

#### Welcome back!

I trust you have all had a restful break and were able to make the most of the weather. I hope that the children are ready for what promises to be an exciting and busy Summer term.

#### HAPPY NEWS

I am pleased to announce that Ms Blake has given birth to a baby girl during the Easter holidays and both mother and daughter are doing well. The birth was a little earlier than Ms Blake had planned but Ms Sephton has kindly agreed to extend her hours and will now be a full time SENCO until further notice.

I am also delighted to inform parents that both Ms Grant and Ms Hunt are pregnant.

Ms Hunt is expecting her first child and Ms Grant is expecting her second. Both colleagues will be working until the end of the academic year and I know all the school community will wish to send them their warmest congratulations.

I am also certain that parents/carers will also wish to congratulate Mr McMullan who was married in South Africa during the Easter holidays.

#### SPRING CONCERT

Well done to all those who played instruments or sung in the Spring Concert. It was a wonderful occasion and I was pleased to see so many parents and family members supporting the school.

Thank you to all the many staff and parents who helped with the music lessons, especially Mydie Herz, Penny Langton, Charlotte Coad and of course, Mr Reed whose skill and dedication is well known.

I am also extremely pleased to report that the concert raised £262 for our school charity SW London Environmental Network.

#### THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

Having consulted with the pupils, staff and parents, I today informed Schoolscapes Ltd that they have been commissioned to undertake the playground development.

This company produced the design "B" which was the smaller pirate/climbing structure nearer the climbing wall.

The school will now be in discussion with contractors about the exact details of the project – we won't be purchasing the exercise bikes for example – and when the works will begin in the Summer holidays.

#### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The Reverend Tif Ewins, the vicar of St. Michael's Church, is looking for a children/youth minister. If you are interested in this role, please visit:

<https://stbarnabasclaphamcommon.wordpress.com/vacancies/>

#### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property "mountain" remains very high. All lost clothes will be put out in the junior playground EVERY Friday from 3.15 -4.00.

This will continue until the end of the Summer term.

#### FC BATTERSEA

A Honeywell parent, Mr De Maria, is setting up a football club for Yr 7 boys and girls with the intention that they play competitive matches next year. The club has close links with Fulham FC and as part of the establishment of this club there will be a photo opportunity for Yr 6 pupils on Thursday 2nd May.

Parents of children, currently in Yr 6 can find further information, by contacting Mr De Maria at:

[jadm@fcbattersea.com](mailto:jadm@fcbattersea.com)

#### PTFA NEWS

The next PTFA meeting is on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 in the staffroom and I hope to see many of you there.

#### Future PTFA events include:

Yoga Night 8<sup>th</sup> May - 7.00 -8.00

Join Year 6 and Jane Wooley for this relaxing evening.

Please look out for the 'Sell it for Honeywell' Buengo flyers and the 'Empties Please' ink cartridge recycling bags that were sent home in the book-bags yesterday.

These are to support the new environmental initiatives that the PTFA is launching in conjunction with the school. Buengo is an app which allows you to sell your unwanted goods and donate the proceeds to the PTFA, and the Empties Please scheme raises money for the PTFA as well as allowing you to easily recycle your old branded ink cartridges. You will find a drop box in the office next to the battery recycling box.

Please check the PTFA website for further details:  
[www.honeywellptfa.org.uk](http://www.honeywellptfa.org.uk)

### Finally, a message from the PTFA committee

#### CALLING OUT FOR

##### Are you...

- Good with people?
- Or good with numbers?
- A team player?
- Always up for a good party?
- Free a few hours a week?
- Keen to keep your CV healthy?

Then the PTFA wants YOU! Please volunteer - we are looking for 4 more parents to join as Trustees from September and in particular we are looking for a new Treasurer and we will need to appoint a new Chair (We are pleased to say that Rachel Mukherjee has put herself forward but we are required to seek nominations from any other interested parent!)

The success of the PTFA depends upon having a fully functioning Committee, so if you are interested then please come and join us for an informal chat at our coffee morning, new date to be confirmed shortly and we can let you know about all the exciting opportunities on offer!

The work that the PTFA undertakes is simply fantastic! The activities that are organised and the funds generated are essential to the life of the schools. I do hope parents will be able to volunteer to help with these PTFA positions.

#### BUILDING WORKS

As you can see the building works were concluded over the Easter holiday and the school site is now fully in use. This means that the arrangements for the children coming into school in the morning returns to the "usual" system, namely:

***On Monday and Friday mornings the bell is rung at 9.00 and the children line up in their class lines and make their way into the building with their teacher.***

***On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the school doors are open from 8.50 a.m. and the pupils can***

***enter the building from then. This process will be supervised by the School's Leadership team from 8.50 and all children should be in school by 9.00.***

#### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

As you know the school is committed to the Rights Respecting School agenda and we would like parents to follow this up at home.

