



Monday 9th September 2024

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th September
Thursday 12th September
Monday 16th September

Wednesday 25th September
Monday 30th September
Tuesday 8th October
Wednesday 9th October
Monday 21st October
Friday 25th October
Thursday 31st October

Meeting for Year 6 parents/carers 5pm (Secondary Transfer)
Year 5 swimming starts (Gaea class)
Morning boosters start for Year 5 and 6
Bikeability training in Years 5 and 6
Year 6 School Journey meeting 5pm
After school clubs start this week (8 weeks duration)
Year 5 Gaea to the PPMCC
Year 5 Castalia to the PPMCC
Year 6 school journey leaves
School journey returns
Last day of the half term
Deadline for secondary transfer applications

Welcome back!!!

We hope all our families have had a peaceful and happy summer. We were so excited to welcome everyone back last week and it has been an AMAZING start with lots of smiling faces and great stories. A special well done to our new FS2 classes who started BIG SCHOOL for the first time. You were all so grown up and brave!! (And that's just the parents.) Well done to all of you.

We will try to explain things as we go along but of course if you have any questions, come in to the school office, come and see Caroline or catch one of our senior leaders in the playground each morning. We're all here for you.

Our school office has a slightly new look. The artist formally known as *Miss Marcer* will henceforth be known as **Carol** and will now be working at reception and completing our school attendance each day. We have a new telephone system in school and you are now able to report your child's absence by selecting option one and leaving a message stating your child's name, year group and their reason for absence.

Academic Tutoring Days (ATDs.) – We will not have our usual ATDs this term but will instead have two parents' evening on Wednesday 6th November and Wednesday 13th November between 3.30pm and 6pm. Information will come out nearer the time and parents/carers will be able to book appointments with class teachers through the school app.

Year 6 secondary transfer – brace yourselves Year 6 parents and carers, it's time to start thinking secondary schools! The deadline for applications to be completed is 31st October 2024. Mrs Adams and the Year 6 teachers are holding an information meeting at 5pm on Tuesday 10th September in the bottom hall. All Year 6 parents are invited to come along and hear about the process and ask any questions. We recommend that you visit as many secondary school open days as you can with your child so you get a sense of the differences between them. It's extremely important to get this right so please take all the help being offered and don't hesitate to come and speak with us if you have ongoing questions.

Attendance

FS2 Artemis	100%
YR3 Chimera	98.8%
YR4 Medusa	97.5%
YR6 Perseus	96.4%
YR1 Acanthis	94.6%
FS2 Apollo	93.9%
YR5 Castalia	93.6%
YR2 Helios	91.3%
YR3 Siren	90.1%
YR1 Plutus	89.5%
YR2 Terpsichore	89.1%
YR5 Gaea	87.3%
YR6 Andromeda	87.1%
YR4 Hera	83.9%

Whole school average for this week: 92.3%

School meals and free school meals

All children currently receive a free school meal paid for by the government and we would highly recommend that your child enjoys a hot free school meal in school every day. We fully understand that some children do prefer a home-made packed lunch, however our caterers Chartwells do provide sandwiches every day alongside the hot options so your child could enjoy a sandwich plus our salad bar and puddings at no cost to you. Our lovely lunch supervisors ensure all children eat as much as possible and will always contact parents/carers if there are any issues.

We would also encourage all parents/carers to apply for the free school meal benefit if you are eligible (as you receive certain benefits) you may still be able to receive the clothing grant of £50 to help towards purchasing uniform for your child. The school will also receive additional grant funding called Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals benefit

Here is the link you need and please pop to the school office or Caroline for any help you may need.

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200285/about_our_schools/395/apply_for_free_school_meals_and_other_grants_for_school_pupils

WEEKLY COMMENDATIONS: A Great Start

Shadrach Mukisa, Rosie Rand, Kayden McKenzie, Tyler Giltinane, Milana Survillo, Frankie Myatt, Daisy Truman, Charlie Minshull, Martin Giltinane, Bryan Lima, Jackson Mulvaney, Amelia Beadle, Cody Rowbotham, Megan Norbury, Lucas Doherty, Milou Ringmar-Sylwander, Azaleea Lupu, Andrii Maloshuk, Haja Koroma, Zidan Abdilahi, Rosie Willows, Dakota Mulvaney, Layla Furtado-Custodio, Lexi Blake, Teddy Burchell, Liyana Khan, London Rolls, Karina Iordache, Archie Rayney, Hannah Nguyen

Daily Certificates to:

Jack Allen, Kristianna Reid, David Larbi, Saamiyat Midasiru-Kasali, Gabriela Simoes-Martins, Zahra Salih-Hasan, Kyla-Rose Ingham, Albie Rand, Ada Hall, Omari Henry, Khalil Tajbakhsh-Powell, Victoria Shterev, Arthur Crane, Elisa Memaj, Ralphie-Jay Phipps, Elsie Robinson, Safa Diarrassouba, Kasey Carr, Aderire Akinye, Nell Brown, James Fenn, Suzana Lattouf, Gabrielle Uchidiuno, Hakan Demirel, Penelope Moriti, Carter Lyoubi, Skyla-Grace Friend, Joshua Brown

*We like to share our children's successes. **Every week**, individual children receive a special commendation from their teachers to a given focus. This week, teachers chose two children who have had a fantastic start. We share their names on the newsletter above.*

***Every day**, teachers choose two children to receive a daily certificate. It may be that they have tried really hard with their learning or done something super kind and impressive. Their names are also shared on the newsletter.*

Swimming starts this Thursday for Year 5 Gaea. Mrs Lewis will let you know what the children need – please make sure they all have a swimming hat. These are available to buy from the school office for £2.

