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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Brentford Player Visit

It has been a fantastic start to the year of sports, and we were fortunate enough to welcome a very special visit to Strand on Tuesday afternoon. B Team players Otis Honor and Domeiro Bobb-Semple joined our winning football teams from last year for an exciting afternoon of sport. The children were able to showcase their fantastic skills and receive expert feedback from the two professional players. They were then able to dive into the life of a professional player through a Q&A session. This was a great opportunity for our footballers to experience real life professionals and gain knowledge from their own experiences.

Year 5/6 Boys Football

On Wednesday, Strand took part in a Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament against 10 other schools across Hounslow. Strand got off to a winning start against Nishkam winning comfortably 3-0 with

Aleks scoring two fantastic goals. Our defending was a real strong point of the day, which resulted in us conceding 0 goals in the group stage and winning all three of our matches. We then went on to win 2 more games in the tournament, thanks to some superb midfield play from Rafael and dominant defending from Ollie. The team should be proud of their performances, which resulted in our first tournament win of the season. A massive well done to Dominic, Nadir, Ollie, Rafael, Christopher, Aleks, Amir and Mustafa H.

Year 3 Writing

The Year 3 staff have been so impressed by the progress that we have seen with writing. We have been exploring how to write accurate sentences and to include great word choices. When writing a description of travelling through a cave, inspired by Dinosaur Cove, we certainly saw more correctly punctuated sentences, more use of conjunctions to link and extend sentences, and word choices that helped to build up a super atmosphere that matched the task. Remember you are welcome to pop in and see your child's classroom/books; after school is the best time.

Help needed from all year groups

Mrs Ristic was on lunch duty on Wednesday and has asked all staff to talk to the children about using cutlery and their best manners- particularly when eating a roast. There were many who were keen to use just a fork, which proved a little challenging when eating chicken and roast potatoes! Lots of great examples were seen of children holding and using the cutlery correctly and talking only when they did not have food in their mouths. Please can you also have a chat over meals with your children about those table manners that make the whole dining experience much more enjoyable for all. Thank you in advance, and all staff will be on the lookout for those Strandites showing super manners. We have a new chef this year, and it has been wonderful to hear so many children and staff complimenting the food, so even more reason to build up those great manners!

Secret Strandite ..... Mr Ingram

Earlier this term Mr Ingram took part in the Serpentine Swim. Organised by London Marathon Events, the swim welcomed participants of all abilities from beginners to professionals. The two-mile distance swim was the last event Mr Ingram needed to complete to earn the prestigious London Classics medal (alongside the London Marathon and RideLondon 100), which he has completed in the last couple of years! Never one to do things by halves, just two weeks earlier Andy had his final viva for his MA - in which, of course, he gained a distinction!

Congratulations, Mr Ingram **#Spirited, #Scholarly!**

Sports Star of the Week

This week's sports star goes to Vivi in 4M for always being so spirited in every PE lesson and a fantastic leader to her peers.

Strandites Celebrated

Each week in assemblies, we celebrate children who consistently show they are **#spirited**, **#scholarly** or **#supportive**. This week, certificates went to:

#Scholarly: Oliver, Ilya, Seren, Aadhya Zoe, Eliza, Malek, Kashni, Nela, Marid and Jess

#Spirited: Giacomo, Avin, Kala-Luna, Lara, Mason, Finn, Jesse, Alex C and JJ

#Supportive: Sienna A, Shady, Arie, Melissa, Siena and Sebastian

School Council Elected

Last week the whole school was involved in hustings to elect their representatives to the School Council. A huge number of children stood for office and bravely made speeches at their year group assemblies. Well done to everyone who took part. It's great to see that the Strand tradition of developing responsible and committed citizens continues. The results of the elections, and the wild cards chosen by Ms Woods, were announced in assembly this week, and the whole school was able to congratulate their new representatives as they received their badge of office. The School Council for 2026 is:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Swan
Robyn	George	Nora	Elis	Shama
Giacomo	Amina	Willoughby	Jess	Mawada
Liana	Gabriel D	Mustafa OA	Martina	

Key Dates to Remember...

OCT 5 — **Bikeability Yr 6**

OCT 7 — **Olympic Athlete Visit**

OCT 12 — **Individual Photos**

OCT 15 — **Harvest Supper Yr 6**

For the full calendar of school events please visit **www.strandjuniors.co.uk**