



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



Headline

The first month of term has been a busy and exciting one. We launched our new Vision and Values with the children, sparking lots of interesting discussions in assembly. So far we have explored the first two values of 'love' and 'imagination', moving on to think about 'courage', 'individuality' and 'community' over the forthcoming weeks.

Our whole school topic concept of 'identity' has prompted excellent discussion and deep questions throughout the classes, with Year 6 skyping two refugees to ask them questions (see below) and Year 1 helping the alien Beegu to feel at home in our world.

Louise

Learning from Y6

On Wednesday, we had two special visitors from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. They came to Soho Parish to film a Skype call that we were making. They contacted us after they heard about our work exploring identity. We had the opportunity to contact a refugee called Pavel (Pav) who had fled from Venezuela. Yesterday, we made a second call to a woman named Hadiya, who had fled from Syria. We would like to share their stories with you. Keep your eyes peeled for a video about our experience and things that we learned.



Pavel

Pavel is a 28-year-old man, who fled Venezuela at the age of 27. It took him five years to raise enough money by selling all his possessions to leave his country and start a new life in Argentina. He left Venezuela because the government were neglecting the needs of the people. There was a shortage of food, water and electricity. Pavel and his friends protested peacefully against the current situation in their country. One day, Pavel was unable to attend a protest so stayed at home. That day, his friends were killed by the government. He is now living safely in Argentina with his sister, nephews and his dog Alma.

Hadiya

Hadiya fled Syria 5 years ago with her husband, child and a bag of clothes. They had to leave because of conflict in the country. They drove to the Syrian border, got on a boat across the river and then continued driving to a refugee camp in Iraq; all whilst she was ill and found out it was Leukaemia. She is still living in the same camp now. Hadiya enjoys Zumba and playing basketball. She teaches English and an Italian school in the city. As we said goodbye, she wanted to give us a message. She said, 'Never give up, always keep trying, there will always be hope'.

Arts Council

This week we launched our first KS2 Arts Council at Soho Parish. The application standard was so high- it is clear so many pupils are passionate about the Arts. We know our Arts Council are going to make great ambassadors. At Soho Parish, we consider the Arts music, dance, drama, literature, art and design technology. The Arts Council's first project will take them on a special trip next week to the London Transport museum, where they'll have a private tour with the museum's education officer to gather ideas for this years Art week. This year we are continuing our partnership with The London Transport Museum as they support us on our journey to becoming an Artsmark Platinum school.



A message from The PTA

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the park walk and tea and for all the hard working volunteers. The weather didn't dampen spirits and we all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together. A special shout out to Gillian (Charlie's Grandmother) for illustrating the wonderful map, which will be framed and hung at school.



School Disco!

The school disco will take place on Thursday 31st October, 5:30- 7pm



Tickets will be on sale on the PTA website

<https://www.sohoparishpta.com/> and in the playground from next Friday.

- Entry and pizza at 5pm £5 (in Reception)
- Entry and drinks 5:30 - 7pm £3 per child
- Our resident DJ (James) will be spinning the tracks

All children must be accompanied by adults (free) Hope to see you there!

School Council needs you!

If your child would like to have, a say in the future of Soho Parish and play an active role in improving our wonderful school then running for School Councillor is for them!

Its election time again and we are looking for two representatives (boys or girls) from each class to sit on this years Soho Parish School Council. If your child is interested, they need to prepare a short 2-minute speech to share with their class on Tuesday next week (8th October.)



Here are some ideas of what they might include:

- What would make them a good School Councillor? (being a good listener, able to communicate well, organised, passionate about the school)
- Any ideas they have for making the school a better place
- Why would they like to be a School Councillor?

These are just a few ideas and we are sure the children will come up with many more! After children have presented their speeches, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Polling Station that will be set up in the BB hall to make their vote. Voting will take place on Wednesday 9th October and the candidates who have been successfully elected will be announced on Friday 11th.

Good luck!

Sharon and Rosie!

Art Loo opening

The refurbished Art Loo is now opened in St Anne's churchyard. A special thank you to Sylvia Young and Soho Green for this beautiful project. Children in KS2 were lucky enough to work with local artisans and artists on ceramics, animation, textiles and sound and music projects.

A daily reminder of what we can achieve together with our wider Soho community



PTA Cake Sales

Y6	10 th Jan
Y5	14 th Feb
Y4	13 th March
Y3	24 th April
Y2	22 nd May
Y1	19 th June
R	3 rd July

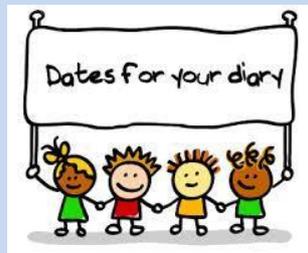
Class Reps

The PTA are pleased to inform you that the class reps for this year are:

Y6	Ameena and Natasha (Elijah and Olivia)
Y5	Emma (Alfie)
Y4	Tomo and Stacey (Martin & Gabby)
Y3	Melanie (Lily)
Y2	Serena (Jayden)
Y1	Helen (Cassius)
R	Michelle (Ellis)

Lunch payments Year 3-6

Just to remind you that school lunches should be paid in advance each term. A few families have outstanding payments; please see James in the office.



October

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th		Year 6 Residential (Hindleap Warren)	
Mon 14 th	14.30	Harvest Festival	St James' Piccadilly
Thu 31 st	17.00-19.00	School Disco	BB Hall

November

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue 19 th		CHILL Study follow up from last year	BB Hall
Wed 20 th	13.30-18.30	Parent teacher meetings	BB Hall
Mon 25 th – Fri 30 th		Art Week	

December

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 6 th		PTA: Christmas Fair	Playground
Tue 10 th	11.30-14.30	Christmas lunch	BB Hall
Wed 11 th	10:00	Reception Christmas Show	BB Hall
Thu 12 th	14.00	Nativity (Year 1 and 2)	BB Hall
Tue 17 th	11.00	Christmas Service	St James' Piccadilly
Tue 17 th	13.30	End of term (school finishes at 13.30)	

January

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 6 th		Start of term	
Fri 10 th	3:30	Y6 Cake sale	Playground

Please check these dates every newsletter as they may change.