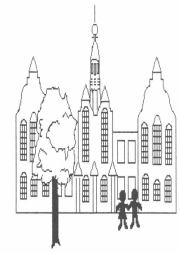


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



Small School With Great Expectations

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Sierra Leone Visitors

On Tuesday we had some visitors from schools in Sierra Leone. As we mentioned before we are delighted to be linked to the Industrial and Co-operative Preparatory School near to Freetown. Three head teachers from schools there looked around our school, speaking to pupils and looking at our resources. The position of schooling in their country, however, is very different from in England.

Working in mud rooms with classes of 50-60 and 1 teacher, they are slowly building an education system from scratch. The country was engulfed in war between 1991 and 2001. Following this, schools started from lessons taught to groups of children in the shade of trees. Paper and basic resources are scarce. There is an average of 1 text book for 6 children. Looking at our computers and interactive whiteboards, the conditions for our pupils and theirs are worlds apart.

'Go Green' Launch Day

On Friday 27th March we will be having a day focusing on green environmental issues. Pupils and staff will be encouraged to Wear anything GREEN and get a free GREEN biscuit or bun – all for 50p. Pupils will plant 3 seeds in school at some point during the day then take them home. When they have grown they need to bring them back to school! The class with the most plants successfully grown and returned

to school will win a "Mystery Outdoor Trip!" (Possibilities include pond dipping, Pearson Park visit – animals & park or picnic on school field).

There will also be prizes for decorating plant pots; designing a scarecrow (FS/KS1); and making a pledge to reduce their carbon footprint (KS2).

Stage Lights

We decided at Christmas that we would improve our school productions by hiring some professional stage lights. These



were really successful so we have had some permanent coloured lights, a spotlight and backdrop curtains fitted in the hall.

The first major production using the new facilities will be 'Grease' which is currently in rehearsal stage.

Year 3/4 Assembly

This week it was year 3/4's turn to dazzle us with a brilliant assembly. They showed us their skills at writing newspaper recounts, and then gave a detailed account of how they could improve the local environment. As well as songs and a rap, all of the children spoke clearly and confidently.

Lord Mayor's Visit

On Monday 30th March, the Lord Mayor is visiting the school. She will be talking to the school council, looking around classrooms and attending an assembly to watch some of our animations.

Miss Bonnington and her class have also agreed to do a repeat performance of yesterday's assembly. This will take place at 2.30pm and parents/ carers are again welcome to attend.

Want to get back to work?

Fenchurch Children's Centre are offering 'Work Focus Sessions' for parents who have children under 5. Jeanne Cutting provides advice, guidance and links to courses to help people get back into work. If you are interested please contact Jeanne at the centre.

Dates for your diary:

School Year 2008-9

(All dates are inclusive)

Second Spring half term:
23rd Feb – 3rd April 2009

First Summer half term:
21st April – 21st May 2009

We are on holiday on **4th May** for May Day.

Second Summer half term:
1st June – 17th July 2009

Class Assemblies (at 2.45pm)

26.3.09 – Reception class Spring Assembly

What The children need

Rec Thursday 26th - Reception's Spring Assembly 2.45pm

Year 1 PE kits Wednesday

Year 4 PE kits Monday & Thursday

Year 5 PE kit Wed & Thursday.

Year 6 Mock Victorian Trial trip Monday AM **Do not be late for school.** Parents SAT's meeting in the hall, Monday 2.15-3.15pm. PE kit Wednesday,

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AND MENU

Monday

Lunch	Choir		Miss Bonnington
Lunch	Steel Drums		Mr Browning & Mr Morfitt
Lunch	Horse & Pony Club	K/S 2	Miss Northern
3.15-4.15	Drama Club	Y5 & Y6	Ms Johnson
3.15-4.15	Clarinet Club	K/S 2	Miss Bonnington

Today's Healthy Eating Menu, Braised Sausages, mashed potatoes, Garden Peas and carrots and sweet corn **Veg Option:** Cod & Salmon fishcakes, Jacket Potatoes. **Dessert:** Fruit whip or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Lunch	Drama Club	Y5 & Y6	Ms Johnson
Lunch	Recorder Club	K/S 2	Miss Bonnington
3.15-4.15	Archery Club	K/S 2	Outside Coach

Today's Healthy Eating Menu, Roast Chicken, Boiled potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots. Steamed Chocolate pudding with pink sauce **Veg option** Stir Fried Vegetables with noodles, **Dessert** Chocolate fruit crispy or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Lunch	ICT	K/S2	Mrs McIwaine & Mr Cameron
3.15-4.15	Dance Club	Yr5/6	Hames School of Dance

Today's Healthy Eating Menu, Minced Beef & Vegetable Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet corn & Peas **Veg option:** Tomato & Vegetable Pasta, **Dessert:** Rice Pudding or Yoghurt

Thursday

Lunch	Steel Drums		Mr Browning & Mr Morfitt
3.15-4.15	Crafty Kids	Years 2 & 3	Miss Atkinson & Miss Baitson
3.15- 4.15	Fantastic Food	All Years	Mrs Heidstra & Mrs Bielby
3.15 – 4.15	Language Lab	Years 3-6	Mrs Wilde

Today's Healthy Eating Menu, Roast Pork Loin with stuffing/apple sauce. Savoy Cabbage and Carrots **Veg option:** Mediterranean Vegetable Quiche **Dessert** Jam Sponge & Custard or Yoghurt

Friday

Today's Healthy Eating Menu: Breaded Fish, Chips, baked beans. **Veg Option:** Mega Macaroni Bake **Dessert:** Banana Muffin & Yoghurt

**The next 'Stepney Gift Shop' will be on Friday, 3rd April from 3.15pm.
Gifts from as little as 50p.**