

BANDON HILL BULLETIN

Issue 57

Friday 26th September 2025

Assistant Headteacher Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to announce our new squad for the girls' football team this week. We are looking forward to another fantastic season, playing in the local league and cup competitions. We can't wait to see them in action and will keep you updated on all their matches.

Our cross country squads have been announced and they've already had their first practice run with Mr. Phillip. Everyone had a great time, and they are now looking forward to the borough competition in October. Let's hope for some nice weather for them!

Next week, a group of our children from Years 3 to 6 will be attending a fantastic skipping festival. We are so excited for them to take part in this fun event, where they will have the chance to learn and practise three different skipping techniques. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to improve their fitness and coordination while enjoying a great day out. We'll be sure to share some pictures of their skipping skills in the next newsletter!

Sports day will take place on Thursday 2nd July for Key Stage 1 and 2 at Wallington Sports Club. Years 1, 2 and 3 will compete in the morning and Years 4, 5 and 6 will compete in the afternoon. Our Reception children will have their sports day the following morning, Friday 3rd July, on the school ball court.

We're looking for more members to join our Parent Partnership Group. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the school community and help shape its future. If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office for more information.

Don't forget that you can buy tickets for Sutton United Vs Gateshead on 29th November through the school! The school receives half of the ticket price back, so it's a great way to support our school while enjoying a fun day out.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Hatchett

PSA UPDATES

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AGM Thursday 2nd

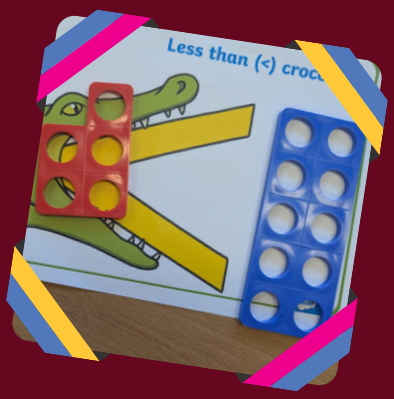
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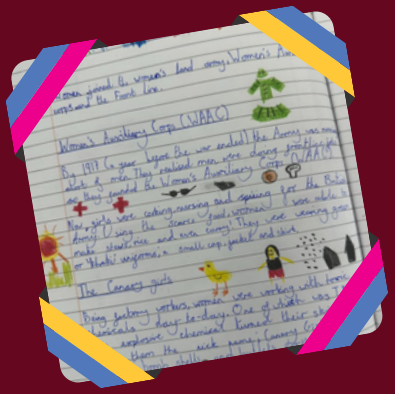




AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK







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CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

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This week has been another great week in Nursery, the children really have settled so well. We have enjoyed making our own colour monsters and thinking about the emotions linked to the different colours in the books.

Next week, we will be thinking about our own families. We will be drawing the people who live with us and these pictures will be displayed in our lockers. In maths, we will be learning about 2D shapes and their properties. Maybe you could go for a shape hunt with your child and see what shapes you can find and how many sides and corners those shapes have.

Please ensure that coats, hats, jumpers, cardigans, bags and water bottles are clearly named. It can be very difficult to work out who an unnamed jumper belongs to and some of the children have the same water bottles! We are really grateful for your help in this matter.

We wish you a happy weekend and look forward to another fun week next week.



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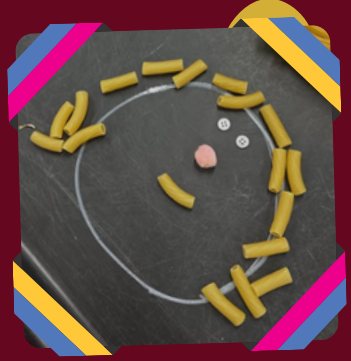
This week in Reception we have been looking at ourselves and creating our own self portraits that we have displayed in our classrooms. They have thought really carefully about their features. We have also enjoyed our book of the week which was Owl Babies!

Next week, the children will focus on the new graphemes g o c k and start to learn some tricky words. In maths, the children are doing well with numbers 1-5 and we have been looking at Number blocks to help us.

