



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

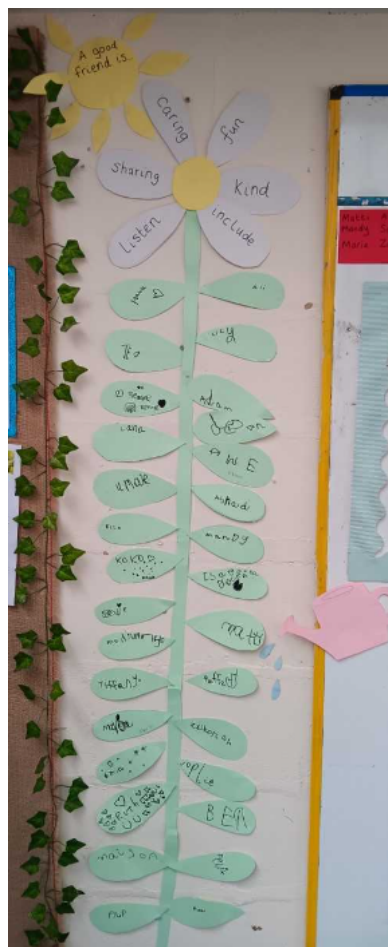
*Learn together, grow together*

Friday 17 May 2024

Dear Families,

Our whole school celebrated UNICEF's Living in Peace Day on Thursday. Each Reception class started the day with a visit from our Year 2 Rights Respecting ambassadors who explained their role and the importance of understanding what rights all children are entitled to. The children made friendship bracelets, drew their best friends, and discussed what it means to be a good friend - these qualities were then used to create a friendship flower. They made a friendship cake which included extra ingredients of fun, kindness, listening, and sharing.





Year 1 spent their Living in Peace day discussing our UNICEF rights and the theme of friendship. They made posters to highlight what being a good friend means to them. They shared ideas such as

'helping others', 'sharing toys', 'being respectful', 'taking turns', and 'saying compliments to each other'.



The Year 2 children discussed the UNICEF articles, in particular, Article 2 which states that every child has rights “without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child’s or his or her parent’s or legal guardian’s race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or another status”. The children discussed what kindness is, why their classmates are special and they enjoyed writing acrostic poems about kindness, friendship, and school. Inspired by our Winnie the Pooh characters, we thought about respect and responsibility and created a Year Group book around the Learning Behaviours - they are looking forward to sharing this with the rest of the school. Finally, they sang songs about togetherness and friendship.



### **Building work**

The roof work is now complete and we will soon start to see the scaffolding being removed. Bee and Squirrel classes will be returning to their original classrooms on Monday afternoon. During half term, the demountable classroom in the year 1 playground will be removed and the playground surface will then be made safe. Unfortunately, the council is unable to resurface the whole playground. This work will impact access to the year 1 playground and the Reception classrooms for a short time.

### **Changes to Reception and Year 1 drop off and collection - Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June**

Due to the removal of the roof scaffolding the following arrangements have been made:

#### **Morning drop off**

Beginning on **Monday 3rd June** please could all children in **Year 1 and Reception** be dropped off in the ICT suite where staff will be waiting. Please could **all** parents drop off and leave the site promptly via the gate by the school office (not via the blue ramp).

#### **Afternoon collection**

Reception children will be picked up from the ICT suite at **3.00 pm**. Year 1 children will be picked up from the ICT suite at **3.10 pm**. Again, please leave the site promptly using the side gate next to the office to exit the site.

There will also be some changes to the Connections and Clubs collection rooms and we will advise you of this next week.

### **Year 2 trip to RHS Wisley Gardens**

This a reminder to Year 2 parents to please make payment by Monday 20 May for the upcoming trip to Wisley Gardens on Monday 3 June. The cost is £15.25 per child which covers the cost of the coach and a small donation to the RHS. Although by law this has to be a voluntary contribution, we cannot afford this activity without financial help. We appreciate your support. The trip is on the first Monday back after half term so please let us know if you have any questions well in advance, many thanks.

