



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



Headline

It's all about hygiene at Soho Parish this term. Following the hand washing talks given by Marcella, our school nurse, last term, we have been ensuring that children wash their hands very regularly during the day. Although there are no local cases of Novel Coronavirus, we know that children are 'super-spreaders' of any infectious disease, so we are working hard to protect our whole community through excellent hand-hygiene at school. We also hope that our overall attendance and sickness rate, which is at present very low, improves.

We are finding time between handwashing to continue to deliver our full curriculum, as you will see in the wonderful learning from Year 2 showcased below. Read on for interesting articles on some of our staff. It's Hannah and Robyn this term. Many of you will be familiar with all they do for the school, but you may not know about their tap dancing skills...

While on the subject of Hannah, I would like to inform you that she will be taking a sabbatical after the Easter holidays for the summer term, to go on a 3 month retreat in the Spanish mountains. On this retreat, she will be ordained into her Buddhist order, which is a very exciting and special step for her. Hannah has worked hard to ensure that Art and Mindfulness will continue in her absence and we look forward to welcoming her back just before the end of the academic year.

Louise

Learning from Year 2

It has been a great start to the term in Year 2, we have been learning all about bees and how important they are to the planet. We read 'Bee and Me' which inspired us to write our own bee stories. Then we shared our narratives with reception. We also researched facts about bees from 'Give Bees a Chance' and even discovered beehives in our local community! We wrote persuasive letters to convince people to take more responsibility for them and we hope you will too!



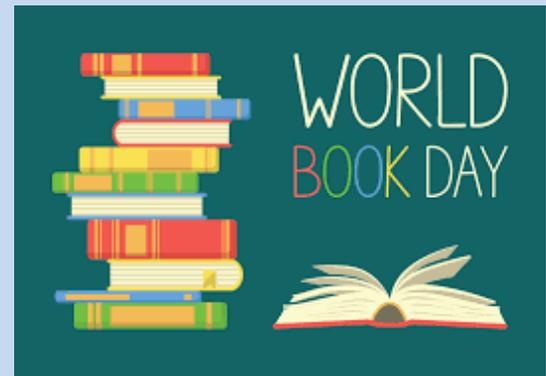
Architectural Project: Year 5

Over the past two terms, Year 5 have been working on an architectural project with Antonio Capelao - a professional architecture - to help them consider how to best use the space in their classroom. First, they considered what architecture actually is and how it differs from art. To help with inspiration they went on a trip to The British Library, so they could see how a narrow, tall space could be used for different purposes. Following this, they created drawings re-designing their current classroom and made models demonstrating what the new space would look like. There are definitely some budding architects and designers in Year 5. We can't wait to see the final drawings that Antonio creates!



Book Day: 'Bring a story to life'

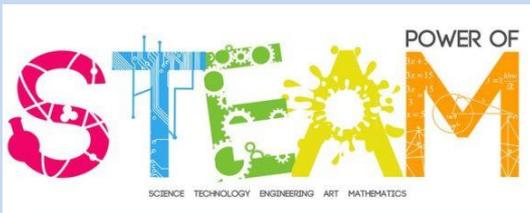
We will be celebrating Book Day on **Tuesday 10th March**. Our theme for the day is 'Bring a Story to Life.' Each class will be focusing on a picture book and the different ways it can be portrayed. Classes will then bring the story to life in several ways such as acting it out, choreographing a dance, creating a film or turning the book into a poem. As always, we will be asking children to find the strangest places to read a book! If you spot them, please take a picture and email it to your class teacher. All pictures will be shown during our Friday assembly. We look forward to seeing the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book character on this exciting day.





Lunch and Club payments due

The payment deadline for this terms lunches and/or clubs is **Friday 13th March**. Please make your payments via parent mail or with James at the office.

