



Mrs Nairne's Headlines

Feeling Proud

What a week this has been! Science Week and Comic Relief. The children and staff are exhausted. I was so proud to see our children sharing what we have been up to with the Mayor, Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste. There are lots of reasons to feel proud this week. The children were fantastic in the Cross Country event on Saturday and today they exceeded all expectation by planning, organising and taking part in Comic Relief activities. It is looking like we have raised nearly £1,300!

Dates

On **Tuesday 22nd** at **8.45am** we have our Puberty Session for parents and carers in the small hall. This will be run by the school nurse.
Wednesday 23rd is the Year 1 WOW Day - Space Explorers!
On **Thursday 24th** Year 2 have their Great Fire of London WOW Day and assembly. Please remember term finishes an hour earlier than normal on **Thursday 31st March**.
Friday 1st April is Parents Consultation Day. School will be closed to pupils but they are welcome to join the meeting.

Communication

Please remember you are always welcome to book an appointment to see me if there is ever anything you would like to discuss. We all want the same thing, which is the best for our children, and it is important we work together to achieve that. We value honest and communication and always value your feedback.

We are here to support our community so please know that we are always here to help you.



We are sure you are aware of the pressures on school budgets. The pandemic has had a huge impact on our school financially and we really appreciate any support you can give. If you are able, please donate to our Voluntary Fund. Please click [here](#) to donate. Thank you.





Thank you to everybody involved who made GROWTH AND CHANGE SCIENCE WEEK 2022 a great success. Teachers and children had an amazing time and there was a constant Science buzz around the school this week. Keep an eye open on the website for updates about all the exciting Science activities that have happened. Keep feeding your children's enquiring minds!

[Please click here to see more!](#)



We received positive feedback about information sent previously regarding what is happening in Ukraine. Here are some more websites that may help when talking to children about these difficult issues.

[Supporting children if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine \(Childnet\)](#)

[How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine and World War Three anxiety \(Metro\)](#)

[Talking with Children About War and Violence in the World \(Family Education, US\)](#)

[Resource for parents](#)



**SEND FAMILY
SUPPORT**

S.E.A.T.S.S

16 live presentations

covering a range of SEND
presentations / workshops.

You can attend as many as you
would like during the day.

Will Be Held On



Wednesday

30th March 2022



Virtual Conference

9.30 am - 2.30 pm

[Please click
here to register](#)

Celebrations

HAPPY
PURIM



Purim is the most festive **Jewish** holiday. It is also called the Feast of Lots. The holiday celebrates a time when Jews in **Persia** (now Iran) escaped a plot to harm them. Purim usually falls in late February or early March.

In the 400s bce Haman, the Persian king's adviser, plotted to kill all the Persian Jews. To choose a day for the killings, he drew lots (which means that he picked a day by chance). But the Persian queen, a Jewish woman named Esther, convinced the king to stop Haman. This story is told in the Book of Esther in the Bible.

On Purim Jews go to a synagogue and listen to a reading of the Book of Esther. Afterward family and friends have a festive meal. The celebration often includes acting out the story and playing games. People exchange gifts of food and give to the poor. They also eat pastries called hamantaschen, which means "Haman's pockets." The pastries are supposed to resemble Haman's three-cornered hat.

Saint Patrick's Day, held on the 17th of March each year, is a religious and cultural holiday that celebrates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. This date represents and commemorates the death of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day has become a celebration of Irish culture, being celebrated around the world with parades, dancing, music and special foods.

Originally labelled a Christian 'feast day' in the 17th Century, Saint Patrick's Day bases itself on the legends that have been passed down about the Patron Saint through the centuries.



Holi is one of the main Hindu festivals. It's a spring festival and is also known as the festival of colour. The festival celebrates the Hindu god, Krishna, who's known as a god of love and protection.

Holi has been celebrated since ancient times in agricultural areas to throw off the darkness of winter and welcome the light of spring. The festival is seasonal so the dates change each year - it's celebrated following the full moon in the month of 'Phalguna' in the Hindu calendar, usually in February or March.

Celebrating the victory of good over evil is extremely important in Hinduism. This is because Hindus believe that souls are eternal and gods and people live many lives in different bodies for centuries. They therefore need to continue to banish evil spirits that may also be everlasting souls.

Happy
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Build your child's self-esteem

When we have a positive view of ourselves, it can help us to cope with life's challenges. Recognising the different qualities of others can allow us to connect with those around us – which is vital for our own and others' wellbeing.

How can parents help?

Your child believes everything you say – and acts on it. This is a great opportunity for you to make sure they hear you expressing joy and delight in spending time together, accepting them entirely as they are: *"I so enjoyed watching you paint this picture..."*, *"I had so much fun playing with you this morning..."*, *"Olive worked really hard on this over the weekend..."* Remember to praise effort, not result!

With best wishes,
Greta



Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy



Panda knows when to be calm. She understands when to step out of an argument and does not raise her voice if it isn't needed. We encourage everyone to follow Peaceful Panda and respect others if they disagree with your opinion. It is better to discuss your problems with an adult rather than continue arguing.