### **Cake sale to raise funds for our school swimming pool**

Next Wednesday there will be a cake sale to raise money towards our recent pool refurbishment. If you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits etc please bring them to the school office by Wednesday afternoon.

### **Sun protection**

Now that the weather is getting warmer we are mindful of the importance of protecting children from the sun. We will share our updated sun protection policy with you next week. To protect children we recommend putting factor 30+ cream on them before school, sending in plenty of fresh water each day, and a bucket-style sun hat (named) If you send in sunscreen it must be in a named plastic roll-on bottle. Children must apply their cream to themselves, so it would be useful if you practise this at home. These can be bought on Amazon, search "sunscreen refillable applicators" for ideas.

### **Swimming volunteers - help needed and arrival time**

Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered to help with our swimming sessions this week, they couldn't happen without your support. We have made a slight change to the time we ask our volunteers to arrive at the school, please arrive by 12.45 pm, sign in at the desk, and then our office staff will let you in to make your way down to the pool. Please ensure that you wear your lanyard as you walk through the school and walk around the MUGA on the field side. A reminder please not to put your name on the rota unless you are certain you have a valid, completed check with the school, if in doubt please check with the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We currently have the following slots that have not been filled for next week:

- **Year 1** - Wednesday 22 May  
1 helper is needed in the girls' changing rooms
- **Year 2** - Thursday 23 May  
1 helper is needed in the pool

1 helper is needed in the boys' changing rooms

Where possible, if you have a completed DBS check through the school, please sign up to help if you can and contact Laila our coordinator at [chsswimmingrota@gmail.com](mailto:chsswimmingrota@gmail.com). Without enough support, we will have no alternative but to cancel sessions.

### **Swimming safety**

As you know when a child has been sick or has an episode of diarrhoea we ask that they are absent from school for 48 hours. This is to avoid cross-infection with the other children and adults in the school. Following recent health and safety advice, we will also be enforcing our swimming pool policy that children who have had diarrhoea/vomiting will not be able to swim in our school pool for 14 days due to the risk of cryptosporidium being present. This parasite can live for up to 14 days and is highly resistant to chlorine (*cryptosporidium* is a parasite that causes a diarrheal illness called cryptosporidiosis). We need to put the health and safety of our children at the forefront of everything we do and we have made this decision following local authority and medical advice. Please let us know if your child has diarrhoea/vomiting during a weekend so that we are aware that they must not swim. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Safely crossing Coombe Lane West - please use the pedestrian crossing**

We urge you again to demonstrate a good road safety message to all of the children, they have recently been learning about this as part of Beep Beep Day, supported by Brake, the road safety charity. Unfortunately this week we are still seeing parents not using the pedestrian crossing and running their children through the traffic which is slowing or waiting for the lights. We ask you again not to do this as it is so dangerous and a poor example to set for the children, thank you for your co-operation.

### **Letter from Police - Dangers of swimming in rivers and open water**

We have been asked to share the following letter with you from the Metropolitan Police which highlights to parents the dangers of swimming in rivers and open water.

 **Parents letter Open water (002).pdf**

### **“Celebrating Diversity” committee coffee morning - Wednesday 22 May 9 - 10 am**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along to the Celebrating Diversity committee's coffee morning in the staff room next Wednesday morning after drop off until 10 am, further information is below.



### Second hand school uniform available

We have lots of second hand school uniform available if you need anything (in the school office entrance). We have a charity collection tin on the front desk for our partner, Namanyanga school in Malawi should you wish to donate, otherwise please feel free to come in and take items free of charge.

### Volunteering in school - DBS checks

If you would like to help with swimming, trips, or any other activity in school and do not yet have a DBS check through the school, please come to the school office to collect the application forms, or you can email [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) and we will put them in your child's blue bag. If you have completed a DBS check with us and have received your certificate in the post, we must see the certificate for our records, to complete the process. Please bring your certificate to the school office as soon as you receive it for us to take a copy. We also encourage you to sign up for the DBS update service (free to volunteers) within 28 days of receiving your certificate, [DBS Update Service - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/services/contact). DBS certificates are valid for three years, if you need to check if you still have a valid certificate with us please contact the school office.