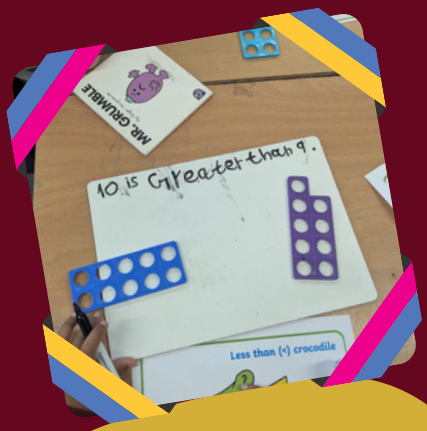
We are so impressed with those children who have been walking across the playground by themselves. We would love it if next week you could all say goodbye to your children at the top of the playground so they can walk across on their own.

Have a lovely weekend!

As it is getting colder outside we would like to ask for boxes of tissues for all the runny noses in the classroom. Thank you.



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1



1

This week, the children have been little artists, exploring different paint techniques inspired by the abstract work of Kandinsky. They've truly embraced their creative side, experimenting with color and shape to produce some amazing masterpieces.

In maths, we've been busy building on our number knowledge. The children are now much more confident with the concepts of one more and one less, using objects and number lines to help them visualise these relationships.

Meanwhile, our history lessons have been all about personal identity and the past. The children loved creating their own personal timelines, a wonderful way for them to connect with history on a personal level. We're so proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm!

Notices:
Please ensure your child returns their library book every Tuesday to enable them to take another book out.

If you are able to please bring in some tissues to donate to the class for the colder season ahead.

2

How can wood, metal and plastic be described?

We investigated and compared the properties of a range of materials in science this week. The children came up with some wonderful words to describe how they would feel and what they would look like.

Elsewhere in maths, the children have been ordering and comparing numbers up to 100. Towards the end of the week, we were practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and the children were successful in filling in the missing numbers of a number sequence.

The children have really enjoyed our story time session this week! We have been reading 'The day the crayons came home' by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers. The children found the crayons' individual postcards to Duncan of their adventures in and outside the house entertaining and very amusing!

The children have really engaged well in DT this week where we have been discussing the different parts of a fire engine and what materials would be needed to make our own. Next week, we will be designing a fire engine in preparation for making our very own out of cardboard in the coming weeks!

Finally, in P.E the children have enjoyed exploring different holding positions; helping them to build their strength, balance and co-ordination.



