



DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th October 2024

We hope that your children have been coming home with wonderful stories about their learning so far this half term! There have been so many brilliant things going on, many of which we look forward to sharing with you in this Newsletter. Please make sure you have a look at our new social media channels (see below) to keep up to date with the exciting things we are doing!

We are proud to share some major achievements with you in this Newsletter, including achieving three quality marks! We have many more exciting things in the pipe line, including fundraising for Children in Need on Friday 15th November.

Have a very restful half term holiday when it gets here, and a very Happy Diwali to our families who celebrate.

October is Black History Month.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This is a very important month in our calendar, and we have many exciting opportunities planned for the children.

Join us on Social Media!

We are very proud of the work we do at Deptford Park, and we would like to show it off to as many families as possible! Please follow us!



Deptford Park Primary School

1 follower (!)



@deptfordparkprimaryschool

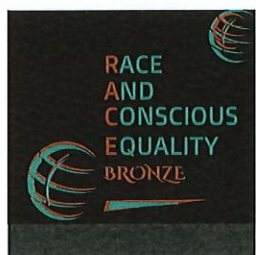
15 followers



@deptfordpark

370 followers

We hope to see the follow counts go up in every newsletter 😊



RACE Charter Mark

We are so excited to share with you that we have achieved the Bronze Race and Conscious Equality Chartermark which reflects the hard work we do at Deptford Park to ensure an inclusive culture where staff, students, parents and partners of all ethnicities are equally valued.

To achieve the charter mark we completed a comprehensive package of training for governors, senior leaders and middle leaders, and submitted an evaluation detailing our work towards equality so far and an action plan pledging our commitment to ongoing development in this area. We will be working on upgrading to Silver this year!

#HelloYellow

YOUNGMINDS

Thank you to everyone who supported Young Minds this World Mental Health Day. We raised: £56.19

Just £2 can help one young person access online help, so you really are making a difference!

E-MAIL US

If you have any questions or would like to contact your child's teacher, you can e-mail them at:

classname@deptfordpark.org
e.g. red@deptfordpark.org

Dates for your Autumn Diary

Tuesday 5th November ~ Individual Photos
Friday 15th November ~ Children in Need
Monday 18th November ~ Virtual Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st November – Whole school Flu Vaccine

Tuesday 10th December ~ Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December ~ EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December ~ Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December ~ Last day of term

Letters to follow

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 13th November – Garnet Class

Wednesday 27th November – Pearl Class

Start time 9.15am, Infant Hall

Please come along and support your child!



Calling all Year 6 parents... The deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October. If you need support with the process, please call the school office - we'll be happy to help.

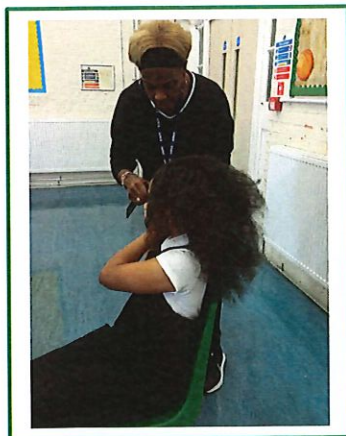
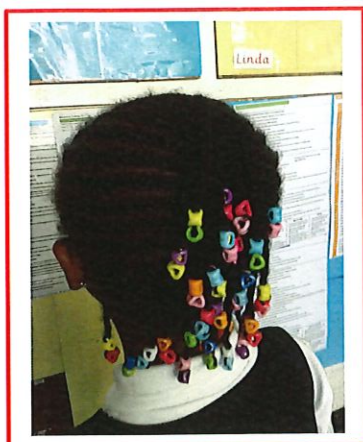
WORLD AFRO DAY

This year's Afro Day was full of anticipation and activity!

KS2 "hair models", Nevaeh in year 5 and Melita in year 3 had their afro hair styled into space buns and cornrows by "hairstylists" Val and Marie, during our special assemblies, much to the delight of their peers.

The Oscar winning animation "Hair Love" enthralled all key stages, and KS1 later enjoyed activities linked to the film in their classes.