If you have time please discuss with your children the following RRS Article we would be grateful.

#### Article 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONS

It was a very close contest when it came to counting up the House Points for this term.

Well done to BROOMWOOD House for being House champions last term. The boys and girls of BROOMWOOD gained 225 house points with NIGHTINGALE house in 2<sup>nd</sup> place scoring 224 and NORTHCOTE 3<sup>rd</sup> scoring 222 house points.

#### SAD NEWS

Mr Adam Cornwall-Jones left Honeywell today after a long and outstanding career as a Senior Administration Officer.

Adam had the specific responsibility for managing the extra – curricular clubs and I know that many parents appreciated his approachability and his great attention to detail.

Adam has gained a promotion working at a school near the Barbican and I know everyone will want to thank him for all his many endeavours and to wish him every success for the future.

#### SUCCESS STORIES

At the end of term the school had some great successes. I am grateful to Mrs Williams for not only managing these events but also for writing the following reports:

##### Netball

I am very grateful to Chris, our PE coach, who has written this report following our Yr 3 netball matches at the end of last term.

Honeywell's Yr 3 netballers played against Streatham & Clapham Prep School – their first external netball



fixture and possibly the first time many of them have represented Honeywell in a sports fixture. Firstly, a big thank you to the parents for coming to support in such vast numbers and the offers of lifts.

Both teams played great netball and really demonstrated how far they've come this term. As we've experienced in training with them, we were delighted by their improving level of skill and their level-headedness – the panic often seen at this age was not evident at all.

We finished with the red team winning 7-0 and the blue team winning 3-0. Our netballers showed determination and focus, and took on board the coaching from Becs & Chris who were reminding them of the critical skills needed to pass the ball towards their goal. Most importantly, all the kids seemed to learn something from the afternoon and had fun. They should be very proud of themselves, as are we.

### Gymnastics

Honeywell entered 2 teams in both the years 3/4 and years 5/6 events and all of the gymnasts performed brilliantly! 18 schools were involved from across the Borough. In the years 3/4 competition on Monday 1st April, the Honeywell A team placed 6th and the B team were the overall winners - receiving a trophy and gold medal! On Wednesday 3rd April, we returned for the years 5/6 competition. This time our B team were placed 7th and our A team were the overall winners and will now progress to the London Youth Games on Thursday 4th July! All gymnasts who trained and competed should feel very proud of their efforts, as this was very much a win for the entire gymnastics team!

### The Yrs 5/6 Gymnastic team



### **Mastermind**

On the last day of the Spring Term, the whole school enjoyed the annual Honeywell 'Mastermind' competition! The 6 finalists this year were: Cicely 6W, Maddox 6H, Otis 6H, Finn 6DG, Leonora 5JW and Sam 5R. These children scored the highest out of years 5 and 6 in the general knowledge, qualifying round. This in itself was a huge achievement. In the final, the scores were incredibly close, but the overall winner and **2019 Mastermind Champion** was Finn! His specialist subject was Greek Mythology.

Congratulations to all of the finalists.



Are you considering a career change?

Are you interested in training to become a primary or early years' teacher?

Do you know anyone who might be?

Have you heard about our very well established SCITT - school-centred initial teacher training - based in Sacred Heart School, Battersea, SW8 4EN.

If you would like to know more about the course which still has vacancies for September 2019 entry please attend either a Drop-in Q&A session on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May ( event run from 1 -6.00) or contact SCITT for a bespoke, one to one consultation. Please go to the SCITT website [www.scitt.co.uk](http://www.scitt.co.uk) if you require further information.

Both Honeywell Schools are active supporters of SCITT and we both receive SCITT students. If you would like to find out about Wandsworth SCITT and what it can offer, please feel free to contact me.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>April</b>		
Mon	29	Clubs start
<b>May</b>		
Wed	1	PTFA meeting at 7.30 in the staffroom
Thurs	2	FC Battersea photograph – Yr 6 only. 3.00 in the playground.
Mon	6	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed	8	PTFA yoga night
Sat	11	Schools swimming gala 5.30 – 8.30. Putney baths
Mon	13	SATs week
Fri	17	PTFA Quiz night
Mon	20	Yr 6 residential visit to the Isle of Wight
Tue	21	Governors meeting at 6.30
Thur	23	PTFA cake sale
Mon	27	HALF TERM
<b>June</b>		
Mon	3	School closed for staff INSET
Tue	4	Children return to school

There will be additional dates for your diary and I will pass these on in my next newsletters.

**DJR**  
**26-04-19**