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

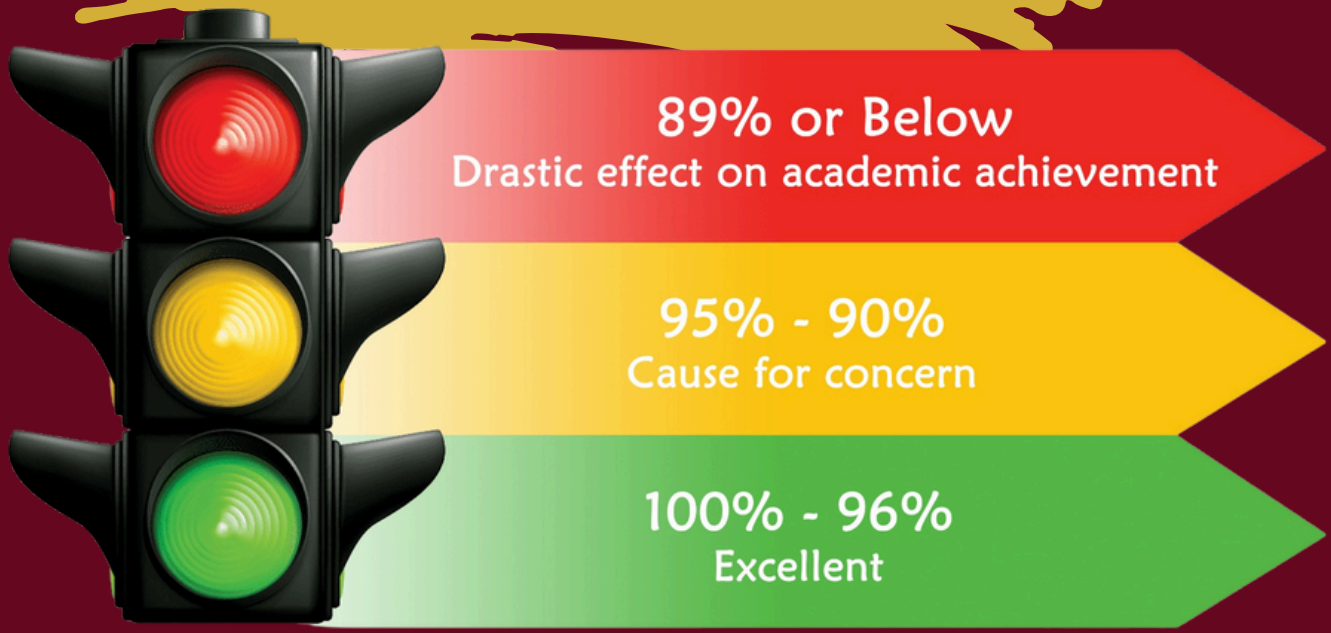
KS1: Ali

KS2: Curie

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Ali, Donaldson& Jeffers

KS2: Keller, Frank Kahlo, Curie, Hawking & Gandhi



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

3

This week in year 3 we have been writing a character description about a Stone Age character that we designed from the story Stone Age Boy. We described their appearance and personality using expanded noun phrases.

In maths this week we have been practising addition and subtraction, using our knowledge of place value and number bonds to add ones, tens and hundreds.

As part of our history topic we are using archaeological evidence to investigate a man from the bronze age, wondering whether we would prefer to live in the Bronze Age or the Stone Age.

We hope you have lovely weekend.

Please ensure that your child wears a jumper and coat to school on these chillier autumn days. Thank you.



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Year 4 have had a jam packed week!

We have continued to read 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane ' by Kate DiCamilo. We finished writing our diary entries; these were a joy to read! We also began to explore the features of a 'lost' poster ready to create our own next week.

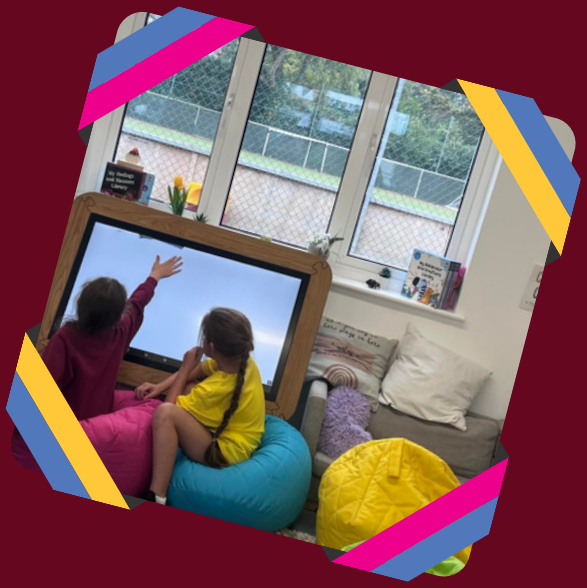
In maths this week, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10. 100 and 1000 which is the last step in our place value unit. Although this can be a bit tricky, year 4 have faced it head on and in turn done amazingly! Next week we are moving on to explore area.

The children have really enjoyed our 'L.S Lowry' topic so far this half term in art. Next week we will continue working on our own pieces inspired by L.S Lowry.

