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Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Secondary Transfer September 2027 – 31 October 2026

The deadline for secondary transfer applications is fast approaching. Currently, 23 families have submitted an application, with a further 5 applications in progress. Submitting a late application greatly reduces the chance of a child getting a place at one of their preferred schools. Late applications will only be processed after the first allocation of places to on-time applicants on 2 March 2027 - make sure you get yours in on time to avoid unnecessary complications.
See www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions for more information on how to apply.

Strand Food Bank Collection Needs Your Help

Our local foodbank in Brentford is desperate for donations. They need anything that's non-perishable, including cereals, baby food, pasta, rice, sugar, milk, pudding (eg. rice pudding or custard), tinned fruit and veg, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat/fish, tea/coffee, biscuits. Any toiletries like

shampoo/conditioner, body wash, toothbrush/paste, sanitary products and nappies (of all sizes) would be much appreciated. All donations by **23rd October,** please.

Bikeability In Yr 6

This week Yr 6 have been out and about learning how to ride safely on the roads. The children have all made massive improvements in their ability to control their speed, road positioning and awareness. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the team from Hounslow who ran the sessions.

Swan News

Over in River and Otter Class, it has been a busy and successful week. In River, everyone has worked hard to start mastering column addition and subtraction, working as a team to encourage and support one another in class. In Otter class, children have been thinking about what they want to be when they grow up, finding out about different jobs and sharing their thoughts with their classmates.

Girls Football

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a fantastic football festival, competing in a range of fun activities including 7v7 matches, 3v3 mini games, a football/netball-style challenge, and even football capture the flag!

The girls were incredible throughout the afternoon and represented the school brilliantly. Their behaviour was so impressive that a member of the public even contacted the school afterwards to compliment how respectful and well-mannered they were on the bus journey.

There were plenty of highlights from the afternoon, with lots of goals scored and some fantastic skills on display. Most importantly, the girls worked brilliantly as a team, supported one another and showed a fantastic attitude from start to finish.

Breadmaking in Yr 6

Preparations for Harvest Supper are well underway, and Yr 6 have been busy making bread for the Yr 6 event next week. The children have been learning about food hygiene and bacteria - all essential skills for their future lives. The children have also been busy practising their songs for Thursday's event. We look forward to seeing Yr 6 families for this lovely event.

Brass Begins

Year 4 have now started their brass instrument lessons with Hounslow Music Service.
We encourage children to practice at home whenever possible - once they have a few lessons under their belts - to help build confidence and develop note-playing skills. Please remember to

bring instruments into school every Wednesday and take good care of them at home. We look forward to seeing the progress the children will make!

Cutlery update, thank you!

Thank you to the families who had clearly had a chat and/or a training session on the benefits and use of using cutlery! There was a slight improvement, but we still have (lots of) room for improvement. Please continue the great work at home, and we will support further at school. Mrs Ristic was on duty with Year 3 and 6's on roast dinner Wednesday and gives a special mention to: Year 3s Annie, Thomas, Alex, Nina, Parveen, Clea and Mirah and Year 6s Oscar, Zac, James, Kabir and Almina.

Readers' Theatre in Year 3

Year 3 have been introduced to 'Readers' Theatre', which is a fantastic way to build accuracy, fluency and vocabulary development. The increased confidence and fluency from when the children first read the text at the start of the week to today, when they read in front of their classes, was amazing. Next week, texts will also help to build knowledge about particular dinosaurs. This knowledge will then help them to write non-fiction reports. Thank you again for the great regular reading that we are seeing at home. Please remember we are aiming for each child to read for 20 minutes a day. The progress again from those getting the support and practice at home and school is a joy to see and key to success.

Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Kala-Luna in Year 3. She showed fantastic spirit during our cross-country run in PE. Kala-Luna always listens carefully and approaches each new activity with enthusiasm, eager to see what comes next

Strandites Celebrated

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

#Scholarly: Sophie S, Nika, Ezekiel, Ameena, Ibrahim, Solomiia, Charlie, Emma B and Evie B

#Spirited: Neeya, Luciano, Mrs Ristic's maths club, Mila, Cooper and Lucas

#Supportive: Wisam and Amal

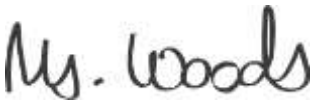
And Finally - Is my child too ill for school?

As we hit the season of coughs and colds, a reminder of when to keep your child at home if they are sick. This page from NHS gives lots of good advice about common illnesses such as sore throats,

coughs and colds as well as detail around infectious diseases such as chickenpox and measles. The key points are:

- Children can attend school with a cough, cold or sore throat
- If they have a high temperature, then remain at home until the temperature has gone
- Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

For full details, read the NHS advice here. Thank you for your help.



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Key Dates to Remember...

OCT 12
Individual Photos

OCT 15
Harvest Supper Yr 6 Soup tasting in River and Otter

OCT 16
Olympic Athlete vist and sponsored event

OCT 23
Autumn 1 ends

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