



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 1st October 2021

Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.

World Record Holders!

This week we received confirmation that our school, alongside 604, 408 others, is an official World Record Holder. Earlier in the year, pupils from our school participated in a postage stamp design competition. This turned out to be the largest postage stamp design competition in the world! We received our certificate earlier in the week.

St Paul's Pupils Join Hounslow Music Service Junior Brass Orchestra

This week our brass tutor, Mr Browne shared a video link from the Hounslow Junior Brass Orchestra. It has three new members. Each are pupils of our school who started to learn to play brass last year! The video is of their first rehearsal. They are clearly doing very well. Please [click here](#) to view the video.

Official Opening of the Victorian Water Fountain

Next Thursday sees the official opening of the refurbished Victorian water fountain in St Paul's recreation ground. The children now in Year 3 were involved in the refurbishment earlier in the year and will be joining members of the local community on Thursday 7th October at 11am. Parents and members of the local community are very welcome to join the celebration. I attach a flier for this event to this Round Up.

Head Lice

Head lice (nits) are very common in the primary population nationally. In the past schools might have employed staff to check children's hair and treat head lice. National policy and recommendations have changed since then. Now schools are not allowed to check children for head lice and are advised not to send out warning letters to individual classes as this can create stigma.

Most children will get head lice at some stage in their school career. This is not an indication of dirty hair or bad hygiene, but like the common cold, head lice are very common and easily caught. To reduce the incidence of head lice, all parents should check their children's hair regularly and treat any evidence of head lice promptly. I have attached to this Round Up a guide for parents on monitoring head lice and how to treat them.

Reading Workshops for Parents

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the reading and phonics workshops this week. We have uploaded a [recording](#) of the workshop to the news section of the school website for parents who were unable to join us. We shall shortly upload a recording of the phonics workshop too.

Parent Teacher Association

We have always been blessed to have a very active PTA who organise social and fundraising events for our school community throughout the year. The PTA is made up of parents across the school who organise and run these events. The COVID pandemic brought a halt to many of these activities. We are keen to regrow the PTA and restart some of the events that had to stop. Our PTA events have always been very popular, bringing together the whole school community to have fun and raise some funds along the way.

PTA funds have really helped to enrich the experience of our pupils over the years. Some of the ways that funding has been spent in the past includes: playground markings, sunshades in the playgrounds, books for

reading corners and competitions, support for year 6 leavers' hoodies and paying for the curriculum day workshops – to name a few.

Our first PTA events that we hope to arrange and run this term include: a second-hand uniform sale in October, Christmas card designing and printing and a social event for the children at Christmas. We are really keen to bring together parents who may be able to help organise and run these events, to swell the existing PTA. In the next few weeks we will be asking for parent volunteers to help get these events up and running. Please do consider giving a few hours if you can.

In the meantime, we are looking for donations of any items of school uniform that your child may have grown out of but are still in good condition, for the second-hand uniform sale later in October. We would like school shoes, trousers, skirts, summer dresses, school shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts. Please wash the items and sent them in to the school office in a bag. Please send in donations of uniform by Friday 15th October – so that we have time to sort them prior to the sale.

Good to Grow Project – Morrisons

Morrisons supermarket have launched a campaign to provide gardening materials to schools as customers shop. Our school is now registered on the Good to Grow site. If you are a Morrisons shopper and can collect the Grow tokens on the My Morrisons app, we would love to receive your vouchers. Our children regularly participate in growing projects around the school and we are developing a vegetable allotment on the Alexandra House site. Extra gardening resources would really help with this.

Job Vacancies at St Paul's School

We are currently advertising for two roles: Welfare Officer and Learning Support Assistant. I have attached the advertisement for each role to this Round Up. If you or someone you know may be interested in applying for either role, please follow the directions in the advertisement.

School Meal Menu

Next week's menu is below:

Week 3
W/C 13/09
W/C 04/10
St Paul's Lunch Menu

Monday
Roasted Vegetable & Turkey Pasta Bolognese
Sweet Potato & Vegetable Bolognese
Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Vanilla Ice Cream & Peaches

Tuesday
Thin Crust Chicken Meatball Pizza with Roasted Peppers
Thin Crust Tomato, Courgette & Mozzarella Pizza
Mixed Salad
Corn on the Cob
*Orange Jelly

Wednesday
Chicken Sausages in Red Onion Gravy
Vegetables Sausages in Red Onion Gravy
Hassel Back Potatoes
Mixed Greens
*Fruit Yoghurt

Thursday
Beef Burger/Chicken Burger Bap
SPS Vegetable Burger Bap
SPS Tomato Salsa
Oven Chips
*Carrot Cake

Friday
Breaded Cod Goujons with Soft Corn Tacos
Vegetable Goujons with Soft Corn Tacos
Sweet Pepper, Tomato & Borlotti Bean Salad
*Cheese, Crackers & Grapes

*Lacto/Vegan option available
Fresh bread rolls served daily

If you would like your child to change their meal pattern – from packed lunch to school dinners, or vice versa – please contact the school office before making the change. We need a week’s notice prior to the change, as we need to adjust the food orders with our suppliers before a change can go ahead.

External Partners

COVID 19

The incidence of COVID 19 is particularly high in Hounslow. Please find information below from the Director of Public Health Hounslow about COVID 19 and what we can all do to reduce the rate of infection.

An important message to parents/guardians from Hounslow’s Director of Public Health, Kelly O’Neill: “We’re currently seeing a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our schools across the borough which is causing a great deal of disruption for teachers, parents/guardians and children. Approximately 50% of our cases in Hounslow involve children under 19, with the majority of those cases involving 10-19 year olds. My team is doing everything it can to help the school community stop this on-going transmission as quickly as possible. But there are some important, practical, steps everyone can take to enable children to keep learning in the classroom and to stop the spread: I would urge you to please keep testing twice a week using ‘rapid’ LFT tests if you don’t have COVID-19 symptoms. If you do have COVID-19 symptoms, please get a PCR test as soon as possible. Regular testing is the quickest way to identify if you have the virus so that you can self-isolate if required. I would also encourage you to continue wearing a face covering if you can, especially in crowded areas, including on public transport. Together, all of these things will help to reduce transmission in the wider community.

“The NHS vaccination service has asked secondary schools across the borough to obtain consent from parents/guardians to vaccinate 12-15 year old children. Remember - it’s not too late to get vaccinated yourself, so if you haven’t yet come forward for your first and/or second COVID-19 vaccine, please take a look at our website: www.hounslow.gov.uk/coronavirus where you can find lots of detailed information as well as your nearest vaccination site. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me and my team at: publichealth@hounslow.gov.uk We’re here to help.”

Half Term Clubs

Boom Sports, one of the providers of our after-school sports clubs also organises half term sports clubs. I attach to this Round Up a flier with information about their clubs for this coming half term.

Contact:

To contact the school, please send an email to office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

To contact the Chair of Governors: chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk