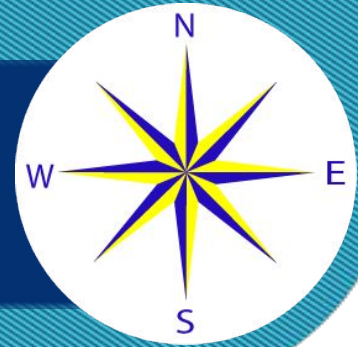


Friday 6th October 2023

THE COMPASS

Southern Road Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Last Friday, we had a gold medal winning Paralympian visit us. Jonathan Broom-Edwards did a special assembly and spoke to the children about his journey to achieving his gold medal dream. Everyone was inspired about he overcome adversity to be successful!

October is the start of Black History Month and this year the focus is on celebrating the invaluable contributions of women to British society, who have inspired and empowered future generations. Look out for some photos of work related to Black History Month in future editions of this newsletter! Please click on the links below to find out more about upcoming events that Newham will be hosting: <https://www.newhamblackhistory.org/events/?view=list> and <https://www.newham.gov.uk/events/event/190/black-history-month-programme-2023>

Parents and carers evening is on Wednesday 18th October for Reception to Year 6 pupils. Please book your appointment time through ParentMail. **A reminder that school will close at 1:15 that day.**

Nursery parents meetings will take place on Thursday 19th October from 9:00 to 3:30.

Enjoy the sunny weekend and see you on Monday!

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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Southern Road in the News

Check out the Nursery World article about Southern Road's two-year old provision and how it has successfully helped so many children, their families and the school. Well done to everyone involved!.

case study: Southern Road Primary School, Newham, London



'We started our provision for free-funded two-year-olds seven years ago, after a sharp decline in numbers saw our

nursery provision for three- and four-year-olds drop from three-form entry to one-form entry,' explains Ashfiya Bobat, assistant head teacher of Southern Road Primary School.

'In an attempt to raise the profile of the school, along with numbers – and budgets – as well as supporting two-year-olds from deprived backgrounds who were falling behind in communication and personal, social and emotional skills, we lowered the age range of the school to include two-year-olds. We also raised the offer in our three- and four-year-old rooms, from 15 hours to 30 hours of funded childcare a week in an attempt to entice more working parents. We did this with the support of the London Borough of Newham's early years team.

'As a result of the changes, the school has been in a much better place over the past two years. We're at least 70 per cent full. Our Reception classes now start off with a solid 65 to 70 children and we make up the numbers for the

three-form entry throughout the year.

'The progress of the first cohort of two-year-olds, which are now in Year 2, has been phenomenal. Many of them started with extremely limited levels of language, but they have gone on to meet their expected levels of development in communication and language at the end of Key Stage 2. We are extremely proud of the confident learners they have become.

'But we had to think creatively about the process at the time. We had a great team of early years staff and this initiative helped ensure that they didn't lose their jobs.

'Fortunately, we had the physical space and only minimal changes were needed. We already had an empty nursery classroom with low-level toilets and we adapted a small room for nappy-changing facilities. There is no need for a sleeping area because the 24 two-year-olds that attend – 12 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon – only come for three-hour daily sessions, although there's a cosy area with cushions if they're tired.

'The ratio is 1:4 and we have two Level 4 nursery nurses and one teaching assistant, and I oversee the

nursery – I'm a trained early years teacher. Our curriculum for two-year-olds focuses on the three prime areas of learning in the EYFS: communication and language, personal, social and emotional and physical development. It's about getting them active and using their gross motor skills and fine motors to develop the pincer grip and getting them to communicate through play.

'Movement is key. Outdoors, we have climbing frames, a sensory garden, a mud kitchen and a bike track. They have free-flow access to the outdoor garden and allocated times where they can use the play equipment and the larger areas of open space.

'With the changes to the entitlement for two-year-olds from September, we envisage even more demand, and although we don't have space for another two-year-old room, it might be that we move the children up to the three-year-old room quicker, to free up space for more two-year-olds.

'One of the biggest challenges is finding the right staff. Staff development is key, particularly with the ever-changing early years market. It's a lot of work – but it's well worth it when you see the children progress.'

NW
NurseryWorld



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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 question for this week is:

How can you keep yourself safe around animals?

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Students who miss school frequently will fall behind with their work and do less well academically and socially.