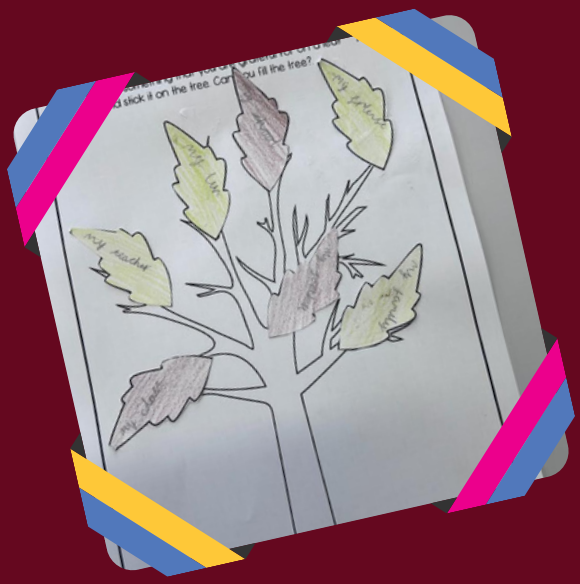


NURTURE UPDATE





Due to the Year 6 mock SATs, our morning Nurture interventions were put on hold this week. It was a great opportunity to support the some of the Year 6's through their first practice tests. They all showed incredible resilience, and these mock exams are a valuable tool to help them prepare for the real thing in May.



In our afternoon sessions, we've been focusing on two key areas: gratitude and well-being.
The children were very creative in making their own "thankfulness trees." This activity encouraged them to reflect on all the things they are grateful for, from family and friends to their favourite toys and hobbies. The children truly excelled at this, and it was a great way to remind them to appreciate the positive things in their lives.



We also started a new topic on physical and mental health. We've had some really thoughtful discussions about the differences between the two and what we can do to keep our bodies and minds healthy. We've talked about the importance of exercise, eating well, getting enough sleep, and also about the importance of expressing our feelings and asking for help when we need it. This is a vital topic and we look forward to exploring it further with the children.



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

5

This week, Year 5 have continued exploring the Amazon Rainforest with Katherine Rundell's book, 'The Explorer'.

The children have been working hard, planning and writing the next chapter of the story, imagining what might happen to the main characters next!

As part of our geography topic, we've also been learning about the indigenous people of the Amazon, focusing on the Awa tribe. We've been fascinated by their unique culture and their deep connection to the rainforest.

In maths, we've been tackling some big numbers! We've been learning all about rounding within 1,000,000, using our skills to round to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, and 100,000. Some of us have found this quite tricky so any extra practice at home would be a great help.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reminders

Science Museum trip

Wednesday 12th November

Please let us know if you are available to help out.

Thank you.



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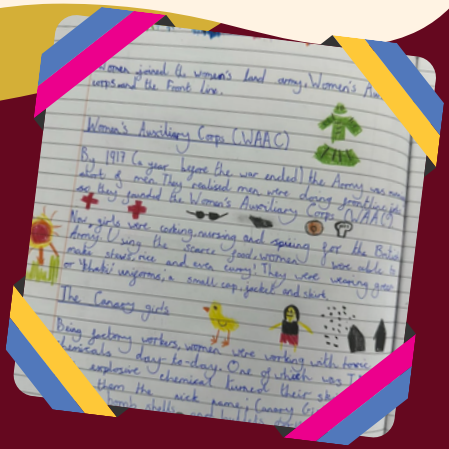
What a week it's been for Year 6! They've just completed their first set of mock SATs and we couldn't be prouder of their incredible effort and resilience. It was amazing to see them uphold so many of our other DREAM values throughout the week. These tests will be a great help to Miss Shah and Mr Corfield, giving them a clear picture of how to best support your child as we prepare for the SATs in May.

But it hasn't all been tests and hard work! We also had a blast making our own periscopes. The children were able to link their learning on light and reflection with their history topic on WW1, using their DT skills to create some fantastic devices. They worked wonderfully in their teams, and we can't wait to test and evaluate their success next week.

In English, we've been captivated by the story of Ahmet and have been busy writing persuasive letters to the Queen, urging her to keep the gates open so he can be reunited with his family. The children have shown such empathy and been so engaged with this powerful story.

Reminders:

- Please ensure that you have paid for your child's leavers hoodie by Friday 17th October at the latest.



