

THE ROCHE SCHOOL
WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

We have had much to celebrate this week, fortunately helped by glorious sunshine. We kicked off on Monday with the Year 6 Art Exhibition at the Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery on Old York Road. Thanks to years of creative input from Susie and Bayly, the Art was awesome and of course the champagne and nibbles helped us to appreciate it even more. A big thanks to those who helped - you know who you are!

Years 1, 2 and 5 have all had lovely trips this week: Year 1 to the Wetland Centre and Year 2 to Sayers Croft. We were concerned that Miss Alys's dodgy foot would prevent her from going at all, but she insisted that she could not possibly miss it and wouldn't even take a camping chair. No divas here, people! Year 5 headed to the Lyceum Theatre to see their classmate Isabelle star as Nala in The Lion King. I was lucky enough to attend this trip and we were all SO proud to see Issy perform with such confidence and charisma in a major production on a West End stage - brava!!

Our Jubilee Celebration of Friendship and Culture on Thursday did not disappoint. Workshops were undertaken all day around diverse forms of Art and Music. Chef Michael and his kitchen team (Faiza, Senait and Assan) prepared stacks of delicious dishes from around the world and FORS provided little stalls for culturally diverse entertainment - as did Hugo, our resident Origami expert in Year 4. We particularly enjoyed seeing the wide range of cultural dress which was so beautifully paraded to the sound of the steel pans (thank you, Metronomes). There will shortly be a film of this event available in which we celebrate the range of cultural diversity at the school and the *joie de vivre* of our pupils. The message is clear - all pupils are loved and valued at this school and we are all the better for our rich range of cultural heritage and lively individuals. We were delighted to welcome back Wandsworth MP Fleur Anderson who was a hard-pressed judge alongside Carmen and Sarah Roche, Miss Claudette in a Queen mask and Toby the school teddy bear.

Please note there will be an Open Day for our nursery on Tuesday 21st June at 2pm. The level of care and attention (and resulting progress) in our nursery is quite exceptional. Do come and talk to the team.

This morning we had a house charities assembly with the representatives from the four chosen charities of this year. They were thrilled to receive 3K each - a fantastic total which YOU made possible. Thank you for your generosity. On this note, Miss Lydia will be supervising the final collection this term for Little Village (under 5s) which will take place next Thursday 23rd June. The theme is 'A Good Night's Sleep' and the types of donations looked for as follows:
Moses baskets, cot beds, toddler beds, duvets and covers, blankets, PJs, sheets, muslins, swaddles, sleeping bags, cuddly toys. I know it's a big "ask" but our parents constantly amaze us. Incidentally, the last Food Bank Friday on (Friday 8th July) has a tinned soup focus so let's pile it high!

Thank you to all those who attended Mrs Charlotte's Thursday Talk: A Global Outlook within the Curriculum. Next Thursday, Mrs Melanie will be discussing 11+ Reading at 9am on Zoom so once again, please tune in for tips on how to support the ever-important reading habits of your children.

On Thursday of next week at 8.15am, two curriculum talks will take place. One of these is for Reception moving to Year 1 (in Miss Kate's room) and the other (in the main hall) is for Year 1 moving to Year 2. These talks (which will be repeated and PowerPoints sent home) will give you an insight into the curriculum next year and the expectations around development.

The Roche School has Talent takes place on Thursday 23rd June at 9.15am. For £5, Miss Lydia will send you the link to a recording of the show should you wish to see it. Please do help your child to prepare if they are participating. Mr Lee and I will be judging this one. The question is, how do I stop Lee grabbing the mic and doing a turn himself?

Next Friday is Sports Day, details of which have already been shared, [but please find the link here](#). Fingers crossed for more sunshine! This is always a lovely day for the school community.

Pride takes place every year in June and is a celebration designed to recognise the influence of the LGBTQIA+ community, celebrate diversity and promote the right for all to live without discrimination. We do have age-appropriate literature in the school library should you wish to explore this aspect of life with your child.

Staff news for the next academic year sadly sees us losing Mr Pete Clark, Director of Sport and Head of Safeguarding. Pete and his family are moving to Manchester where his extremely capable wife will be taking up a headship. Pete will be with us until the October half-term when Miss Allana will take over as Director of Sport (retaining her Diversity Lead position) and Mrs Louise will step up to Safeguarding which she will run alongside her Pastoral Care and SENCo responsibilities.

Moving on are beloved staff members Miss Olga (after an impressive total of 12 years at the school), Miss Thalía (a home-grown Rocheling) and Katie Way. We wish them all much success and happiness and look forward to hearing how they are getting on.

Leavers assemblies - with outgoing families welcome - are Monday 4th July for non-Year 6 leavers and the 8th itself for our Year 6s. That's always a tearjerker. Both start at 9am.

Hoping to see many of you at the school fete tomorrow.

Vania

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 21st June, 2pm, Nursery Open Day

Thursday 23rd June, 8.15am, Parent Talk on Year 1 (Miss Kate's room) and Year 2 (main hall) Curriculum

Thursday 23rd June, 9am, Parent Talk on 11+ Reading, Zoom

Thursday 23rd June, Talent Show

Thursday 23rd June, Little Village Collection

Friday 24th June, Sports Day

Friday 24th June, 7pm, FORS Summer Party, Le Gothique

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