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%

2. 2KB

98.3%

3. 5NA

98.2%



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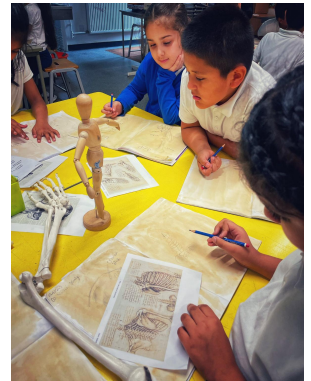
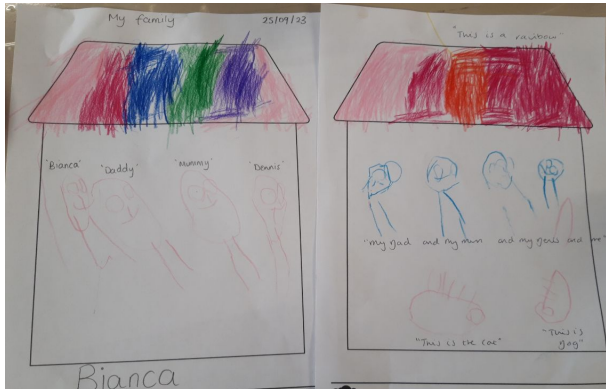
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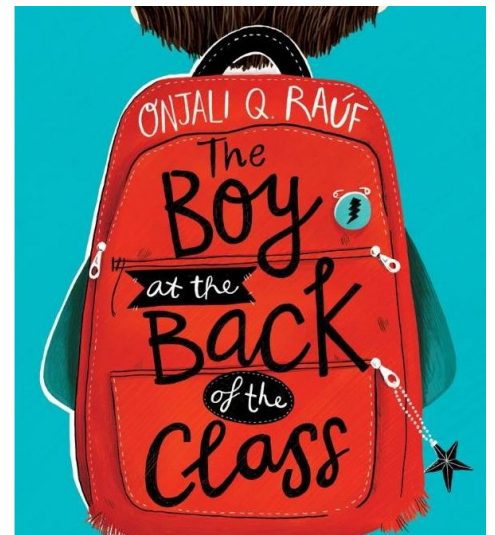


Book Review

The Boy at the Back of the Class

This week's recommend read is the wonderful 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. Told with humour and heart, The Boy at the Back of the Class provides a child's perspective of the ongoing refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and hope in a world that doesn't always make sense.

The author, Onjali Q Rauf, was born and raised in East Ham and decided to write this book after visiting a refugee camp in France. If you are looking for a book that will make you laugh while also tugging on your heart-strings, then this is the book for you.



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TTRockstars

Well done to **3MC** who had 100% of their class playing TTRockstars this week!

Which class or classes will be on top next week?

Biggest improvement in their studio speed



Saihaan in 4CW is 3.38 seconds faster than last week!



Eva in 3MC is 2.27 seconds faster than last week!



Samiya in 4CW is 2.26 seconds faster than last week!



Most played

3MC (100%)

4DL (96%)

4CW (96%)

4. 6LT

5. 5LV

6. 5NA

7. 3GT

8. 6VP

9. 6WJ

10. 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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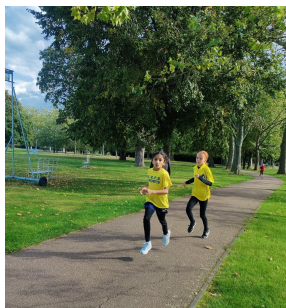
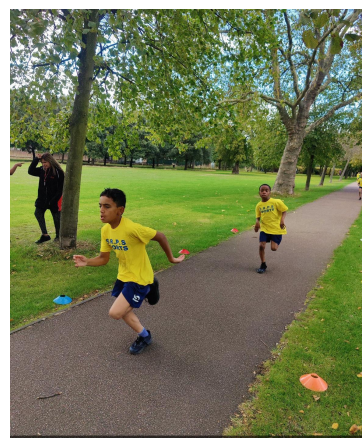
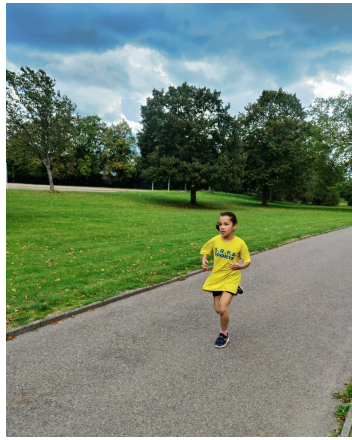
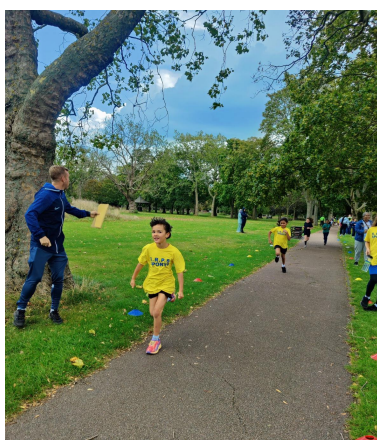
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Cross Country

On Tuesday, some children from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to compete in a cross country event which was held at West Ham Park. 11 other schools took part in a range of races. The Y4 children ran 1.5km and Y5 & 6 children ran 2km. Well done to everyone who took part, you all did incredibly well - we are very proud of you!

