

Clifton Community News #6

Friday 9th February 2024

A big Thank you and Goodbye!

Beant Sachar has been a School Governor at Clifton for nearly 40 years. On Wednesday 17th January she took part in her last Governors Meeting. We would like to thank Beant for her many years of service to the school but most importantly her dedication to the pupils, staff and school community. We are looking forward to welcoming Beant back to the school in the future as a Reading Volunteer - she just can't keep away!

Message from Beant:

I am very sad to be leaving Clifton Primary School as a School Governor, after almost 40 years of service.

It has been one of the greatest honours of my life and I am so proud of what we have achieved together.

I will cherish my memories of the wonderful children, their parents, grandparents, dedicated Head teachers and all of the other incredible staff who keep the school going every day and make it what it is.

I will miss you all but I know that Clifton Primary School will continue to go from strength to strength and I hope to keep in touch.

With all my best wishes

Beant Sachar



Nursery's Bus Journey

Nursery have been learning about transport and how to travel safely. This half term, Bluebell and Snowdrop travelled on the 105 bus to and from the local park. They learnt how to wait at the bus stop and what to do when getting on and off the bus. They travelled to the local park and once there they observed the wildlife and looked at nature.

A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who supported nursery on their first trip! Well done!

Below are some comments from the children:

"I saw a dog. The bus was red"
Kiraz

"I liked the bus because we saw lots of cars"
Abiha



"105 bus"
Rayan

"We need to hold hands and cross the roads"
Jayden

"I saw sticks, big sticks"
Eesa







Reception's Bus Journey

This term, Reception have been learning all about Journeys and Transport. Last week, they travelled on a bus to Southall Park!

The children not only got to see how buses work, but also learnt how to walk on the pavement sensibly and how to cross the road safely. The children were really well behaved and followed all the rules perfectly!

Once at the park, we explored the park and got to see lots of pigeons and squirrels! We all had an amazing trip and can't wait for the next one!



Clifton Councillors Update



The Clifton Councillors have been very busy collecting your views and feedback about what you love about Clifton and what you would like to see more of.

They met with Mrs Greenglass to present their findings and make some plans for the projects they are working on.

They will be holding an assembly soon to update you on what they have been doing!

Outdoor Learning Space

Frank Class enjoying the outdoor space to do some afternoon read in for pleasure.



Lunar New Year at Wolf Fields

Last Thursday, a few pupils from Malala and Attenborough Class had the opportunity to go to and celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year with Wolf Fields Primary School. The pupils found it to be an amazing experience and thoroughly enjoyed getting to learn about the diverse culture and traditions that come with celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year. One of the pupils' favourite festivities was solving the puzzle and reconstructing the Chinese 100 square, making them use their critical thinking and problem solving skills. They also had the opportunity work collaboratively with their peers at Wolf Fields to control a 10m-long dragon puppet as it is the year of the dragon. We even had the chance to watch a noodle-pulling demonstration from a former chef!

Many thanks to Mrs Greenglass and Wolf Fields Primary School for organising this trip. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed meeting new pupils and reuniting with former Clifton pupils.

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Year 6 Eastside Spoken Word Power - Poetry Workshops

Carrying on from their drama workshops before Christmas, both Malala and Attenborough Class had the wonderful chance to continue working with the artists from the Eastside Spoken Power Workshops this week.

Desree Gums-Carty (a poet from London who is helping and inspiring all the children in Year 6 to write, edit and perform their poems) will be hosting our very own Poetry Slam on the 26th February. Year 6 will then have an exciting opportunity to visit the historic Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly Circus - the heart of central London - where one child from Year 6 will perform their own poem in front of other schools from all across London! We look forward to welcoming Year 6 Parents/Carers to **Clifton's Poetry Slam, Monday 26th February at 1.45pm.**

A Very Special Visitor

Last week, Zephaniah had a very special visitor in their Maths lesson!

Desmond came into our Maths lesson and helped us stay in the green zone of regulation with our learning. We had to make sure that our classroom was "Desmond ready" by getting things off the floors and ensuring we were all sitting calmly, and that we were quiet when he came in. We really enjoyed having him visit - it was so much fun when he came around to look at our Maths work!

