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Weekly Newsletter Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents,

It does seem to have switched to the Autumn today, so please make sure that your child brings a coat to school so that they are prepared for changes in the weather. We try to get out even if it is drizzling and raining, and it is not pleasant to be in a damp sweatshirt when you are back in class.

We are constantly working on reminders for our children about manners, and responding to instructions, and most of our children are well behaved and polite. Please support us by talking to your child about the need to listen and respond to all of the adults working at school. We want our children to be ACE and we need you to support us with ensuring that they can be the best that they can be!

Have a lovely weekend! Best Wishes

Sharon Lynch (Headteacher)

Christmas Cards

Your child will bring home their Christmas Card design next week and your order and payment must be returned by



Wednesday 18th October!



Jack & the Beanstalk PANTOMIME

at Catford Broadway!

Tuesday 19th December

Reception to Year 6 will all go to the Pantomime!

£10 per child.

Please pay via ParentPay asap.

SWOYSA

Spooky and Sparkly Disco



Thursday 2nd November

5.30-7pm

£2 per child/£5 per family

Paying Bar, Food and snacks!



Harvest Liturgy

led by Yr 5

Wednesday 18th October

at 2.30pm in the school hall

Please join us as we give thanks for the wonder of God's creation!



Please bring donations in for Lewisham Foodbank next week!

All Saints Day Mass

Wednesday 1st November

at 10.30am



Yr 5 will be leading this mass - please do join us to pray with our school and parish community

RAINBOW HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Book your place in advance!

Email: Rainbow_ASC@hotmail.co.uk

Text or Whatsapp: 0785 477 4096



Black History Month

B:M
2023

Nursery: Hamza Yassin

Hamza Ahmed Yassin is a British wildlife cameraman and presenter, known for his role as Ranger Hamza on CBeebies and his work on shows such as Countryfile and Animal Park, as well as presenting programmes about Scottish wildlife. In 2022, he won Strictly Come Dancing.



Reception: Dina Asher-Smith



The fastest British woman on record, she won a gold medal in the 200 metres, silver in the 100 metres and another silver in the 4×100 m relay at the 2019 World Championships, breaking her own British records with further records which still stand. Aged 24, Asher-Smith was the first Briton to win three medals at a World Championships, and the first British woman to win a World title in a sprint event.

Maxi Priest

Max Alfred Elliott, known by his stage name Maxi Priest, is a British reggae vocalist of Jamaican descent. He is best known for singing reggae music with an R&B influence, otherwise known as reggae fusion. He was born in Lewisham. His parents had moved to England from Jamaica to provide more opportunity for their family and he grew up listening to gospel, reggae, R&B, and pop music. He first learned to sing in church, encouraged by his mother, who was a Pentecostal missionary.



Yr 1: Misty Copeland

Misty Danielle Copeland is an American ballet dancer for American Ballet Theatre. In 2015, Copeland became the first African American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in ABT's 75-year history.



Yr 2: Lauren James



Lauren Elizabeth James (born 29 September 2001) is an English professional footballer who plays for Chelsea and the England. She was born in [London](#). She is of Grenadian and Dominican descent through her father, and English descent through her mother.

Rainbow Breakfast and After School Club at SWOY



Drop off at 7.30am for Breakfast Club
Collect at either 4.15pm or 6pm
for After School Club

Book your place in advance!

Email: Rainbow_ASC@hotmail.co.uk

Text or Whatsapp: 0785 477 4096



Dates for your diary!

Wed 18th Oct	Harvest Liturgy	Led by Yr 5
Tues 31st Oct	Book Look	3.30pm
Wed 1st Nov	Book Look	8.30am
	All Saints Mass 10.30am	Led by Yr 5
Thurs 2nd Nov	Flu Immunisations	Yr 1 - Yr 6
Tues 7th Nov	Parents' Evenings	4 - 6.30pm
Thurs 9th Nov	Parents' Evenings	4 - 6.30pm (online)
Sun 3rd Dec	SWOYSA Christmas Fair	12.30 - 3pm
Wed 6th Dec	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play	10.30am & 2pm
Wed 13th Dec	Rock Steady Concert	9.45am
	KS2 Carol Service	6.30pm
Wed 20th Dec	Last Day of Term	2pm finish
Mon 8th Jan	First Day of Spring Term	

Book Look

Tues 31st & Wed 1st Nov

Come and look through your children's
books before Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening

Tues 7th (Face to Face appointments)
and Thurs 9th November (on Zoom)
Book appointments after half term!

SWOYSA

Tea Afternoons

Each class takes it in turns to host a
Tea Afternoon over the year. Each
one will have a
GREAT SWOY BAKE OFF
COMPETITION!

Friday 17th November

Hosted by Yr 5 Parents
2.30pm - 3.45pm



Religious Artefacts

Do you have any statues,
icons, religious pictures or
objects that might need a
new home? We are trying to add to our RE
resources and would be happy to accept any
donations that you might like to pass on to
school. Please give anything you have to Mrs
Lynch, Mrs Mayers or Ms Thorn.
Thank you!



NEXT FAMILY MASS will be SUNDAY 5th NOV at 9.30am

Please make an effort to come
along. All of our children are
needed to support the singing. Yr 5
will lead with singing the Psalm.



