



A Message from our Deputy Headteacher Dear Parents and Carers,

This Autumn Term we have been exploring the '**Empathy Project**', where each class from Nursery to Year 6 read a selection of books with the theme of 'empathy'. During their 'Reading for Pleasure' sessions, classes were encouraged to discuss how the characters displayed empathy and how they could develop their own empathy as they lead their own lives.

Each child was asked to create a piece of artwork about what they thought empathy would look like. Here are some of their wonderful creations! A big thank you to **Ms Marie Kelly-Roberts** for collating all the artwork together to display within the school!





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Year 2 learning

Elder Class have drawn maps in preparation for our **Art** unit: 'Map It Out'. We are going to use view finders to focus in on an area of our map and then recreate the shapes in different ways. Here are some of the maps that we have prepared...

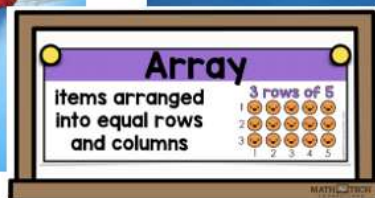
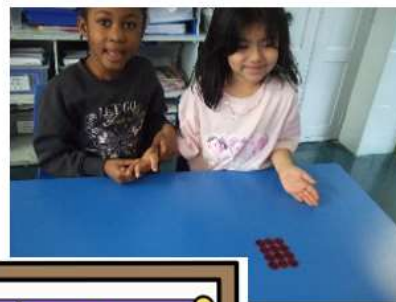
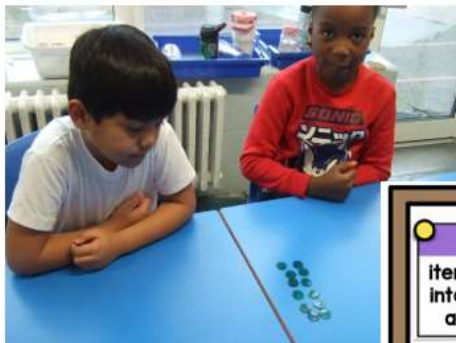




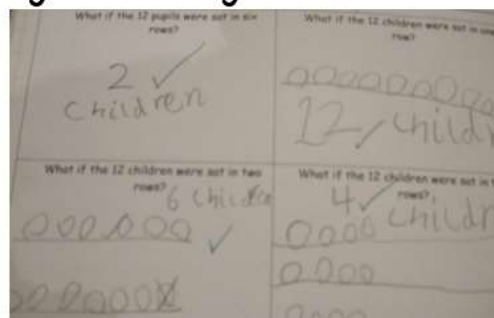
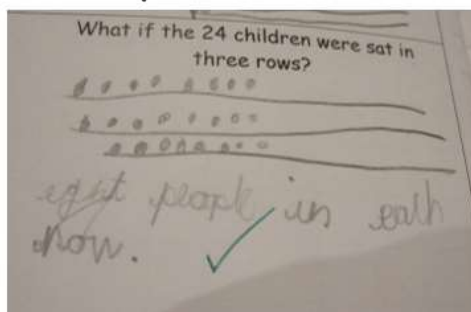
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We have also started learning about 'Multiplication & Division' in Maths. First, we used different amounts of counters to investigate arrays...



Then, we used counters to solve division word problems involving sharing...





Year 4 Trip to the Horniman Museum

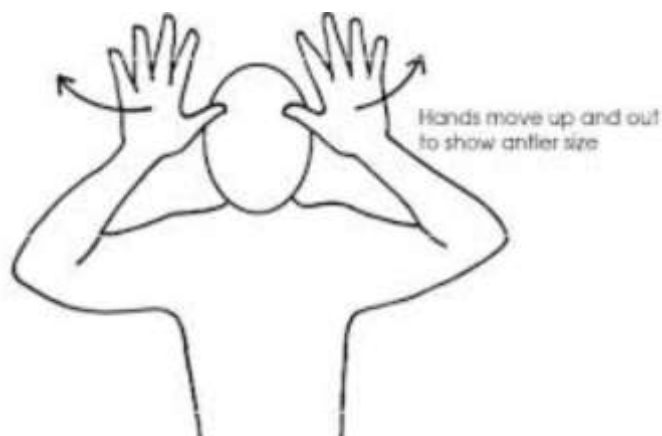
On Thursday 29th November, Cedar Class attended a workshop at the Horniman. It was all about Arctic life and, at the moment, Year 4 are learning all about the Polar regions and animal habitats and adaptations. This workshop was a great way to apply their knowledge and have the opportunity to hold artefacts from this region of the world.





