

THE ROCHE SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the 2022 Summer Term - one full of exciting and enjoyable activities both inside and outside the classroom. There will be plays and assemblies, sporting events, art for all and much to celebrate together as well as plenty of exciting learning in the classroom.

We hope you have had a relaxing time whether at home or abroad. The children seem delighted to be back and are particularly enjoying our newly resurfaced playground! By the way, huge thanks to FORS for help with this as in so many other areas of school life that benefit the children. On the subject of fundraising, Lydia tells me that thanks to the proceeds from the discos and the Quiz Night, we can claim credit for two splendid looking latrines - one in Zambia and the other in Honduras. The photos and certificates of our lavatory “twinning” project are on display in the school. Thank you!

Today, we enjoyed two assemblies running concurrently - one for younger pupils led by Dr Roche, the other for Years 5 and 6 who participated in an assembly led by Miss Allana honouring the memory of Stephen Lawrence. Today is Stephen Lawrence Day and the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation is encouraging schools to run assemblies, visit their website and embed the idea that young people everywhere have the chance to fulfil their potential and live without prejudice.

Congratulations are due to our team led by Gabriella Emery at our sister nursery, Keswick House, in Putney for a truly outstanding Ofsted report. [Click here to read it.](#)

Next week, Reception gear up for the arrival of duck eggs. They will then watch the process of life unfolding as the eggs hatch - something we hope to capture on a live webcam for you. All children love to see this magical process, so the older children get a chance to witness it too. The entrepreneurial Reception children are even paying for the eggs themselves with their own special Cake Sale on the ramp on 25th April. The poster can be found by [clicking here](#). As part of their understanding of animal life cycles, Reception will also be building links with a farm and getting to know a farmer with 2000 lambs.

Year 4 are off on their residential trip to New Barn - a lovely outdoor education centre near Dorchester. The focus on their first ever residential is teamwork, cooperation and growing independence - much needed after all that lockdown. They do get to take their teddies though! Then Year 6 will have their trip to Legoland. This is a yearly treat celebrating success at 11+. The focus here is simply having a very good time and enjoying yourself on all the rides - this is as true of Mr Ricki as anyone else.

Prior to children returning to school this term, staff spent time in school planning and training. On Wednesday 20th April, we (some 70 staff members) were joined by Ben Mearhart of social enterprise The Black Curriculum who led a thorough and engaging session on unconscious bias and racial literacy. We will be continuing to work with Ben on curriculum development and will keep you posted.

Now, Wandsworth Town Library would like you to know that they have lots of interesting activities going on apart from books so do [please look at this link](#) and see if you fancy some Irish Dancing! Libraries should be the lifeblood of a civilised community so let's use them!

Poetry Week run by Miss Amy is in early May. We are great believers in the power of poetry in terms of developing language and understanding and we have some fantastic activities planned. We encourage pupils to learn poems by heart (a thousand benefits, I promise you) with the most confident recitations going through to our Poetry Week Assembly. Poems connect generations and cultures, bringing great pleasure if confidently approached so share your own favourites with your children and encourage them to take part.

By now everyone should be in summer uniform and if the wind is whistling then woolly tights are acceptable.

Now - drum roll - our annual Run 4 Us event is back in town on Friday 20th May. Woohoo! We missed this during the COVID years as it is one of the most memorable events of the school year. For those of you who have never been involved, it is a day of running for charity with all our pupils plus staff, parents, grannies, grandads, dogs and babies in prams. The children run in their favourite sporting outfit (that will be a Mo Salah No 11 shirt for me) and we strongly encourage you to join us in this non-competitive, feel-good day of fun. For those of you who have not experienced it please [click here to watch this event in the past](#).

Next Friday, the drop-off collection is for Little Village - equipment and baby stuff for under 5s. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Vania

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th to 27th April, Year 4 Trip to New Barn

Monday 25th April, 3pm, Reception Cake Sale

Thursday 28th April, Year 6 Trip to Legoland

Friday 29th April, Little Village Charity Collection

Sports Fixtures and Results

[Click here to visit the School Calendar for more information](#)

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