At one point, he was so relaxed that he fell asleep under the table! When it was lunchtime, the whole class took him back to Miss Corrigan's office and made sure he'd got plenty to drink and some treats so that he could get some rest after a busy morning.

We hope that he can come back to our classroom again soon!



Project Active

On Thursday 1st February, 8 children in Year 6 represented Clifton in the Project Active event at Featherstone Sports Centre.

They had to take part in a variety of events, such as Kurling, Beanbag throw, Speed Bounce and Basketball shooting. The children showed great effort, team work and resilience throughout the event.

Well done to the following children for their amazing effort:

Hamza, Asar, Helai, Muhammad Abdulkhadir, Subhan, Aleena, Abdullah and Yuvi.



Year 5/6 Girls Football

Monday 5th February was the second round of football fixtures for our year 5/6 girls. We had an exciting first match drawing to St Anselm's. The team are looking forward to two more fixtures of football!



Sitting Volleyball Fun!

Some of our Year 3/4/5/6 children took part in a sitting volleyball sports trip challenge on 25/01/24. They competed against other schools and tried their very best to win. The children had a lot of fun serving and passing the ball while sitting, blocking and spiking the ball, working as a team and also cheering each other on and other teams. The sports event took place in Featherstone High School with lots of smiles and laughter! They worked hard and came fifth place! Well done to all children for taking part.



Free Parenting Group **Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting**

Would you like support and ideas to help with your child/children's behaviour?

We are offering a three-week course to teach you and your family practical ways to improve your child's behaviour.

Happy children do better in school.



The course will be at 9am -10am in school on:

Wednesday 21st February 2024

Wednesday 28th February 2024

If you would like to come along, please sign up through the school office, or contact Elita directly.

Email Elita:

Elita@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk

or text **07469701260**



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Help Schools Counselling Partnership raise funds to stay in schools:

Children's Mental Health Week 05/02/2024- 11/02/2024

Your Voice Matters



**Available to buy from Tuesday 20th February. Timetable
to follow.**

Fortnightly Attendance Winners

The class with the best attendance for the school year so far is:


Key Stage One

Congratulations to **Nightingale** class

Key Stage Two

Congratulations to **Darwin** class

GOLD AWARD	Nightingale (Year) 96.1%
	

GOLD AWARD	Darwin (Year 4) 96.9%
	

Autumn term class attendance winners were ***Tulip and Darwin***, they celebrated with a popcorn and movie afternoon!



Our whole school attendance (exc Nursery) is currently **95.2%**
Our current target is **95.7%**, this means we are currently below our target. Please keep sending your children to school everyday so they do not miss any days of learning.

100% Attendance Winners

Congratulations and Well Done to all the children who achieved **100%** attendance in the Autumn term. To celebrate this the winners came to school dressed in non – school uniform for 2 days.



Excellent Attendance Winners

Congratulations and Well Done to all the children who didn't quite reach 100% but did extremely well in achieving over 97.5% attendance in Autumn.

They also dressed in non-school uniform for one day.

Well done and keep it up!

DESMOND'S DIARY

Dear Diary,



The Dog Mentor

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Today, I visited Clifton Primary School in Southall. I had a fantastic time with the adorable Desmond Bear, along with his owner Laura and handler Pavan! ❤️

I am so excited to tell you that I passed my assessment day and that I am now an accredited Dog Mentor! You'll see me on gate duty wearing my high visibility jacket and if you are very lucky, you will even see me in your classroom. I am currently teaching children how to be Desmond ready which means having a completely clear classroom floor, sitting still and putting both hands on your desk. Well done to Zephaniah class who have



already shown that they can be Desmond ready and are having regular visits from me.

Once you have all gone home the teachers often meet to learn more about the subjects that they teach you. Last week, we were learning more about the Design Technology lessons which are coming up and they made motorised buggies. You can see in this photograph that Miss Corrigan and Miss Miller made a buggy to carry around mini me.



I am trying to visit all of your assemblies from now on but I really need you to make sure

that you are Desmond ready so that I can stay in the Green zone when I visit. If you are not Desmond ready, I will walk out... not like in this assembly where I lay down as close to you all as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you much more.