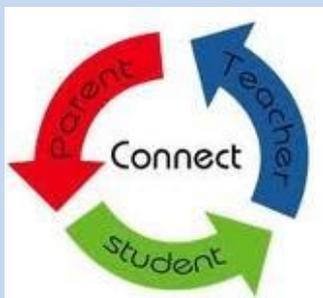


STEAM Day

On the 16th March, Soho Parish will be taking part in it's first ever STEAM Day! During the day children will be exploring and learning the skills and processes involved in **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt and **M**aths. Teachers will be planning for all of these concepts to come together throughout the day through real-world, hands on problems and creative learning opportunities under the theme of: Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. At the end of the week (Friday 20th March) classrooms will be open until 9:15 am for parents and carers to come and share in all the exciting things the children have been doing in mini class based STEAM Fairs. As the mathematician and philosopher Bertrand Russell once said "*Science may set limits to knowledge, but should not set limits to imagination!*" and we can not wait to see all of the wonderful and imaginative projects children come up with in a few weeks time!

Parent Teacher meetings

We will be holding our Parent-Teacher meetings where we can discuss your child's progress, celebrate their success and think about their individual next steps. Bookings are now 'live' on parent mail with the meetings taking place in the BB Hall on **Wednesday 25th March** (1:30 – 6:30). We look forward to seeing you there.



Meet the Soho Staff: Hannah Peaty



Hello, I've been a teacher at Soho Parish for the last 8 years since 2012 when I did my teacher training here. This year I joined the Senior Leadership Team and have been taking responsibility for leading curriculum development and design, enrichment and educational projects. My main areas of interest are Wellbeing and the Arts- and you most probably know me as the schools Art coordinator and Mindfulness teacher, which I have been leading on for the last 5 years. I have always loved how creative this school is and feel that our values of imagination and community really are at the heart of what we do.

Not only am I passionate about continuing to develop the Arts in our school, but also helping other teachers to do the same. I am a Cultural Leadership Advocate for 'A New Direction' and this year I've spoken at several school development events on 'Well-being and the Arts' and 'Developing student voice through the Arts'.

In my spare time when I'm not spending time with friends and family, I love to paint in my studio, attend tap dancing classes, go on meditation retreats and long walks and hikes in nature- one of my favourite places is the Lake District where I did lots of mountain climbing with my family as a

child.



I'm looking forward to this special opportunity of spending 3 months on retreat in the Spanish mountains next term, but will also miss being part of the Soho community and look forward to returning ready for the next academic year with new ideas and inspiration!

Meet the Soho Staff: Robyn Churchman

Hello! After working at several schools in London, I have now been at Soho Parish since 2017 and have loved every minute. I have also felt that 'Small School, Big Heart' is so accurate, it feels like being part of a family. This is now my third year teaching in Year 6 at the school and I became a middle leader at the start of 2019.



My main area of leadership is Literacy and I love all things reading and writing. I am now half way through studying for my MA in Children's Literature and try to bring as much of this as I can to my role in the school. My aim is to ensure that all the children in the school feel represented by the books that we read in class. I am also a writing moderator for the Bi-Borough and love seeing how different reading experiences inspire pieces of writing. I am working to build a reading for pleasure culture at our school, such as encouraging children to share books at break time in the Reading Shed. We are in the process of planning a larger library space in the school, so watch this space!

When I'm not trying to get words together for an essay, I love cooking, reading and travelling. One of my favourite summers was when I went to teach English at a school in Italy and had a taste of the Italian lifestyle. My favourite author is Malorie Blackman and I am excited to see how her novel Noughts and Crosses will be transformed into a television series on the BBC. I also like tap dancing, so perhaps Hannah and I should sign up for the next talent show!





March

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue 10th		Book Day	
Fri 13 th		Y4 Cake sale	Playground
Mon 16 th		Science Day	
Fri 20 th	8:45- 9:15	Science Fair	Classrooms
Tue 24 th		Y3 Shakespeare performance trip	
Wed 25 th	13:30- 18:30	Parent Teacher Meetings	BB Hall

April

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 3 rd	13:30	End of term – School closes at 13:30	
Mon 6 th – Fri 17 th	Easter Holidays		
Mon 20 th	14:30	Easter Service	St James' Piccadilly
Fri 24 th	15:30	Y3 Cake sale	Playground

May

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue 5 th – Thurs 7 th		Y4 Residential	Dalesdown
Fri 8 th		Bank Holiday (School closed)	
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th		Y6 SATS	
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd		Y2 SATS	
Fri 22 nd		Y2 Cake sale	Playground
Fri 22 nd	14:45	Dalesdown assembly (Y4 Parents only)	BB Hall
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th		Half Term	

Please check these dates every newsletter as they may change.