SPELLINGS

this week

YEAR 1

bigger
seven
of

YEAR 2

Group 1
race, ice, cell, city, fancy, lace, space, circle, circus, rice
Group 2
said, box, cot, dog, top

YEAR 3

Group 1: treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure.

Group 2: bank, honk, tank, pink, think, kit, skin, mask, stretch, basket

YEAR 4

Group 1: subdivide, subheading, subject, submarine, submerge, submit, substandard, subtitle, subtropical, subway

Group 2: treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure.



YEAR 5

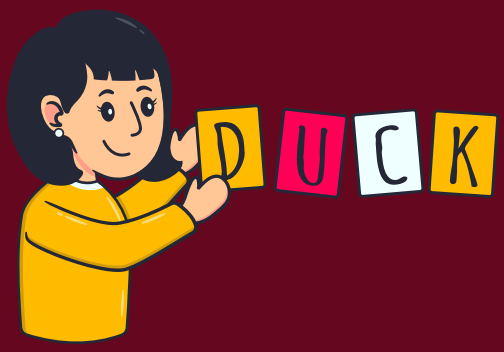
Grp 1: atrocious, conscious, delicious, ferocious, gracious, luscious, malicious, precious, spacious, suspicious

Grp 2: treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure.

YEAR 6

Group 1: achieve, bargain, controversy, disastrous, foreign, interfere, nuisance, programme, secretary, temperature

Group 2: treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure



Autumn Term Lunch Menu

MENU WEEK 1

FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE — Soil Association

MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese 2, 7	Macaroni Cheese 2	Garlic Bread Broccoli A/F	Apple Crumble & Custard 2, 7
TUESDAY	Chicken Burger 2, 7	Vegetable Burger 2, 7	Crisp Cube Potatoes Sweetcorn 2, 7	Carrot Cake 2, 4, 7
WEDNESDAY	Sausage Roast Dinner 2, 4, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 2, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Shortbread 2
THURSDAY	Mild Creamy Chicken Curry A/F	Vegetable Pasta Bake 2, 7	Rice & Mixed Vegetables A/F	Old School Sprinkle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse 7

ALLERGEN KEY

1. Celery
2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk
8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Peanuts
11. Sesame
12. Soybeans
13. Sulphites
14. Tree nuts

A/F Allergen Free

Catering provided by Greenshaw Learning Trust.
All products are locally sourced wherever possible.
All food is cooked fresh on the school site each day.

AVAILABLE DAILY

Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes.
Please note that all our dishes can be adapted to suit the majority of dietary requirements

the FoodChecker

"We are dedicated to minimizing our carbon footprint by actively reducing food waste throughout our operations, from sourcing to serving. Through staff training, supplier collaboration, and customer engagement, we are committed to making a positive environmental impact."

GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

MENU WEEK 2

FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE — Soil Association

MONDAY	Meat Pizza 2, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 7	Wedges & Salad A/F	Jelly & Fruit A/F
TUESDAY	Chicken Meatball Pasta 1, 2	Dhal Sweet Potato Curry 1, 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Marble Cake 2, 4
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Glamorgan Sausage Roast & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Flapjack 2
THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Pasta 2, 7	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Lemon Drizzle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	BBQ Quorn Fillet 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse 7

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NEWS

Our Little Free Cupboard
"Give what you can, take what you need."





We are very grateful to Neighbourly and Lidl for the 'Go Give a Fridge' grant. This allowed us to purchase a large freezer to store our food donations from Marks and Spencer, Sutton.
If you wish to access this frozen food please ask in the office or a member of staff on the gate.

Please find a little reminder of our community larder guidelines:

- This larder is for the Bandon Hill community.
- Help yourself to anything you need, but don't hoard!
- Please add to the cupboard if you have food at home you won't eat or can afford a few extra items in your weekly shop.
- Do not add food which has been opened or is past its 'use-by' date.
- Adults only! Do not let your children take food.
- It is your responsibility to check food is fit to eat.
- Do not eat any unpackaged items if you have allergies.
- Please keep the cupboard tidy and put any stale items in the bin.
- Feel free to contact Bell Stirrat with any feedback/questions/comments.