Lots of love, Desmond Bear xXx

Local Area



2 GAME SPECIAL

KIDS **£12** ADULTS **£14**
per person per person

EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS
VALID FROM 12TH - 18TH FEBRUARY 2024. AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 8PM ONLY, EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS. UP TO FOUR PEOPLE PER VOUCHER, ONLY REDEEMABLE WHEN TWO GAMES OF BOWLING PER PERSON ARE PURCHASED. OFFER INCLUDES SHOE HIRE. EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS. T&Cs APPLY.

FAMILY SPECIAL

1 HOUR FOR **£32**

EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS
VALID FROM 12TH - 18TH FEBRUARY 2024. MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM TO 8PM ONLY. UP TO SIX PEOPLE PER VOUCHER, MINIMUM OF ONE CHILD PER GROUP OF SIX. OFFER INCLUDES SHOES HIRE. EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS. T&Cs APPLY.

FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN

PITZHANGER MANOR & GALLERY

JOIN US IN EXPLORING COLOURS, SHAPES, AND UNIQUE TECHNIQUES IN A FRIENDLY AND INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT. LET'S UNLEASH OUR INNER ARTISTS AND CREATE SOMETHING AMAZING TOGETHER!

Wednesday 14th February

Workshop 1 - 10:00am to 11:00am

Join us for an inspiring journey of colours and shapes, creating designs using unique templates. Let your imagination flow in this inclusive and budget-friendly workshop!

Workshop 2 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Put your art detective skills to the test by identifying small squares cut from masterpieces. It's a delightful challenge that sets the tone for an inspiring artistic experience.

Architect's Apprentice: Ealing Secondary Schools Only (SEND Adaptable)

Art & Design, Design & Technology, History

Students become architects and designers in our exciting architecture-themed workshops, facilitated by one of our team of amazing artist practitioners. Using a range of materials and methods, pupils will explore concepts of form, structure, and the context of the built environment. This workshop has the option of being at Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery, or at your school's site. We only have a limited number of free workshops, so get in touch soon at learning@pitzhanger.co.uk or book now!



London Transport Museum

February Half Term - Women at Work

Saturday 10th February - Sunday 18th February (ALL DAY)

Come and take part in fun activities celebrating the achievements of the women who have helped keep London moving. During your visit you can also hop aboard historic buses and Tube trains, and learn to 'drive' an Elizabeth line train. Little ones will also love our [All Aboard](#) play zones!

Depot Family Tours

Wednesday 14th February & Saturday 16th March
at 10:00am, 12:30pm or 3:00pm

Join us at our London Transport Museum Depot in Acton, west London to uncover the stories of some of the very special vehicles in our collection. From the tons of poo that accompanied the first Horse Buses, to why trains have bogies, this highlights tour of our bus and train shed may surprise you! One of our knowledgeable and engaging learning facilitators will take you around part of the Depot to discover some of our favourite vehicles and the stories of the people behind them.



To Sign Up for Events - <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on>

Local Area

Why not visit Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery this February Half Term?!

The gallery welcomes families and is **FREE** for **Ealing residents on Sundays** from 10am - 12.30pm. Children under 16 are always **FREE** and adults **£9** but **FREE** if on universal credit (please do bring proof of this when visiting).

Advance booking of general admission tickets is highly recommended.

Cantonese Tell-a-tale: Lunar New Year Storytelling

Saturday 10 February 2024 at 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Embark on an immersive journey with us, where cultural richness, storytelling magic, and the joy of creative expression come together. Let's celebrate the Lunar New Year together!



The Joy of Music – A Concert for Families

Wednesday 14 February at 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Sing, clap and dance with MMus Performance students from London College of Music, UWL as they play some of their favourite tunes and take us on a journey through music. Join us for an interactive performance of Classical, Jazz and Popular music tailored to a young audience.

PRICE: FREE WITH PAID ENTRY TO PITZHANGER MANOR & GALLERY

Contact pitzhanger@pitzhanger.org.uk to find out more.

Znaniye Foundation

Ealing Green College, The Grn, London W5 5EW, UK

Saturday Club

Saturday 10th February at 10:30am - 1:40pm

We are back for the 2023 - 2024 Academic Year! Each week includes multiple brand-new activities, such as arts and crafts, music, world cultures, well-being, sports, science experiments and more! Please note that is for ages 5 to 13.

