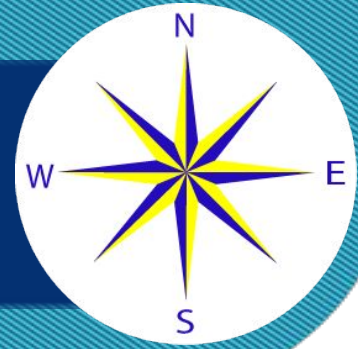


THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

This week, Y6 visited Tate Britain to see a range of artwork but with a particular focus on Chris Ofili's 'No Woman No Cry' emotive portrait. A group of children from Y2, went to the mini Olympics to compete against other schools in a range of sports - more information about their success can be found on page 8 of the newsletter! Well done to Y2 and Y6 for their exemplary behaviour throughout their visits!

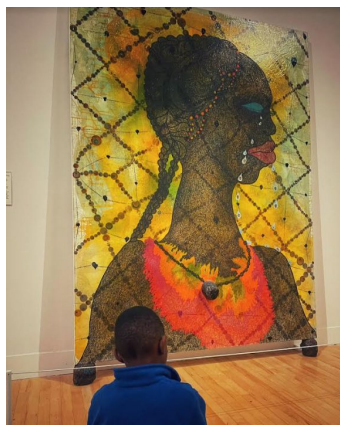
We have arrived at the end of this half-term and it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made and the enthusiasm that they have for learning and school. It was great to see so many parents and carers during your meetings this week. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half-term holiday!

Attached are three links to activities you could enjoy during the October break:

<https://www.newhamblackhistory.org/>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/events/diwali-square-2023> & <https://runkidsrun.org/str>

Best wishes,
Mr Aloum



School Values

Please keep reminding the children about how our school values will help them succeed in school and in their everyday lives.

- Strive

Always try your best

- Resilience

Never give up

- Pride

Be proud of your achievements and those of others

- Success

Aim high and you will succeed!



Y6 Secondary Transition

Your child should have brought home the 'We are going to Secondary School' guide. Hopefully you have looked through the booklet and already started to attend some open days and open evenings.

Moving from primary to secondary school is a big step for children and their families so we are here to help. Please look at the 'Year 7 admission' section of our website under the 'Join our school' tab for further information. (<https://southernroad.newham.sch.uk/join-our-school/year-7-admission-for-september/>) There are links to important documents and a presentation which summarises the key information you need to know. Once you have made your decision and completed the online application form, please send us your reference number by completing the following form <https://forms.gle/T4CETQHSKidxjWQq7>. We request that this is done by Monday 16th October so we have time to support any families that may be having difficulties with their applications. Places are not allocated on a first come first served basis, but we want to ensure that no family misses the National closing day for on time applications on Tuesday 31st October 2023.

If you have any questions please ask. Mrs Crozier or a member of the year 6 team will be able to answer general questions and you can make an appointment with Ms Henna if you need help completing the online application form.



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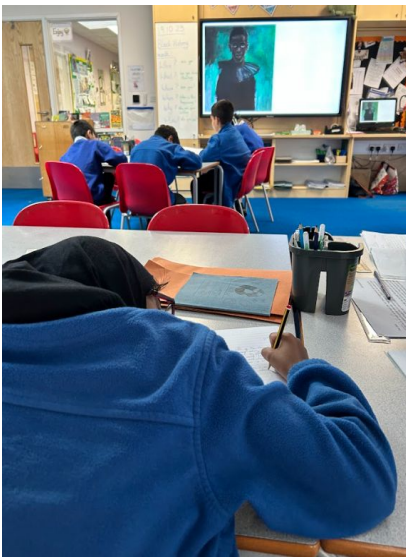
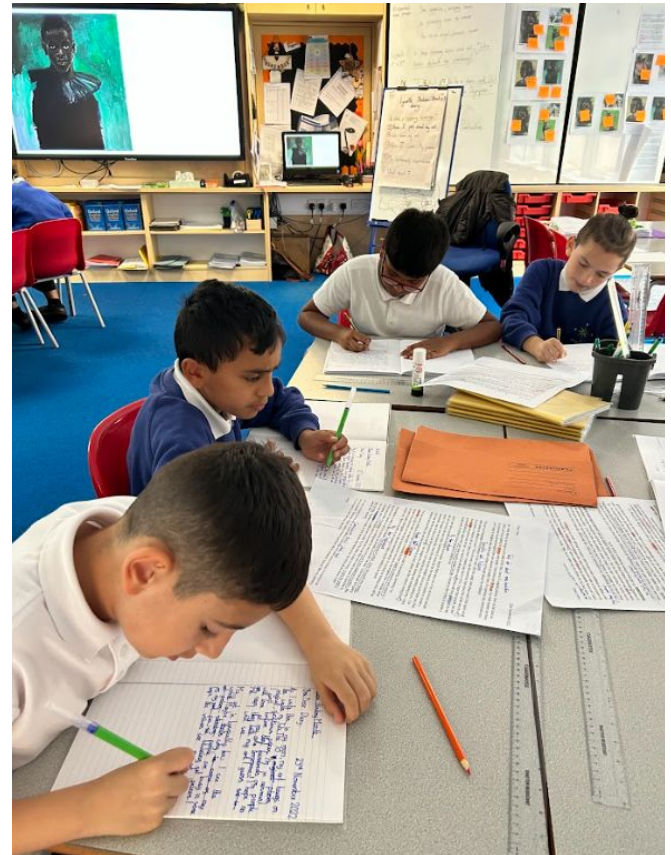