Workshops discussing the importance of the day and products and techniques for styling afro hair had the year 5/6 children eager to ask many questions and share their experiences.

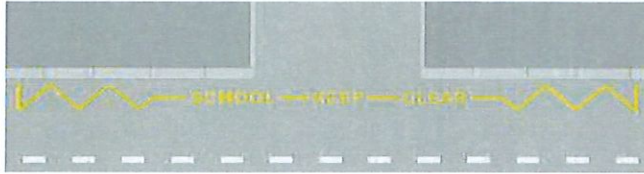


SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

Please remember that you **SHOULD NOT** park near the school gates during peak times, especially across the zig zag lines.

Please do not park between the no parking signs.

This seriously compromises the safety of everyone (pedestrians and motorists) but especially our children. We will continue to monitor this closely. Please do your bit to safeguard our children. Thank you.



Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.20pm. Can we please remind you that children must be collected by an authorised adult (Over 18).

Children must be picked up promptly at 3.20pm. If your pick-up arrangements change for any reason you must notify the office as soon as possible.

Please keep the office up to date with your contact numbers.

Thank you!



Parent Governor Vacancy

Do you want to be involved in the strategic planning and decision making for our school?

Do you have skills to share?

Would you like to help the school move forward?

Perhaps you could apply to be a parent governor!

The full Governing body meets once each half term, and there are sub committee meetings once a term. There is plenty of guidance and training available to support you. Why not talk to Mario or Selima our current Parent Governors to find out more. They can be contacted via the school



Autumn Term Dates

Friday 25th October ~ Last day prior to Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 4th November ~ Children return to school
Friday 20th December ~ Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January - Holiday

Monday 6th January ~ **INSET DAY**
Tuesday 7th January ~ Children return to school



Green Tree Schools Award



This is to certify that the pupils of
Deptford Park Primary School

have achieved the
Silver Award

on the Woodland Trust's
Green Tree Schools Award



As you will have seen, we have planted lots of trees and plants in the playground over the past couple of years.

Together with the recycling we do at school, we are pleased to announce that we now have the SILVER Green Tree Schools Award!



Our new School Councilors have been democratically elected after holding hustings in their classrooms. Keep an eye on the website for information about their work.

Special Congratulations go to:
Ashton – Chair of School Council
Kashawn – Vice Chair of School Council
Eisy – Secretary
Qadria – Treasurer

Our first project will be organising an assembly and fundraising for Remembrance Day.

Kindness Week



The first week in October saw our school celebrate Kindness Week. Deptford Park took part in the "Kindness Challenge". Promoting kindness (which is one of our core values) helps the children develop emotional intelligence, empathy and understanding of others' feelings. As part of the Kindness Challenge, the children focused on showing kind acts, alongside other activities. The children in Reception created a kindness tree, and wrote their acts of kindness with support from their teachers.



Attendance

We will continue to monitor attendance very carefully and remind you that holidays **should not** be taken during term time.

The best attendance so far this term are:

1st ~ Emerald 2nd ~ Quartz 3rd ~ Ruby

Jeans for Genes Day

We raised **£58.47** for the Jeans for Genes charity!
Thank you, as always, for your support.



Lewisham Music has recognised our commitment to music education, and we are now a Music Mark school.

Biometric Residence Permits are being replaced by eVisas



Apply by
31 December
at
gov.uk/evisa

Support with eVisa application in Lewisham

Drop in sessions:

LRMN

Lewisham Refugee & Migrant Network

All Saints Hatcham Community Centre
107 New Cross Rd, London SE14 5FF
Wednesday, 10:30am–1pm

341 Evelyn Street
Deptford SE8 5QX
Thursday and Friday, 10am–1pm

*Please ring 020 8694 0323
before attending

citizens
advice

Lewisham

Leemore Centre
33 Clarendon Rise, Lewisham SE13 5ES
Monday, 9:45–11:45am

St. John's Church
353 Bromley Rd, Downham SE6 2RP
Wednesday, 12 noon–2pm

Perry Rise Baptist Church
Perry Rise, Forest Hill SE23 2QL
Thursday, 12 noon–2pm

For more information please see
lewisham.gov.uk/evisa