The poster features a green and white striped awning at the top. On the left is the Lewisham Foodbank logo, which includes a green circle with a leaf and the text 'Lewisham foodbank'. The main title 'LEWISHAM FOODBANK' is in large, bold, green capital letters, with 'Harvest 2023' written in a red cursive script below it. A green banner at the top left contains the text 'We would love your school to support once again this year! This is what we most need:'. Below this, two columns of text list items needed: TINNED VEG, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED MEAT, TINNED HALAL MEAT, TINNED FISH, PASTA SAUCES, LONGLIFE MILK, LONGLIFE JUICE, RICE (500G BAGS), CEREAL, RICE PUDDING, BISCUITS, CHOCOLATE, COOKING OIL, INSTANT COFFEE, TEA BAGS, LAUNDRY CAPS, SHOWER GEL, PERIOD PRODUCTS, NAPPIES (SIZE 2-6), TOILET ROLL, and DOG/CAT FOOD. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a wooden crate filled with food items like a loaf of bread, a bottle of laundry caps, and some fruit. The hashtag '#EveryCanHelps' is written in a cursive font over the crate. A red button at the bottom right says 'lewisham.foodbank.org.uk'. A red cursive 'thank you!' is written next to the crate.

**LEWISHAM
FOODBANK**
Harvest 2023

We would love your school to support once again this year!
This is what we most need:

TINNED VEG	BISCUITS
TINNED TOMATOES	CHOCOLATE
TINNED MEAT	COOKING OIL
TINNED HALAL MEAT	INSTANT COFFEE
TINNED FISH	TEA BAGS
PASTA SAUCES	LAUNDRY CAPS
LONGLIFE MILK	SHOWER GEL
LONGLIFE JUICE	PERIOD PRODUCTS
RICE (500G BAGS)	NAPPIES (SIZE 2-6)
CEREAL	TOILET ROLL
RICE PUDDING	DOG/CAT FOOD

#EveryCanHelps

thank you!

lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

Foodbank Donations!

We will be collecting donations for the foodbank over the next few weeks, so please add an item or two to your shopping trolley! It will be in the playground at the beginning and the end of the day.

There are many families in need of support in our community, and our school community has always been very generous. It is a good opportunity to talk to your children about the importance of sharing what we have with others.

Once we have a good collection, we will organise the children to walk to The Hope Centre to drop off their donations, with their Buddy class.

We will have a further drive for collections in the lead up to our Harvest Liturgy on 18th October.

SWOYSA EASY FUNDRAISING

SWOYSA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.



Click on this QR Code! OR You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swoysalewisham/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Lewisham Black History Month 2023 Community-led events

#ADAPT Black History Harvest

Sunday 1 October, 11.30am - 3pm

Coco Collective- Ital Community Gardens, SE6 3SE

FREE



Following the success of last year's Black History Harvest comes a programme for the younger generations. Expect food growing workshop for children and young people, discussions on adapting to climate change, harvesting crops and talking through tropical foods from the diaspora. Entry is via the black gate next to 75 Firhill Road.

Book your free ticket for #ADAPT Black History Harvest.

75 Years and Counting

Thursday 5 October, 11.30am - 2.30pm

Honor Oak Community Centre, SE4 2JD

£3

This intimate exhibition will comprise shared experiences of the Windrush and NHS – both of which turned 75 this year – from members of the Honor Oak Community Association Over-55s group and the wider 60 Up group. It will include a cookery demonstration, light refreshments, limber up/dance session and a self-care workshop.

To book, email info@60up.org.uk or call 020 3667 3704

Gallery In The Air

Saturday 7/ 14/ 21/ 28 October

Lewisham African Initiative Development (LAID)

Deptford Market Yard, SE8

FREE

A fantastic series of free, open-air exhibitions giving a platform to local young, black artists. Taking place each Saturday throughout October from 10am – 4pm in Deptford Market Yard. There will also be an indoor space showcasing and celebrating the rich heritage and history of Britain's black communities – from miners to dockworkers, from Britain's Black Panthers to the roots of the Notting Hill Carnival.

Celebrating Our Sisters:

Black Female Artists Honouring Black History Month

Monday 16 – Sunday 22 October

Pop Up At Brockley, 16-18 Brockley Cross, SE4

FREE

A curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists which pays tribute to the collective experiences of black women. This is an inclusive space that uplifts, inspires, and acknowledges the invaluable contributions black women have made in the borough, the UK and beyond.

Opens Monday 16 October at 6pm.

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-4pm

Nursery and Reception!

Have you got any of the items listed below? Can you collect a few items and drop them into Nursery or Reception! All donations gratefully received!

LooSE pARts Play

Ribbons & FEaTHeRS *EGG cartons and ACorns*

SHELLS and leaVES *wool & string* *MILK CRATES AND BASINS*

POTS & PaNs **Baking trays & MUD** Sand & SToneS

Kitchen utensils – spOOOns, potatO masher, SIEVes

Hammer and nails **Sticks and stones** *twigs & felt*

Silk and tin foil **Tarpaulin & DRIf+WOOD**

Velcro ROLLERS and Sponges *Brushes AND PAINT*

Dried pasta and PULSES *Guttering and TYRES* **Cardboard**

PLasTIC bottles and TOPs **DOLLY pegs and CURTAIN rings**

FuNNels and WAtER **Plant POTS** and wood Pallets

Rope, Wool and RiBBon **STRAW bales and wood**

KeYs and cove moulding **Bamboo and baskets**

SHee+S and ChALK *Hessian and buckets*

Spare Carrier Bags needed!

We need your old carrier bags for when our children have little accidents and we need to send their uniform home!

We also need carrier bags for the foodbank too!

Thank you!