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Black History Month Gallery

Check out the fantastic work our children have been doing to celebrate Black History Month. The theme this year was titled 'saluting our sisters' which involved the children learning about and celebrating the invaluable contributions of women, who have inspired and empowered future generations.



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Safeguarding

What to do if you are concerned about a child?

Adults have a responsibility to share any concerns they have, even when they may have some doubts as to whether a child is being harmed. If you are concerned about a child, speak to someone. This might be a health visitor, teacher, family doctor, social worker or police officer. You can also contact the school and request to speak to one of the safeguarding leads who are: Ms Yearnshire, Ms Lawrence, Ms Crozier, Ms Bobat and Ms Henna.

Please do speak to your child about our weekly safeguarding question.

Our safeguarding questions for this week is:

**How did you stay safe in school this term?
What safety messages did you learn?**

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Attendance

In line with Newham's guidance, leave for pupils during term time is not authorised except in exceptional circumstances. Requests for holiday absence during term time will continue to be declined and parents/carers who take their child out of school for this reason may be subject to a penalty notice fine, issued by the Local Authority.

Well done to **3MC**! 99% of the class came to school every day!
Which class will be the winners next week?

Top 3 classes with the best attendance:

1. 3MC	99.1%
2. 5LV	99%
3. 6VP	98.8%



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Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

We would like to create a PTA at Southern Road which will help support the school with fundraising and organising events. By joining the PTA, you can contribute to the well-being of our school in various ways:

- 1. Supporting Events:** PTA members play a crucial role in planning and executing school events, including fundraisers, family fun days and cultural celebrations.
- 2. Fundraising:** Your involvement in fundraising activities can help us secure resources to improve the school environment, provide extra learning opportunities and enhance our facilities.
- 3. Community Building:** Being part of the PTA allows you to connect with other parents and build a strong support network, creating a sense of community within our school. You can support the school by being an additional adult on school visits.

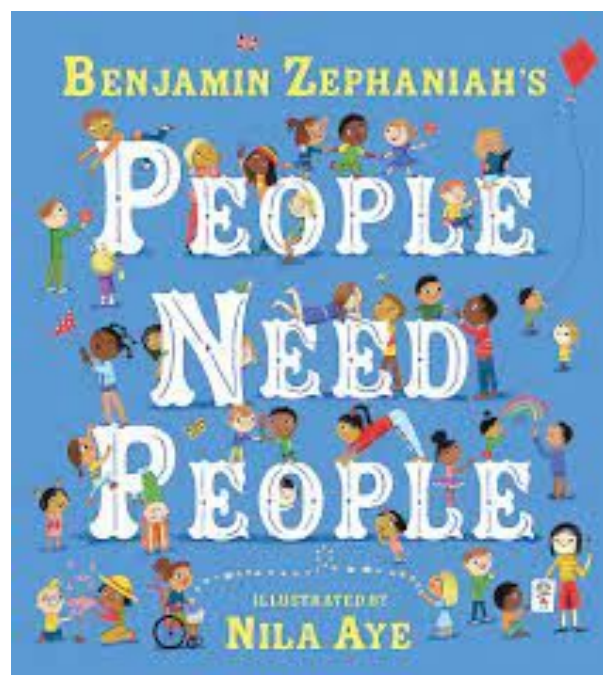
If you're interested in joining the PTA, please add your name and some contact information on the Google form link: <https://forms.gle/kF2iyVeBgZokbqUi6> by Friday 27th October 2023.

