

THE ROCHE SCHOOL
WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

The 19th of May is set to be a special day at The Roche School since it marks the return of our annual Eisteddfod run by our Music Department, Katie and Gunther, with special guests arriving to judge. This is a musical competition (with Welsh origins) which has previously run for many years at the school. The letter from Katie about entering the competition [can be found here](#). We love this outpouring of musical effort so please do support your child if they show an interest. It's open to all!

Sticking with the Arts theme, a reminder that next week is Poetry Week. Miss Amy has planned a range of activities and workshops culminating in a special Poetry Week “slam” in which pupils perform. The week will feature group work and collaborative writing but also aims to cover concepts such as “theme” and “content”. Being exposed to aspects of poetry is key for children as it increases their emotional literacy as well as an understanding of language. Reading aloud helps children to understand volume, pitch and inflection. This school has a commitment to presentation skills and ensuring that all our pupils can speak in front of a room full of people without fear. Please support your child's vocal confidence with these lovely opportunities for poetry and song as outlined above.

There are assessments running at school over the next couple of weeks prior to the end-of-year reports. These are overseen by Mr Ricki (Head of Assessment) and we join him in wishing all our pupils luck in showing us what they can do!

We have a photographer in next week and would really appreciate the children being camera-ready on Thursday.

Now, the school is full of amazing children but this week I particularly loved the efforts of Ashaya in Year 4 who has her own YouTube channel entitled Fired Up Little Feminist! Inspired by great women in history, Ashaya set off to research their achievements and broadcast her findings with clarity and confidence. Brilliant work, Ashaya! Don't forget to namecheck The Roche School when you pick up your first BAFTA! We are proud of you.

The transition to secondary programme continues apace when Year 6 undertake anaphylaxis training led by Mrs Antoinette. It is a skill that we hope they will never have cause to use but as our children learn to move about the world with increasing independence these skills could become vitally important at any time.

The 13th of May is the day on which the Year 6 Sports Committee will collect unwanted sports goods for schools in Gambia and Jamaica. This is an initiative spearheaded by Miss Allana (The Project Ace Sports Drive) providing sports clothes and equipment enabling children to develop as sportsmen and women. Previously, Dynamo FC in Ghana has been able to start a girls' team with the provision of donated boots, kit and footballs. This year, donations go again to Gambia and to Jamaica where Allana will be setting up another Ace Development Academy, offering football camps to the local children. The link to Allana's website with more info [can be found by clicking here](#).

Apologies for the rescheduling of the Thursday Talk on Emotional Resilience. This will now take place for Lower School parents at 8.15am on Thursday 19th May. Please do come to listen to Mrs Louise and Miss Kate (plus Q & A) over coffee and a biscuit.

Other bits and pieces include a reminder that Food Bank Friday is running for the next two weeks with more Year 6 pupils visiting The Hub of Little Village Charity for an afternoon. Thank you for your continued generosity for this and also for the donations to our new morning “games boxes”. They were a big hit and the children really enjoyed their time before school. We are always open to donations in the future, should you have a Marie Kondo-style declutter!

An enormous good luck to those playing at the Chess Festival at Hurlingham on Sunday - keep us posted! Please do also remember to keep up the sponsorship efforts for Run 4 Us.

Have fun at Movie Night and enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,
Vania

Summer Term 2022

Monday 9th May, Ducklings in Reception

Monday 9th May, Poetry Week and Assessment Week Start

Thursday 12th May, 9am-4pm, Professional Photographer
[Sports Fixtures and Results](#)

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