### Pupil Premium Grant


When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child's eligibility was checked and you think you may now be eligible. Please complete the attached link and your status will be re-assessed <https://forms.gle/yrUZKUVsunMns7yc9>.

### Summer term dates

A reminder of all of our important Summer term dates:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u\\_SPy\\_tUbSzE5ZS1137t1JVCDQth1Aas/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u_SPy_tUbSzE5ZS1137t1JVCDQth1Aas/view?usp=sharing)

### Community and other information

- The **Love the Ball camp** is back at Coombe Hill for the May half term. This will be led by the sports coaches that your children are familiar with through their PE lessons and school clubs. Bookings are now being taken, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.
- **“Music in Kingston”** - join the Kingston Music Service and a host of the most exciting music makers in the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames for an afternoon of performances, workshops, and exhibitions, 12.00-15.00 on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Held in the glorious surroundings of All Saints Church, Kingston, this is an opportunity for young people and adults alike to explore a breadth of what the borough has to offer, from listening to short performances, to taking part in free workshops, or even having a go at a brand new instrument. Entrance is free, and more information can be found on our website: <https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/musicinkingston>.
- On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, **Dons Local Action Group are holding their annual Family Fun Day**. It is a hugely popular event and takes place at the Old Rutlishians Sports Club in Merton Park. With free entry until 1pm families will enjoy a host of attractions, alongside some great food and drink options. Further information is in the flyer attached.
- The **Developing Mind Lab in the Department of Psychology at Kingston University are running a Young Scientist Event for children** aged 4-11 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May. Parents are invited to bring their children along to learn about psychology and gain first-hand experience of psychological research. A variety of research activities are available ranging from how we perceive emotions to how we solve puzzles. Here is the link for further information about the event and for parents to register: <https://www.kingston.ac.uk/events/item/4304/29-may-2024-young-scientists-2024/>
- Please find to follow full details of **Achieving for Children’s series of “Helping Children with....”** webinars on challenging behaviours, screen time and sleep  'Helping children with...' series for Summer term 2024.pdf
- Please find attached the programme for the **May half term at Kingston Children's Centres**. This may be of interest to our families with children under 5 <https://tinyurl.com/KingstonCCS-Mayhalfterm>
- Details of a half term **Arts and Crafts camp in Wimbledon** for children are given below.
- **New Malden Fire Station on Burlington Road** is holding their annual open day on Sunday 30 June from 12 - 4 pm, everyone is welcome to come along, and see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

School finishes for half term next week. Friday is an INSET day (no children in school), please collect your children at the usual times on Thursday afternoon.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

### ***Safeguarding***

*Safeguarding our young children is our priority and all staff are trained to keep children safe. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you are concerned about a child or young person please call children's services on 020 8547 5008. The South London CAMHS Crisis Line for both children and adults can be reached on 0800 028 8000.*

# HOLIDAY CAMP

4 days:  
28th - 31st  
May 2024

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Schools

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**26TH MAY  
2024  
DOORS 10.30AM**  
**OLD RUTLISHIANS  
POPLAR ROAD  
MERTON PARK  
SW19 3JS**

**DONS Local  
Action Group**

# FAMILY FUNDAY



**RAFFLE • FACE PAINTING  
SWEET STALL • DONKEY RIDES  
MERCHANDISE STALL  
INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE  
DISCO BUS BY BRITISHREDBUS.COM  
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MEET AFC WIMBLEDON STARS  
AFC WIMBLEDON CLUB SHOP  
BARBECUE • BAR (FEATURING REAL ALE BAR)  
& MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