Book Review

People Need People

To walk to, to talk to, to cry and rely on, people will always need people. Benjamin Zephaniah's uplifting rhyming text shares the many reasons why people need other people. People are very useful – to play with, to learn from and to hug! The delightful illustrations by Nila Aye show people interacting in all sorts of situations – in the park, the nursery, the airport and a family feast, to name a few. Every child is having fun in the pictures, and between them they represent a large variety of ethnicities. Everyone in the world needs people, after all!

It is impossible to read this book and not smile. The poem is perfect to read aloud, as you'd expect from a prizewinning poet, and the cheery yellow endpapers, peppered with smiling faces, set the tone for pleasure from the moment you open the covers. This is a wonderful celebration of community and connection. A joyous book to share, with charming details to spot on every spread.



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TTRockstars

Well done to **6LT, 5LV & 6VP** who had 100% of their class playing TTRockstars this week!

Which class or classes will be on top next week?

Fastest TTRockstars player



Ibrahim in 5NA can answer any question in 0.43 seconds!



Talha in 6VP can answer any question within 0.44 seconds!



Ahnaf in 6VP can answer any question within 0.48 seconds!



Most played

6LT (100%)
6VP (100%)
5LV (100%)

3MC (97%)

4CW (90%)
4DL (90%)

3GT

5NA

6WJ

3TP



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School Uniform

We expect all children to wear school uniform which consists of:

A white shirt or blouse

Grey or black trousers

Grey or black skirt or dress, or blue checked summer dress

A royal blue jumper, fleece or sweatshirt with the school badge on it

Black trainers or shoes only

Head scarves if worn for religious reasons should be black, white or school blue in colour.

Only studded earrings are allowed and jewellery worn for religious purposes.

Southern Road PE Kit

Black shorts or black jogging bottoms

Plain white PE T-shirt

Black plimsolls or trainers

Please ensure that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with the child's name especially school sweatshirts and coats as it does make returning lost property much easier.

School uniform can be purchased from [Southern Road Primary School | Ian Howard Schoolwear](#)



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Year 2 Mini Olympics

On Wednesday, some Y2 children went to Newham Leisure Centre to compete against other schools in the Mini-Olympics. They took part in 8 different sporting activities and they all did exceptionally well. We entered two teams and both our teams came joint first! Well done to everyone involved!! We have future Olympians in the making ...



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Diary Dates

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

School Photo Day

Thursday 16th November 2023

Whole School Cross Country

Friday 24th November 2023

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 20th December 2023 - **School closes at 1:15**

Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024

INSET Days

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

School re-opens for pupils on Monday 8th January 2024

Our school term dates for 2023-24 can be found on the school website:

[Term Dates and School Times – Southern Road Primary School](#)



Family Support with Ms Henna

Ms Henna will be holding ESOL classes every Friday. If you would like to join, please let her know.

Come and join Ms Henna and the parents of SRP to chill and chat over at the Rainbow Cafe next to Lister School. This will take place every month

Date: Wednesday 8th November at 9.15 to 10.15am.

Please wait for Ms Henna outside the main entrance.



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES



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AGE RESTRICTION
13+



What parents need to know about **YOUTUBE**

Any child with a Gmail account can sign into YouTube & access videos. Some content is flagged 'age-restricted', but the platform relies on self-verification, meaning kids can get around the rules with a fake date of birth. This could enable access to vulgar, violent & dangerous videos.



When your child is signed-in to YouTube with their Gmail account, there are various ways they can send & receive messages. This could be via the messages icon, or via the 'About' tab. There is scope here for users who your child does not know to make contact.



YouTube will often 'auto play' videos based on your child's viewing habits. The aim is to show related & appropriate content. But the problem is: it's possible your child will be exposed to inappropriate content that isn't accurately related.



Challenge videos refer to a stunt you're encouraged to recreate & film. Many challenge videos can be harmless & for a good cause, like the Ice Bucket Challenge. But some are dangerous & even life threatening, such as the Bird Box Challenge.



If your child has a Google account, they can upload their own videos. To do this, they must create a personal profile page known as a 'YouTube Channel'. The videos uploaded here can be viewed, commented on & shared by anyone. This could put your child's privacy at risk.



Tips To Protect Your Child

Restricted mode helps to hide any mature or unpleasant videos from your children. It uses YouTube's own automated system & looks at what other users flag as inappropriate content. It must be enabled in the settings menu on each individual device.

