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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who has participated in Walk to School Week. We have had some excellent entries to our competition. Winners will be announced on Monday 1st June.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS - BRAZIL

I am travelling to Brazil next week as part of the British Council Connecting Classrooms project. Six Headteachers from Brazil visited Lewisham schools during the autumn term. The aim of this visit is to set up projects between our school and a school in Brazil. Thank you to YR3 and YR4 who have prepared some work for me to take and also to YR6 who have made Powerpoint presentations about schools in the UK. These will be shown at a Headteachers' Conference on the final day of the visit. Hannah Brown will be responsible for the school during my absence. I will be returning on 6th June.

SCHOOL JOURNEY WEEK

YR6 are travelling to Hayling Island on Monday 1st June to spend 5 days at an activity centre. Mrs Marley, Mrs Wales and Errol will be accompanying them. We wish them a sunny, safe and enjoyable week.

THAMES FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, YR5 participated in a workshop about bees as part of the Thames Festival project. They made part of a hexagonal honeycomb which will contribute to a large structure to be used in the Thames Festival procession in September. They will be making a visit to the workshop where it is actually being constructed early in September.

MULTI SKILLS ACADEMY

Four YR5 children: Lauren, James, Billy and Tilly attended a Multi Skills Academy day on Tuesday. This was a Lewisham wide event. They had the opportunity to participate in several different sporting events.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Karen Watson, mother of Poppy in YR4, has raised a huge £2,600 for breast cancer. Karen took part in a 26.2 mile walk through London by night. The walk took over nine hours. If you would like to find out more information or donate money please visit www.bmycharity.com/KarenWatsonMoonwalk09.

Eleanor Leaver (YR5) won two silver medals, for beam and floor routines, at the Crystal Palace gym club competition. Well done Eleanor!

Deneshan Williams won a medal for his football skills from the Hilly Fields football team. Well done Deneshan!

GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

The best class at getting to school on time this week was: **YR2** with only three lates. Well done YR2!

MAY PLAYScheme 2009

There are a few spaces still available for playscheme. An application form and the weekly timetable are available on the school website and from after school club.

STAFF NEWS

I am pleased to announce that Nawal Shamkhi has been appointed as a permanent member of staff to take effect from September. This appointment is to replace Mrs Marley's teaching post. Mrs Marley will be leaving at the end of the term.

Ms Brandt has resigned her position as Horniman after eight years. We wish her well. Ms Shamkhi will be teaching the class until the end of the summer term.

The following classes will require cover after half term:

Tues:	YR4	TBC
Wed PM:	YR2	TBC

PTA NEWS

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting was very well attended. It was reported at the AGM that the PTA raised £5,610.54 during the year April 2008 - March 2009. This is a little less than last year as Scotchbrooks, who used to sponsor us, are no longer in business. Truda Spruyt stood down as PTA Chair after four very successful years. The PTA thanked Truda for the huge contribution she has made to the school during this time.

A new committee was elected:

Chair:	Maggie Hammond
Vice Chair:	Helen Mardling
Secretary:	Jo Wayman
Treasurer:	Tiffany Paul
Publicity Officers:	Rahila Farid and Jo Sheffield
<i>Class representatives for next year's classes are:</i>	
Reception:	Jane Tooke
Year 1:	Stella Dunn and Nicola Livesey
Year 2:	Rosalind Goodrich
Year 3:	Truda Spruyt
Year 4:	Lucy Weller
Year 5:	Vacant
Year 6:	Katie Hyatt

Ideally we would like two class representatives in each year group. It is not a very time-consuming job. It mainly consists of rounding up help and support for PTA events and passing on suggestions from parents and carers to the committee. We particularly need a representative for next year's YR5 class. If you can help please email pta@horniman.lewisham.sch.uk or talk to any of the committee members.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

The Sponsored Cycle Ride will be taking place on Sunday 14th June. The sponsor form can be downloaded from the school website by clicking on 'PTA' and is also available from the school office. All parents, carers and staff are welcome to take part and start collecting sponsors.

Horniman Community Noticeboard

To place a free item on the notice board, email waymanic@gmail.com
or hand a note to Jo (Benjamin's mum, Y1)

For Sale

BATHROOM or KITCHEN in need of a SPRING REFRESH?

Fired Earth "Oceanside" glass mosaic wall tiles. One box of 15 sheets @ 30 x 30 x 0.7cms. Neutral sandstone/pearl colour. New £140.

Original Jaymart thick round studded "Prialpas" floor tiles in dolphin blue colour. 20 tiles @ 500mm x 500mm. New £45.

Two IKEA bathroom cabinets. Slimline Shaker style, white and natural wood. In good condition. FREE with tiles! Call: 020 8699 6040 or email alison@ed1.demon.co.uk.

Events

Stories in the Woods - Sydenham Hill Woods. We invite you to our drama sessions in Sydenham Hill Woods. Inspired by stories and games we will turn the forest into our fantasyland, play different characters and let the scenery become our place of inspiration. In a respectful way we will experience the forest with our senses and have a playful time outdoors. **Week Long Project in May half term: Tuesday to Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm. £30 per child.** Meeting point is Sydenham Hill Station. For more information or to book a place call Green Shoes Arts on 07507 355646 or visit www.greenshoesarts.com/communityprojects.

Tewkesbury Lodge garden opening. Four very different gardens in Forest Hill will be open to the public for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on 23rd and 24th May. The NGS raises over £2 million each year, mostly for cancer and home nursing charities.

27 Horniman Drive

A small, low maintenance, north-facing front garden with shrubs creating a tapestry of green. Evolving back garden with emphasis on colour harmony using perennials, roses and shrubs. New vegetable area, greenhouse, views over London and the North Downs.

53 Ringmore Rise

Corner plot with spectacular views over London. Front garden inspired by Beth Chatto's dry garden, with stunning borders in soft mauves, yellows and white. Rear garden on three levels, with themed beds, some shady, others sunny. Large pond; patio with pergola.

30 Westwood Park

Garden designer's sloping creation, with herb garden, water feature, and winding paths. Unusual plant combinations in the borders, and pots and hanging baskets that link patio and garden. Featured in *The English Garden*, *Gardeners' World*, *Homes & Gardens*, and *House Beautiful*

Coach House, 3 The Hermitage, Westwood Park Sculptor's mature courtyard and roof garden, crammed full of unusual plants and sculptures. Water features, wildlife interest, vegetables and decorative plants in containers large and small, many of which have been fired in the artist's kiln and are for sale.

The gardens are within a few minutes walk of each other - buy a ticket at the first one you visit. Combined admission: Sat 23 May, (6-9pm) £6 with glass of wine. Sun 24 May (2-6pm) £4.50. Homemade tea and cakes available. Plants for sale on both days.

Services

Boxercise and Circuit Training Classes.

Time amended! Every Saturday at 9.30-10.30am at the Harris Girls' School Sports' Centre. £42 for 6 sessions, or just drop in for a taster session. Also Personal Training for individuals and groups. Call Bassey (Register of Exercise Professionals Level 3 Advanced) on 020 86130305 or 07932 012847.

Bouncy Castle Hire. Add a bit of bounce to your party. Reasonable rates. Call 020 3183 1058 or 07738 259755.

Piano lessons. After school and Saturdays. All levels, beginners welcome. Contact Caroline Harris. Tel: 020 8692 8081/07905 274577 or register online at <https://carolineharris.musicteachershelper.com>.