

Friday 29th September 2023

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

150th Anniversary of St Paul's School

Yesterday we held the first of celebrations to mark the school's 150th anniversary. As ever, our children's self-confidence and joy shone through. We held a service of celebration and thanksgiving with pupils, staff, parents and guests from our wider community.

Cllr Afzaal Kiani, Mayor of Hounslow and Right Rev Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington joined a host of other invited guests. Mr Graham Legg and Mrs Sandra James, previous heads of the school, head teachers from our family of local church schools, school governors, ex-pupils, Hounslow council officials, our Police safer neighbourhood team and well as friends and supporters from across Brentford came to join us.

After the service we had a birthday celebration in the playground complete with a birthday cake, a time capsule and a confetti shower. It was a very proud and happy moment for us all – the first of a number of exciting events to mark this very special day. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the children who spoke, sang and played music and to all the staff who worked in front of and behind the scenes to make the day a great success. A great day in a great school. We shall share pictures of the day shortly.

Maths Week – Week beginning 3rd October

At St Pauls, we believe that maths is for everyone. Numeracy is a vital skill and we believe it can and should be enjoyable, relatable and accessible. Throughout Maths Week, we hope to further demonstrate to our children the value of maths as a lifelong skill by linking it to the wider world. Below are just a few of the highlights of the week.

Maths is part of our daily life; have you ever thought about it? Around the house, on your journey to school, time spent playing in the park or playground, or a trip to the shop...this is your chance to get creative and make mathematical connections. Send us a photograph of something you think has mathematical connections. We will be selecting two winning photographs: one photograph submitted by a child in Nursery through Year 2, and a second winning photograph submitted by a child in Year 3 through Year 6.

Winning entries will make deep connections between the subject(s) of their photo and the maths inside them and will explain this in their commentary. For sample entries, please see posters placed around the school. Please send your photographs and a brief explanation of the the 'maths' in the photo to the school office on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk Please use the title "maths week photos" in the subject and don't forget to include your child's name and class in the email body. Entries must be in by Wednesday 4th October.

In addition to this competition we will be holding a multiplication competition on TTRockstars, in which children in Years 2 through 6 will compete against one another to answer the most questions correctly while practising their multiplication facts. TTRockstars is an online app, which every child has a login on, through the school account. Most children will be familiar with this app. If your child is unsure, please ask them to speak to their class teacher.

All classes will also be taking part in a variety of mathematical activities across a range of lessons at school.

I hope that everyone will enjoy the week and that we may open a few eyes to the fact that Maths is everywhere and is great fun!

Bags2School PFA Fundraising Collection

Earlier this calendar year, the PFA introduced a new fundraising scheme, which we are repeating this term. *Do you have quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding or curtains that you are no longer using and intend to take down to a charity shop/clothing bank?* If the answer is yes, please look out for the *Bags2School* bag that your child will bring home next Friday (6th October). Please put any of the items listed above into the bag (you can also use a black sack, if you fill the *Bags2School* bag and have more to donate).

Then please **drop the bag in to the school office between Monday 9th October and first thing on Friday 13th October.** The Parents and Friends association will receive money for these items, which is then spent on the children of the school. There is more information in the flier below:



Harvest Donations – Thursday 5th October

On Thursday 5th October we shall be giving thanks for the harvest in our school worship sessions. We shall also have our harvest collection on the same day. We collect harvest gifts (tins and packets of food) at the school gate on Thursday 5th October. These gifts are then passed on to the Hounslow Foodbox to support those in most need in our community.

Reception Parents' Meeting - Phonics - Thursday 5th October 2023 3:45pm, SPS Site

Mrs Riley and the Early Years team will be leading a workshop for the parents of children in Reception class to share details of the school's phonics programme and how we support the children's early reading and writing. You do not need to sign up for the meeting, simply stay behind on the day.

Mr Nourish's Birthday Competiton

Our catering provider have a special character 'Mr Nourish'. Last term he came to visit the Infant sports day and meet the children. Next Thursday – 5th October – is his birthday! As a result, Nourish are holding a special competition next week and will have a special birthday meal for Mr Nourish on Thursday 5th October. To take part in the competition, children make a birthday card for Mr Nourish, which they give to the catering team at lunchtime between Monday and Wednesday next week. Prizes for the best cards will be given to the winners at the birthday lunch on Thursday. See the poster below:



Individual and Sibling Photographs – Tuesday 17th October 2023

On Tuesday 17th October 2023 the school photographer will be in to take photos of individual children and sibling groups. The photos will be shared with you shortly afterwards, with the option to buy prints.

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 19th October 2023

Thursday 19th October is the final day of this half term. On 19th children may wear their own clothes to school. Children should dress sensibly, as this is a normal school day, with outdoor playtimes as usual. Make up and jewellery should not be worn and clothes should appropriate for wearing comfortably in school. We ask children to bring a £1 contribution to school funds, which we collect in a bucket at the start of the school day.

Friday 20th October - INSET DAY

Friday 20th October is an INSET (staff training) day. The school will be closed to pupils on Friday 20th October. School reopens to pupils on Monday 30th October, following the autumn half term break.

Menu

Next week's lunch menu is below:

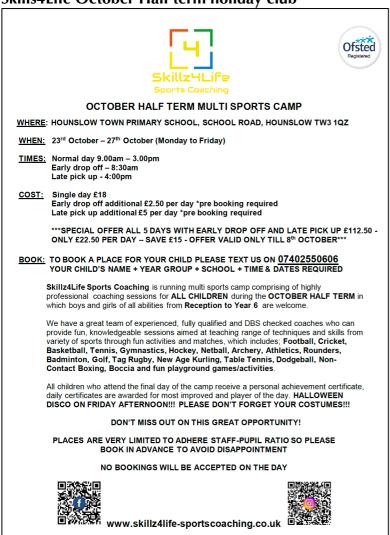


September 2024 Secondary Transfer – Deadline for application 31st October 2023

It was good to see so many parents on Wednesday this week for our secondary transfer meeting. I attach a copy of the notes from the meeting to this Roundup. To find the pages on the Borough website that you need, please follow this link.

EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

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FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 5 & 6





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5.45 - 8.00pm

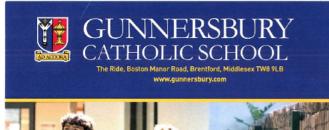
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We also run Open Mornings, which include a tour during a normal school day, led by Student Ambassadors. Tours run at 9.00am and 9.45am on:

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

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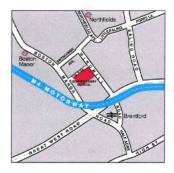
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