Unicorn accepts other cultures and stands up for them. She empathises with her friends and tries to comfort them when they are not feeling their best. Although we all like happiness, it's good for your mental health to experience all emotions, and it can make you fully enjoy the good emotions.



Lion is always trying his best, and he learns from his mistakes and knows they can help him. He also respects all his classmates. When he is learning, he always listens and never gives up. We encourage everyone to follow learning lion and make this school a better place by embracing their mistakes.

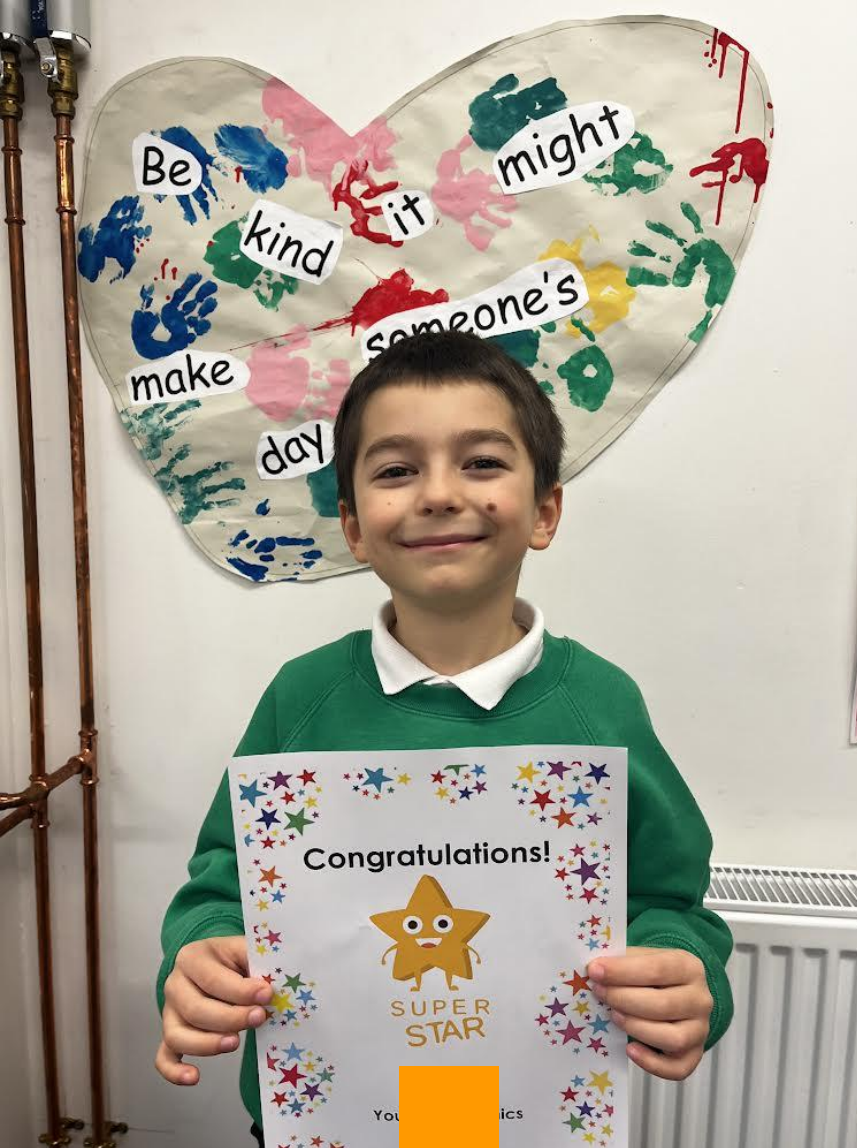


Squirrel knows how to be safe online and offline. He takes risks but knows how to be careful. We encourage everyone to follow Safety Squirrel by using the internet wisely and listening to trusted adults. If anything happens at school, tell a teacher because they can help you.



Equity Elephant knows that fairness is not always equal but does meet every person's needs so that they can learn together. Meaning that the help given to one child might not be enough for someone going through a rough time at home or a child with special needs.





COMIC
RELIEF

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DAY

Keep a look
out for more
photographs
in next week's
newsletter!





Friends of
Handsworth



THE STOW BROTHERS

For 'All The Lovers' of Kylie... your wait is over!

Book tickets for **Kylie on Show** NOW!

You may be 'Shocked' to know that 'On A Night Like This' is open to everyone over 18 and there will be a licenced bar.

Our 'Wow Wow Wow' tribute act is 'Light Years' ahead of any other, so 'What Are You Waiting For?' Make sure there are no 'Tears on Your Pillow' and **BOOK NOW:**

[Book Here](#)

'Hand On Our Heart', you'll be 'Spinning Around' before you know it.

Register with your name & email. Or if you are already registered on PTA Events, simply log in and purchase.

And remember - you're doing it for the 'Kids'.

The event is kindly sponsored by The Stow Brothers.



Star of the Week



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FINN

RAO

MARLEY

1MJ

ANASTASIA

RHH

PHOEBE

2KC

YASMINE

2MW

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The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn. The stars also have the opportunity to have tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!