on Thursdays at 8.00—8.45 a.m)



& whole school rewards

Aspiration, Courage, Dedication, Resilience & Integrity
lanyards stay in school & are given out by class teachers

Lanyards for 2023



New for 2023-2024 are the three school lanyards reflecting the highest rewards. Your child will be given a School Rule Lanyard by Mr Robinson once they have been given two sets of the class teacher lanyards. When they have been given all the class teacher lanyards they will be given their final School Rule Lanyard in Assembly with their photo taken for display. The three School Rule lanyards can be taken home and replace the previously awarded shields that were pinned to blazers.



& Castle Points are School Reward Currency... and live in school! If your child should bring one home please remind them to put it in their Castle Team pot for weekly counting.

Pre School and After School Provision at Bird in Bush School:

Pre School Provision*:

- Opens from 7.45 a.m. with last entry at 8.15 a.m.
- Access to Provision via the main Windermere Gate on Bird in Bush Road.
- Provision is run by Miss Taylor and Miss Denise
- £2 a day payable in advance
- This is an outdoor provision except where wet with children playing outside in the school playgrounds.

Added Emphasis suggested:

*** Paid Pre School Provision is in addition to the free breakfast club offer made to all pupils and for which the main Windermere gate opens at 8.20 a.m. closing at 8.30 a.m.**

After School Provision:

- Opens from end of school day to 5.45 p.m.
- Collection is from the ballcourt gate on Green Hundred Road. There will be a mobile phone number provided to all parents/carers to ring to inform staff when you arrive
- Provision is run by Miss Casey and Miss Anderson
- £8 a day payable in advance and includes after school meal
- This is an indoor and outdoor provision

Please note all places for these provisions are booked via the main school office

Attendance and Punctuality Expectations

Bird in Bush School strives to exceed national expectations for attendance to school as our schools have achieved in all of the recent years of exceptional everyday education.

To ensure we meet these expectations we ask that all attendance matters are communicated clearly and in the knowledge that all attendance concerns question whether our pupils are receiving their full educational entitlement.

The hours for the school day at Bird in Bush School are as follows:

School Start time: 8.40 a.m.

School End time: 3.10 p.m.

Any lateness will upset daily routines

School Food Expectations at Bird in Bush School

Bird in Bush School is one of Southwark's Food Flagship Schools and we strive to ensure every child eats our exceptional school dinners alongside our staff every day.

The standards continue to amaze visitors who comment on the pleasure in seeing the vegetables, a range of main courses include a variety of fish and halal meat dishes all being eagerly consumed by our children.

Packed lunches are tightly monitored to ensure the same national food standards are met. No shop bought items are expected and no nuts, pork products, crisps please

School dinners are also free for all