Saturday Club - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th February at 10:30am - 11:30am

We are thrilled to welcome our regular attendees to join us for this special coffee morning on Saturday 10th of February!

Please **SIGN UP** on the Znaniye Website to secure your spot!

Steel Pan Trust

Community First Foundation, 245 Rectory Park Ave, Northolt, UB5 6SD

Northolt Workshop

Sunday 11th & 18th February at 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Harmonise with Us: Join the Steel Pan Trust as we harness the unifying power of music. Our all-inclusive steel pan workshops, scheduled Northolt, offers a rich tapestry of experiences for people from all walks of life. Open to everyone aged 5 and above, these workshops are perfect for families, individuals or friends eager to embark on a musical adventure.

A Family of Sound: F.A.M.I.L.Y: Our workshops are more than just music sessions—they are a celebration of community values. We define FAMILY as Friendly, Accessible, Multicultural, Inclusive, Local and Young at Heart. It's a space where all are welcome, regardless of age, background or musical expertise.



Gunnersbury Park & Museum

Little Flamingos: Songs, Dance and Stories

Friday 8th March at 10.30am - 11:30am & 1.30 - 2.30pm

Join us for rhymes, action songs, and interactive stories, followed by free play in our small soft play area.

Price: **£3 (Adults are FREE)**

Object Detectives

Thursday 15th February at 11:00am - 11:45am

Join us for rhymes, action songs, and interactive stories, followed by free play in our small soft play area.

Price: **FREE**

These playful sessions are led by our volunteers and inspired by the flamingos that used to live here at Gunnersbury. Tea, coffee and juice will be served.

Price: **£3 (Adults are FREE)**

Book Now - <https://www.visitgunnersbury.org/whats-on/children-families/>



Chinese Painting Workshop with Helen Chan

Sunday 18th February at 10:30am - 12:00pm

This interactive session is designed to be fun and educational, introducing you to the traditional tools, materials, and techniques of Chinese painting. Aligned with the Lunar New Year theme, participants will create their paintings, capturing the essence of this important Southeast and East Asian festival. Your artwork will be a wonderful expression of creativity and a perfect decorative piece to celebrate the season.

Important Reminders and Messages

Half term holiday: 12th February 2024 - 16th February 2024
Monday 19th February school is closed for Inset day.

School reopens on Tuesday 20th February, please ensure children arrive on time at 8.40am

Attendance will be UNAUTHORISED for any pupils who are abroad during term-time, these families will receive a fine from the local authority. They may also be taken off of the school roll.

Doctor's and Dentist Appointments

We would kindly request that dentist and doctor's appointments are booked outside of the school day unless they are emergency appointments.

For emergency appointments/hospital appointments/home office appointments, please ensure you inform the School Office by 9am on the day of the appointment, if you do not notify the school in advance of the appointment you will not be able to collect your child early and your appointment will have to be rearranged.

No Nuts in School



We are trying our hardest to be a nut free school, please do not send your child into school with any nut based product for snacks or packed lunch. This includes products that may contain traces of nuts such as; Nutella and peanut butter. We have children and staff who are severely allergic to nuts and can have adverse reactions if they are exposed to nuts.

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1 Dial 999**
- 2 Listen to the questions from the 999 operator**
- 3 Respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can**
- 4 If prompted, press 55**
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

IOPC Independent Office for Police Conduct
#YouAreNotAlone Supported by **women's aid** until women & children are safe
NPCC National Police Chiefs' Council

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

If you would like to learn more about how we collect, use and store your data please have a look on our [GDPR website page](#).

Coming Up at Clifton...