- Year 4 Girls - 1st place and 3rd place individual medals and overall best school trophy
- Year 4 Boys - 1st place and 3rd place individual medals and overall best school trophy
- Year 5 Girls - 2nd place individual medal and overall best school trophy
- Year 6 Boys - Overall best school trophy
- Year 6 Girls - 2nd place individual medal.



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Diary Dates

Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th October 2023 - **School closes at 1:15**

Thursday 19th October 2023 (9:00 - 3:30) - **Nursery will be closed that day**

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

School Photo Day

Thursday 16th 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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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

bbfc

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

PEGI

R18
RESTRICTED

12

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



Universal, suitable for all ages



Parental Guidance required



Suitable for people aged 12 and over



Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult



Suitable for people aged 15 and over



Suitable for people aged 18 and over



Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



www.pegi.info



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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

Source: www.pegi.info



**National
Online
Safety**

A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

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
Emoional
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.*

LCIS: Family Training & Support for Autism/Social Communication Autumn 2023

In addition to our school service offer, LCIS provides a range of courses for **families** of primary and secondary-aged children and young people in Newham who have a diagnosis of autism **or** social communication difficulties. We have a training offer for Early Years parents, and School-Aged for parents of children in Reception-Year 11.

Early Years training for parents/carers of children in Nursery/Pre-school



A series of 4 online sessions for parents and friends / family members to understand their child's needs and find out strategies to support their child's communication and development on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00pm and Mondays 7-8pm (Term time only)

- Session 1: **Developing Communication**
- Session 2: **How children with social communication needs think & learn**
- Session 3: **Understanding sensory needs and supporting emotional regulation**
- Session 4: **Problem solving; further support in the community; next steps**

For more information about LCIS Early Years courses and to book a place please email: Kari.Askey@newham.gov.uk or Androulla.Kyriacou@newham.gov.uk

Parents can also attend Little Champions SEND Stay and play Sessions in Children's Centres with Family Support workers, LCIS Staff and Area SENCO team for further support and advice.

Location	Date and time	Contact details
Edith Kerrison Children's Centre, Sophia Road, E16 3PB	Every Monday 10am - 11:15am	Email: Cheryl.callender@edithkerrison.newham.sch.uk Telephone: 0207 473 2761
Altmore Children's Centre, Altmore Avenue, E6 2BX	Every Tuesday 1.30pm-2.30pm	Email: childrenscentre@alfederation.com Telephone: 0208 8472 3555
Beckton and Royal Docks Children's Centre, Tollgate Road, E6 5UP	Every Wednesday 10:30am – 11:30am	Email: info@becktonandroyaldockschildrenscentre.org.uk Telephone: 0207 474 0654
St. Stephen's Children's Centre, Whitfield Road, E6 1AS	Every Thursday 9:30am- 10:30am	Email: wendy.campbell@st-stephens.newham.sch.uk Telephone: 0208 472 7575

SCHOOL-AGED Training for parents/carers of children in Reception-Year 11



SCERTS® Parent/Carer Training

This is a four-part training course run over four weeks during term time for parents/carers of children with social communication difficulties from Reception to Year 11. The course gives an opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about autism/social communication through SCERTS®, an educational framework used to identify the highest priority needs for support for autistic individuals to provide the best quality of life outcomes. It is a great opportunity to share experiences and advice with other parents and carers on a similar journey.

Course dates: 6.30-8pm, Wednesdays Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Venue: online (Microsoft Teams)

Click here to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/etgYkVGGBr>



Parent/Carer Workshops



Intensive Interaction:

For parents/carers to learn more about Intensive Interaction – an intervention commonly used in schools to help build children's fundamental communication and interaction skills.

Course date: Monday 2nd Oct 9.30-11.30am
Venue: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane E13 9NB

Click here to book:
<https://forms.office.com/e/m1b7Lhc7eR>

Core Vocabulary Boards:

For parents/carers to learn how to use this communication system, which aims to support their child's understanding and use of words to communicate.

Course date: Friday 6th Oct 9.30-11.30am
Venue: Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane E13 9NB

Click here to book:
<https://forms.office.com/e/pUaUBWvCx8>

Course dates and booking information are circulated to schools and shared on the Newham Local Offer on a termly basis.