Makaton Sign of the Week

Every Monday the staff and the children will be learning a Makaton sign. Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton sign is "reindeer". Please practice this at home too!



Stars of the Week



We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Caterpillar	Kyaire for always trying his best in everything he does. Kyaire is a joy to have in the classroom. Layla-Mai for engaging in some excellent role-play this week and being a very good pretend teacher!
Willow	Godson for amazing hard work on his writing this week, becoming more independent and confident - well done Godson! Nashawn for using widgit symbols to help him construct his own sentence. Keep going Nashawn!
Elder	Aarna & Adnan for very confident Maths work solving division word problems. Great work, keep it up!
Beech	Ruth for putting in lots of effort to learn all of our songs ready for our performance Aminah for being a careful scientist during our magnetic forces experiment
Cedar	Eliz and Aro both produced wonderful diary entries writing this week. They were so focused and used their editing skills well.
Hazel	Madina for reading and interpreting timetables accurately this week in Maths Jaydon for good work on understanding the differences between reversible and irreversible changes in Science.
Maple	Daisy and Zojen for creating a gripping, creative and exciting suspense paragraph. It was brilliant to read and showed fantastic imagination!



Ice Skating Trip

This week, some children were selected for a trip to Queens House Ice Rink led by Miss Sarah Butler and Miss Katie Lucas. Take a look at them braving the ice!





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UPCOMING EVENTS @ GROVE PRIMARY

NOV 25

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Trip to 02
Cineworld to see Wicked
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NOV 27

Year 4 Cedar Trip to the
Horniman Museum

DEC 5

Winter Disco
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

DEC 8

EYFS Performance in Mary
Seacole
9:30 AM

DEC 10

Year 1 and 2 Performance in
Mary Seacole
9:15 AM

DEC 11

Year 5 and 6 Performance at
William Booth
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

DEC 12

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Panto Reception- Year 6

DEC 16

- Year 3 and 4 Performance in Mary Seacole 9:15 AM
- Year 1 Trip to East Dulwich Playhouse
- Year 3 and 4 Choir Performance

DEC 17

Class Parties

DEC 18

Year 6 Panto Trip



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Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.50 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.30 (Collection at 4:30pm)

2 Hour £12.00

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £13.65 (collection at 5:45pm)

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £66.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+) we may be able to offer wraparound care for Reception children based on numbers.

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!



Reception Reading Cafe



Our Reading Café has opened again in Reception! This week was our first session of the year and what an incredible turn out it was! Thank you for all coming along.

The Reading Café is an opportunity for you to support your child's reading development, learn new strategies to help them when reading and more importantly enjoy some quality time with your child over a book without the normal hustle and bustle of home life.

The sessions will be every week on a Tuesday 8:45 – 9am in the Classrooms.

You are invited to come along to the session with your child and share a book.



Study Bugs



Please continue to use Study Bugs when reporting your child's absence.

When stating the reason for your child's absence, please remember to specify the **exact symptoms** of the illness as these are required when marking them as 'illness' on our registers. If symptoms are not listed, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence'.

We are going to be phasing out using Arbor for text messages. To replace this, we will be using the in App messaging service in Study Bugs.



Attendance

Reception	78.5%
Year 1	86.3%
Year 2	78.4%
Year 3	87.7%
Year 4	86.1%
Year 5	92.0%
Year 6	97.69%

Please note that as directed by the Department of Education, term time holidays will not be authorised.



Nexus Education Schools Trust

Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates.**

Click [here](https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

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Scooter and Cycle Safety and Parking



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If you are Scootering or cycling to school, please remember to wear your helmets! We have seen a number of children who are not wearing helmets as they are riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is essential that you wear one to protect your head from injury incase you accidentally fall off.