Date	Event
12/02/24 - 16/02/24	Half Term
19/02/24	INSET Day - School Closed to pupils
20/2/24	Pupils return to school
20/02/24	Year 1 Trip to the Mosque
21/2/24	Brilliant Club Trip Graduation Event at The Courtauld Institute of Art
21/2/24	Reception Workshop - Accessing Phonics Videos on the Website – 9am
21/2/24	Year 5/6 Basketball Competition
21/2/24	Year 1 Reading Workshop– 3.30pm
22/2/24	Year 2 Reading Workshop– 3.30pm
22/2/24	Author Visit – Chitra Soundar
23/2/24	Houses of Parliament Trip for School Counsellors
23/2/24	Year 3 Reading Workshop– 3.30pm
26/2/24	Year 6 Poetry Slam - 1.45pm (Parents/Carers invited)
28/2/24	Year 4 Reading Workshop– 3.30pm
29/2/24	Year 5 Reading Workshop– 3.30pm

On Thursday 22nd February, author Chitra Soundar will be visiting Clifton. She will be taking an assembly for the children and running workshops for both Year 2 and Year 3. At the end of the day, in the playground, she will be selling some of her books and will be signing them for you too. Books will be priced between £8-£10. If you would like to purchase a book and get it signed, please bring cash when you collect your children.

<https://www.chitrasoundar.com/>



Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January – Pupils Return to School

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February – Half Term

Monday 19th February – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Pupils Return to School

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Pupils Return to School

Friday 26th July – Last Day of Term

Monday 29th July – Occasional Day (School Closed)

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3rd September – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4th September – Pupils return to school
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term
Monday 4th November – Pupils return to school
Friday 13th December – Last day of term
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holidays

Monday 16th December – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 17th December – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 18th December – Occasional Day (School closed)
Thursday 19th December – Occasional Day (School closed)
Friday 20th December - Occasional Day (School closed)

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – Pupils return to school
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half Term
Monday 24th February – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 25th February – Pupils return to school
Friday 4th April – Last day of term
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Pupils return to school
Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Half Term
Friday 25th July – Last day of term

School Website

Our school website has such an extensive amount of information on it which we are constantly adding to. Please take your time to explore what we have available. <https://www.cliftonprimaryschool.com/>

Click the links below to be taken to some of the key pages.

[Curriculum](#)

[Inclusion](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

[Medical](#)

[School Policies](#)

[Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

[Term Dates](#) (also in this newsletter)

[School Uniform](#)

[School Meals](#)

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All of the information on our website can be translated via google translate.



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“From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts”

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Good school attendance is one of the main factors in determining your child's future and opportunities in life.

Pupils should be in school on time, all day, everyday, except when they are too unwell/sick to attend. NHS advises that it is fine to send children to school with minor coughs and colds. Please read NHS guidance:

NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Do NOT take your child out of school to go abroad for an extended holiday or leave of absence during term-time. All unauthorised absences will receive a penalty notice fine from Ealing Council.

Guidance for parents on how to seek support with attendance challenges:
[Guidance for parents](#)

“THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!”

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

 HM Government
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



Special Educational Needs Information

About the Local Offer

The name 'Local Offer' is used to describe all the services and provision available to children and young people aged 0-25, and families 'locally' who are living with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The Local Offer website is a resource to help you understand what is available and how to access services and support.

Ealing's Local Offer includes:

- Early years and childcare
- Links to SEND provision within all schools
- Education, Health & Care (EHC) Assessment & Plan information
- Health and wellbeing
- Specific conditions
- Short breaks
- Money and benefits
- Housing adaptations
- Travel assistance
- Preparing for Adulthood (inc. housing, employment, support)
- SEN Support for Education

<https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/advice.page?id=9RSLmWI34g0&localofferchannelnew=0>

Are you concerned about your child's learning? If so please make an appointment to meet their class teacher to discuss what additional support can be put in place. For some children, they have additional Special Educational Needs which may mean they need teaching to be adapted.

They may need some support from professionals such as Occupational Therapists or Speech and Language Therapists which we can help you with. We have an extensive Inclusion Team at Clifton which is lead by Miss Corrigan.

Please take a look at our Inclusion page to find out more:

<https://www.cliftonprimaryschool.com/inclusion/>





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Raising Awareness of Communication Differences

e.g. selective/situational mutism



What's on in the Community

Find activities or useful services across the borough



Top Tips for Supporting Communication Difficulties

e.g. glue ear




Ealing Community Partners



YouTube

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Raising Awareness of Communication Differences

e.g. Stammering



Speech and Language Therapy Workshops

In-depth informative videos



Communication Clips

Short advice videos