PHONICS INFORMATION!



Reception and KS1 - Reading books:

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

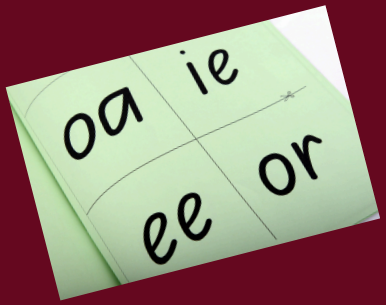
- A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.
Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen from our library for you to enjoy together.



Please use the link to explore the parents page on the Little Wandle website.
https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome

Resilient Futures



Therapeutic Art Workshop

A Visual Arts workshop, providing a multi-faceted experience that allows children and young people aged 8-16 to express themselves freely.

By using mixed media, participants will create artwork inspired by their feelings in a safe and supportive environment. The workshop will prioritise their educational development by teaching them valuable techniques and methods, exploring different media, and introducing art and design principles. The workshop will adopt a therapeutic approach, allowing participants to engage in free-flowing exercises, transferring their emotions onto paper.

Wednesday 29th October, 1pm - 4pm

Wallington Library, SM6 0HY

Tickets: FREE

Sutton

Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

#MyNeighbourhoodFund

ARTS NETWORK SUTTON

Register your interest here

or by emailing

sbrchoraloutreach@gmail.com

St Michaels Youth Choir

Thursdays 5.30pm-6.30pm



St Michaels and All Angels,
Milton Road, Wallington

FREE sessions for
young people aged 8-16







Due to overwhelming demand (well, two or three people have asked Mr Haddock...), we have printed more copies of Bandon Hill Primary's fabulous first issue of The Bandy, our very own comic. In fact, we have printed so many that we may have spent the school's annual printing budget already!

Published just before the Summer holidays, it is chock full of funny/exciting/mildly amusing stories all for the measly sum of 50p - a bandy bargain! Please get your copy from the school office.

The comic with the first appearance of Superman, Action Comics #1, recently sold for $6 million in the US so in 80 years time the Bandy may be worth the same amount!* Our crack team of artists are about to start on the eagerly awaited (and even more exciting if that is humanly possible) second issue so stay tuned!**

*Bandon Hill Primary, Cartoon Club and Mr Haddock personally are not liable if the Bandy #1 is not worth $6 million in 80 years.

** At the current pace of drawing, current expected publication date is 2032, but we will accept pre-orders...

Family Support



Primary Family Support Group

Empowering parents to build healthy relationships with their children

When: Wednesdays at 12.30 -1.30pm

Venue: Limes College, Sutton West Site, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, SM1 2SD

Entrance: The group will take place at the bottom of the drive - opposite the Family Centre. Wait by the blue gates (adjacent to the playground) – not the main Limes College entrance.

Dates:

12/11/25: Introductions, parenting styles, attachment
19/11/25: Parental mental health and well-being
26/11/25: Promoting positivity in children
03/12/25: Rules and boundary setting
Break for Christmas
07/01/26: E Safety
14/01/26: Children's mental health, well- being and self-esteem
21/01/26: Connecting, playing with your children – having fun!
28/01/26: Pulling it all together, evaluation and reflection

All welcome!

We would like to extend this invite to all parents of a primary aged child in the London Borough of Sutton. We hope to offer parents a safe space to meet other parents in a similar situation. To learn more about different topics and explore new ideas that will support your child's social emotional growth and development.

Whilst we know that some parents may not be able to attend every session, we do encourage parents to attend as many sessions as possible. As the group develops with each session, trust and relationships will build and parents will hopefully feel more supported by each other and grow in confidence.

