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## CONNECTING CLASSROOMS BRAZIL

Horniman has been linked with a school in Palmas, which is in the State of Tocantins. Last week I was fortunate enough to visit the school, meet some of the children and returned with a big pile of letters. Later in the term we will begin to correspond with the children from Palmas and there are plans for joint projects in the Autumn Term. If there are any parents/carers who can speak Portuguese and would like to help us with translating please let us know - we would be very grateful.

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We were pleased to be able to start using the new playground equipment this week. There is a daily rota for classes to use the climbing frame. A fence will be put along the edge of the soft surface and we are currently looking into the best options. This work will be completed over the summer holidays.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Thank you to everyone who has returned the contact details sheet which was sent home via pupil post recently. It is important that these forms are returned to the school office even if the details are correct. Caroline has been very busy updating the school record system. Teachers 2 Parents (school text messaging company) have agreed to restart the trial once we have finished updating our records. More information about this will follow soon.

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK - 22nd - 26th June

Healthy Schools Week is approaching quickly. This year the theme is 'enjoying the outdoors'. The children and staff will be starting each day with 'Wake and Shake'. KS1 children will be taking part in 'Scavenger Hunt' which will consist of hunting for items around the school. KS2 will be taking part in 'Orienteering'. Our School Sports Co-ordinator who is based at Prendergast School will be coming in to carry out team building games with the children. Sports days will take place during Healthy Schools Week on the following days:

KS1 - Wednesday 24th June @ 1.30pm

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## CRICKET COMPETITION

A group of children from YRS 5&6 will be taking part in a cricket competition at St Dunstan's College on Wednesday afternoon of next week. Adam and Freddy will accompany the children.

## PTA NEWS

Good luck to all the cyclists who are taking part in the sponsored bike ride on Sunday. They will be leaving school at 9.30am.

## GOVERNOR NEWS

Malcolm Finnie, the School Travel Plan co-ordinator would like to thank all those parents/carers, children and staff who took part in the Walk to School week before half term. This saw a high degree of involvement and was seen as a fun activity. Keep up the good work.

Through the Travel Plan the school is looking to implement Walking Buses to school, Junior Road Safety Officers, 'high-viz' vests for all children, monthly walking badges and new cycle parking. This will also include re-enforcing the parking restrictions immediately outside the school, promotion of both park and stride/car-shares. We are also awaiting new signage to highlight the location of the school and the dangers that children face crossing roads.

*Features affecting all schools which were highlighted at the recent Lewisham's Children and Young Peoples sub-committee:*

**Immunisations** – MMR and Diptheria. Are your children up-to-date? Lewisham has a low level of immunisation. This places everyone at risk, even those who have been vaccinated.

**Swine Flu** – Autumn and winter could see this back on the radar when the cold season hits.

**Contact details** - Ensuring parent/carer contact details are accurate helps to ensure a speedy and effective approach in the event of an emergency.

Finally, from the recent National Governors Conference in Leeds, there is a focus on **increasing the take-up of school meals nationally by 1 million**. Lewisham has one of the lowest levels of meal uptake in London. Have you tried school dinners recently?

# Horniman Community Noticeboard

To place a free item on the notice board, email [waymanic@gmail.com](mailto:waymanic@gmail.com)  
or hand a note to Jo (Benjamin's mum, YR1)

## STAFF NEWS

The following classes will require cover next week:

Mon:	YR3	James Cowlard
Wed:	REC	Luiza Ali
Thurs:	YR4	Robert Furness
Thurs:	YR3	James Cowlard

## GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

The best class at getting to school on time this week was: **YR4** with only one late. Well done YR4!

## CITIZENSHIP NETWORK EVENT

Congratulations to Dionne, Celeste, Tomi, Shannon, Tilly and Sam H who presented a short film and information about our litter bugs project on Tuesday at the Lewisham Citizenship Network Event. The South London Press were there and we hope to feature in their report due out on Tuesday.

*'The earth is unique, but we hope to prove that we should not be unique trying to save it. It is better for more of us to get involved than to say we didn't help the planet that means so much to us.*

*'We have learnt that the community should benefit from us before we benefit from the community.'*

**Celeste Cardew YR6**

## LOCAL VISITS

Several classes have been out on local visits this week. YR3 and 4 visited Ladywell Fields to take part in river dipping - check out the photos on their class pages. YR2 have visited Horniman Gardens and Reception visited Crystal Palace Park and Farm.

Next week some children from YR3 and 4 are making a visit to the velodrome at Herne Hill. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have accompanied the children. We could not make these visits without your support.

YR5 will be visiting Sydenham School on Tuesday afternoon to take part in a science and ICT lesson.

## Wanted

### Stall holders for The HOB's summer craft and design fair.

On Sundays 5th and 12th July, The HOB on Devonshire Road, opposite the Forest Hill train station, will be holding a craft and design fair to coincide with the Havelock Walk Artist Studios' Open Day and The Sydenham Arts Festival. We are looking for stall holders. It's £10 per day for a small stall, and £15 per day for a large one. If you do both days, it's £15 and £20 all in. The goods for sale are always of a well-made, high quality. If you would like a stall or know someone who may be interested, please contact Emma@edcomedy.com or call 020 88550496.

## Services

**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>.

## Events

**Cockpit Arts Open Studios.** Come and visit Cockpit Arts in Deptford (18-22 Creekside, Deptford, SE8 3DZ) on Friday 19th (6pm-9pm), Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st (11am-6pm). There will be a Pop Up Cafe by East Dulwich Deli. Only 2 Minutes from Laban dance centre and 7 mins walk to Greenwich. Great parks very near for the children too! [www.cockpitarts.com](http://www.cockpitarts.com).

**www.bubsie.co.uk** (run by Jo Sheffield, Esme's mum) will be offering a 20% discount to Horniman parents during Open Studios and [www.helenminns.com](http://www.helenminns.com) (local textile designer) will be offering a 10% discount.

**Family concert especially for children.** Sunday 21st June, 2.30pm at Blackheath Halls. Whether you're a fan of chamber music or don't know what it is, this one's for you. The Carducci Quartet are a group of four brilliant young musicians who are vibrant, enthusiastic and funny. Who needs Britain's Got Talent on the TV when you can go see some for real? Only £3 for children and £5 for adults!

### Exhibition of new paintings by Kim Geyer.

On now until 1<sup>st</sup> July at The Dolphin, Sydenham Road, Sydenham in association with ArtDog. [www.artdog@aol.com](http://www.artdog@aol.com).

**Dulwich Open Gardens.** 103 and 105 Dulwich Village; North House, 93 Dulwich Village, and 24 Chestnut Road open Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2-5pm.