**RUTSFEST  
2024**  
ROCK & MUSIC  
FESTIVAL

**LIVE MUSIC  
FROM MIDDAY  
16 LIVE BANDS**

**TWO OUTDOOR  
STAGES  
HOST OF DJs  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY & EVENING**



**FREE ENTRY UNTIL 1PM!**  
ENTRY AFTER 1PM WITH ADVANCE TICKETS  
**ADULTS £12 • U12S FREE • U18S & STUDENTS £6**  
ENTRY AT THE DOOR WITHOUT ADVANCE TICKETS  
**ADULTS £15 • U12S FREE • U18S & STUDENTS £8**  
**ADVANCE TICKETS [oldruts.club/rutsfest](http://oldruts.club/rutsfest)**

**NO PARKING - GREAT TRANSPORT LINKS**



# MUSIC IN KINGSTON

Performance | Workshops | Exhibition

**12.00-15.00, 18th May 2024**





# OPEN DAY

## New Malden Fire Station

Sunday, 30 June 2024 12pm – 4pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- Watch rescue demonstrations with our latest fire service equipment.
- Family activities, BBQ, live music and a charity raffle.
- Early opening for neurodiverse needs between 11am – 12pm

**180 Burlington Road New Malden KT3 4RW**

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LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

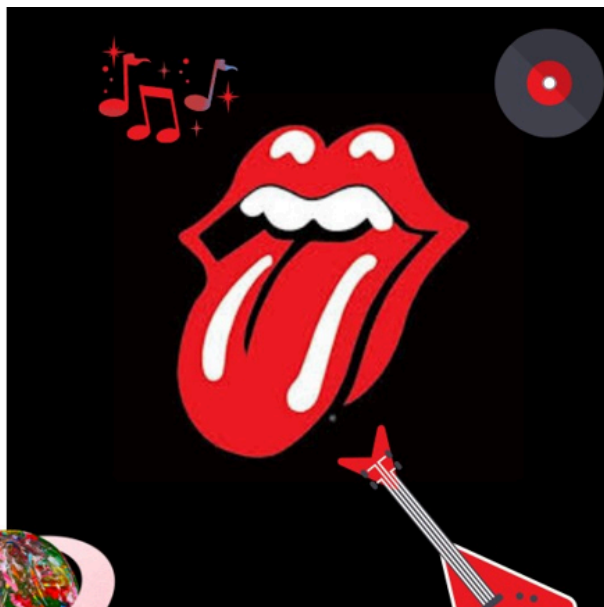
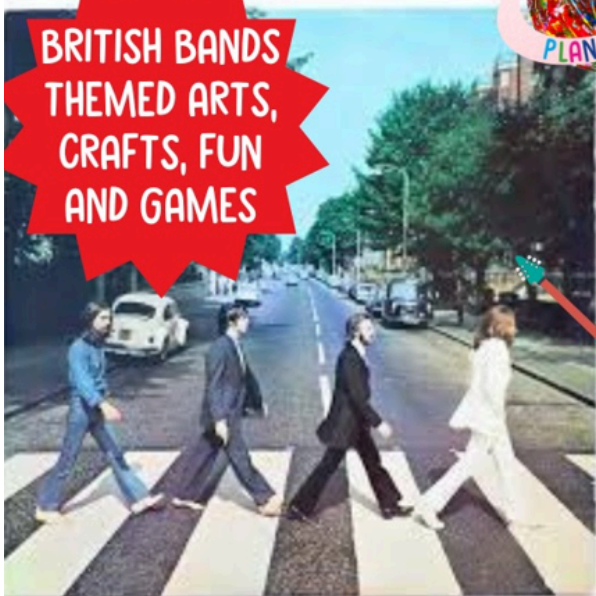
# PLANET ART



ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN  
**BOOK NOW! MAY HALF TERM!**  
BRITISH BANDS CAMP

WEDNESDAY 29TH, THURSDAY 30TH AND  
FRIDAY 31ST MAY  
GARDEN HALL, ST MARY'S, SW19 7BP  
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**Ages 4 - 8**  
(4 year olds  
must be in  
Reception)