Once you have signed up to the group, we ask that parents contact Jodie or Nibby if for some reason you are unable to attend that week

Parents will:
Feel more empowered and confident to trust their own judgements when supporting their children

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AND TO DISCUSS ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL EITHER: NIBBY, JODIE OR JACKIE

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nibby.withers@cognus.org.uk

Jodie Desai:
jdesai@thelimescollege.org

Jackie:
jlawrence@thelimescollege.org

PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS

3 October	12:00-3pm	Sensory Regulation day to day strategies and practical workshop - Primary
23 October	9:30-12	Emotional Regulation practical workshop - Primary
7 November	9:30-12:00	Sensory Regulation day to day strategies and practical workshop- Secondary
5 December	12:00-3pm	Emotional Regulation practical workshop- Secondary
12 December	9:30-12:00	Supporting communication and language skills – Primary
13 February	12:00-3pm	Preparation for Adulthood- Primary (motor skills and independence)
27 February	12:00-3pm	Supporting communication and language skills – Secondary
24 April	9:30-12	Preparation for Adulthood- Secondary (motor skills and independence)

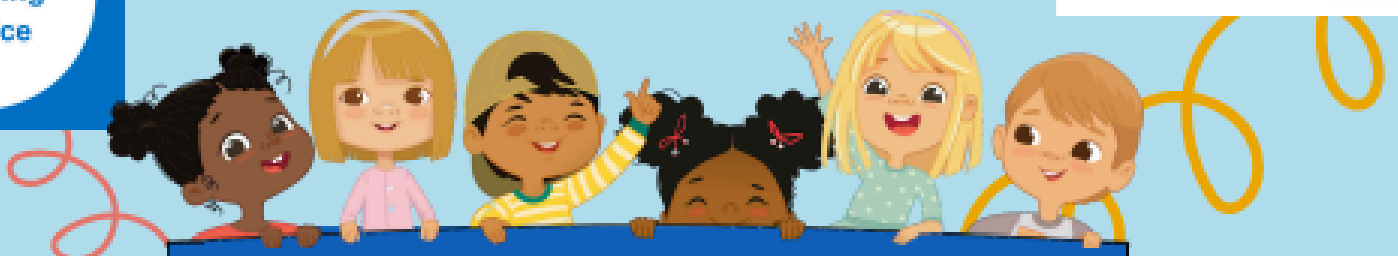
INTERESTED?

Please sign up on the Cognus website.
We can't wait to see you there!

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No Limits to Learning

Education Wellbeing Service

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust



Goodbyes and Goodnights Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?

Does your child struggle to separate from you?

Are you worried that things will get worse when your child transitions to the next school year in September?

Join our free, 4-session parent group to connect with other parents

All sessions
Mondays from 10:30am - 12:00pm

15th September
22nd September
29th September
6th October

Location:
Wilson Hospital (Wellbeing Centre)
Cranmer Road, Mitcham CR4 4TP

Free on-site parking
Transport links

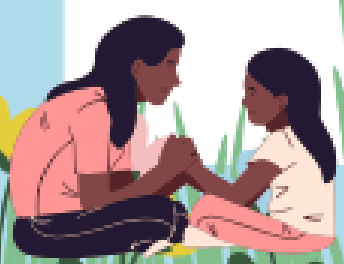
Scan the QR code or Click here to sign up

What parents have said:

I think it went really well and think it should be easy access for all parents.

Useful tips, Q&A between other parents and the two facilitators

I didn't feel judged about what I was going through. The advice was broad but I felt like I could apply most of it to my son.



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

TEAM UP FOR TICKETS



Sutton United VS Gateshead

29/11/25 | 3:00 | VBS Community Stadium

Brandon Hill Primary

- All tickets bought through the link below will result in 50% cashback to Brandon Hill Primary.
- Sell tickets and earn prizes

REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR



Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day

Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of Term

Friday 17th October 2025 - Finish at 3.15pm

October half term

Monday 3rd November 2025 - First day of term

Friday 19th December 2025 - Finish at 1.00pm

Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January 2026 – First day of term

Friday 13th February 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

February half term

Monday 23rd February 2026 - First day of term

Friday 27th March 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Easter holidays

Monday 13th April 2026 - First day of term

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

May half term

Monday 1st June 2026 - First day of term

Friday 17th July 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Summer Holidays

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