You can change who can view your child's content in the settings. Options include Public (available to all), Private (only available to people you share it with & cannot be shared) or Unlisted (available to people you share it with & can be shared further).



To help protect your child from cyber-bullies, harassment or persistent offensive comments, you can 'block' individual users. Doing so hides your child's videos from the user & stops the user being able to contact your child in any way.

Influence & control what your child watches using features such as Playlists (your videos play continuously rather than videos YouTube recommends) & Subscriptions (you choose channels your child can watch). It's also good to turn off auto play by toggling the blue button alongside the 'Up Next' title when viewing a video.

Create a Google account to be used by the whole family. This will allow you to monitor exactly what your child is watching, uploading & sharing. Plus, your child's YouTube page will display their recently watched videos, searches, recommended videos & suggested channels.



Create your own account so you can explore features yourself. Learn how to flag inappropriate videos, how to moderate comments & how to block users. This will help you feel more confident when providing advice & guidance to your children.

Once your child has posted a video, a worldwide audience can see it. Strangers may choose to comment on the video, both positively & negatively. So, be careful to check comments & any other interactions your child is making through the platform.



It's good to know which channels are most popular with your children. Some of the most popular channels right now are: PewDiePie, NigaHiga, Zoella, KSI, JennaMarbles, Markiplier, Smosh, ThatcherJoe & Casper Lee.

YouTube and YouTube Kids are quickly becoming the chosen viewing platforms for children between the ages of 3-15 & it's likely this trend will only increase. It's also possible children will become familiar with the platform at a younger & younger age. So it's important to understand the positives & negatives of the platform.



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Autumn 2023

SCERTS® in Newham Training for Parents/Carers

Training for parents/carers of children who:

- Aged Reception to Year 11 who have social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism.
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or children must attend a Newham school.

Social
Communication
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Regulation
Transactional
Supports

Learn about social communication and strategies to help your child interact and stay focused, calm and engaged.

Course will be delivered online
evenings for the first time!

Please attend ALL 4 sessions on WEDNESDAYS:



Weds 8 th November 2023	6.30-8pm
Weds 15 th November 2023	6.30-8pm
Weds 22 nd November 2023	6.30-8pm
Weds 29 th November 2023	6.30-8pm



Course delivered online (Microsoft Teams) –
parents will require internet access.



To *book* a place parents/carers complete the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/etgYkVGGbr>

*A **meeting link** for the training sessions will be sent by email prior to the course start.*



IT'S ANOTHER.. GR8 DAY 2 PLAY

A free, incredibly fun day out for SEND young people
aged 0-25, their families, guardians or carers to
experience Sports, Leisure and Creative Activities in
Newham!



All providers are fully trained



Date:
28th October 2023



Time:
1-6 pm



Location:
Newham Leisure Centre
Prince Regent Lane
London E13 8SD



Pilates

1:00 - 2:50 pm



Dancing

2-3:45 pm



Tennis

3:00 - 5:00 pm



Cricket

4:00 - 5:00 pm



Swimming

5:00 - 6:00 PM

**Multi/Mixed
Sports**

All Day



**Sensory
Activities**

All Day



**Virtual Reality
(VR)**

All Day



Trampoline

All Day



**Please Register for Activities
with the Provided Link or QR**

Code

Although the event runs from 1-6, not all activities run the whole day. Please register to book your spot for the activities you want to attend. Please note that young people can't be left on their own without adults

<https://tinyurl.com/GR8DAY2PLAY2023>





Post Diagnosis Parent Led Support Group

Emotional support for families of children aged 0-12 with a diagnosis of Autism

Strengthen, Empower & Nurture (SEN) in Newham

Purpose of the support groups:

- Family Connectors will provide emotional support to families who have a diagnosis of Autism
- Come along to meet other parents with similar experiences to you
- A great opportunity to make friends and access signposting to local services & support

Venue: West Ham Lane Health Centre. 84 West Ham Lane. Stratford. London. E15 4PT. Lord Lister Room

Day / Times:

- Second Wednesday of every month from 10am – 12noon – Drop in for parent caregivers (No appointment needed)
- Fourth Wednesday of every month from 10am – 12noon – Appointments will be booked by SCYPS only

If you have any questions, please contact:

For children aged 0-5 contact: Josephine M: 07929 666 071 E: Josephine.Assani@mencap.org.uk

For children aged 6-12 contact: Elkie M: 07929 754 148 E: Elkie.Sharp@mencap.org.uk

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