1



Eyes: Put the helmet on your head. Look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet.

2



Ears: Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears when buckled. The straps should be a little tight but comfortable.

3



Mouth: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

Please also be advised that parking or idling is not permitted in Karen Court Carpark, neighboring residential parking spots or on the zig zags directly outside of school. There is free parking available in the surrounding areas.



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Dates for your Diary

19/12/2025	Last Day of Term
20/12/2025- 5/1/2026	School Closed Christmas Holidays
6/1/2026	School Open First Day Back



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SUCCESSFUL MUMS

Career Academy

Newsletter Words

Subject / Headline:

💡 **Exciting Opportunity for Parents – Join Our Skills Bootcamp in Education!**



We're thrilled to share that parents from NEST Academy now have the chance to join the *Successful Mums Skills Bootcamp -Working in Education and Early Years!*

This six-week programme is designed to help parents explore family-friendly careers in schools and early years settings. Participants will:

- Receive 1:1 career coaching and application support
- Gain a recognised Level 3 unit in Supporting Learning in Education, including SEND
- Have a guaranteed interview with a local school or early years provider
- Get hands-on guidance to secure flexible, part-time, or term-time roles
- Meet friendly employers including NEST Schools during the sessions
- Build confidence and create a professional CV showcasing transferable skills

Six-week programme, 3 days a week, 10-2, face-to-face and online in Bromley & Croydon.

With **50+ roles** in schools, colleges and early years settings, from admin and teaching support to SEND, pastoral roles, and hundreds of hidden opportunities, you can find a role that matches your skills, experience, and availability. Full support is provided to help you find a job you love. Start dates: Nov, Jan & Feb.

No experience needed, just motivation and a passion to make a difference.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!

👉 Register your interest [here](https://successfulmums.co.uk/our-courses/work-in-education/) or email hello@successfulmums.co.uk.

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AutismSupportTeam@
Southwark.gov.uk

AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM TOILET TRAINING FOR PARENT/CARER ONLY

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD TO DEVELOP TOILETING SKILLS

In partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) we are offering Developing Toileting Skills Training for Parent + Carers of autistic children.

Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills

Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of independent toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and how to make reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

Free Training Online Dates:

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| • 21 st October | 9.45 – 11.45 2025 |
| • 15 th December 2025 | 12.30 – 2.30 2025 |
| • 9 th February | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd March | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 18 th May | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd July | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 6 th August | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 13 th August | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |

Register [here](#)

Online Microsoft Teams Training Link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to start date of training.



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Rose  **VOUCHERS**
for
fruit & veg

 **1st Place**

Free fruit and vegetables for families with young children

The Rose Vouchers Project gives vouchers to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local markets and some other places. If eligible, you will receive at least £4 of vouchers every week.

Who is it for?

If you live in Southwark and have children under 5*, or are more than 10 weeks pregnant, you may be able to get Rose Vouchers if one of the following applies:

- You receive Healthy Start
- You have a low or no household income (less than £408 income a month if you are on Universal Credit)
- You have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

** Children must be under 5 until 31st August*

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Find out more

1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers

 rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com



 Alexandra Rose Charity

 Southwark Council

 Impact on Urban Health



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London Wildlife Trust
**Centre for
Wildlife Gardening**

28 Marsden Road,
London SE15 4EE

Family Workshops with London Wildlife Trust



Terrific Trees

Sunday 30th November

10am till 3pm

Have fun learning about our garden trees and using them to make natural art. Printing, leaf art, crafts, minibeasts and games.



The Holly and the Ivy

Sunday 7th December

10am till 3pm

Discover the evergreen plants in the garden and use them to make a wreath and other decorations. Games, crafts, activities.

All courses are for **families living in Southwark**. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. £3 booking fee but let us know if this is too much for you. Only one free Southwark workshop per academic year (Sept-July) These are whole day workshops not drop-ins.

Booking required: visit our website www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or use the QR code email: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk for any queries.

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HER TRIBE

A Community of Support for Women

Looking for connection, support, and a space to just be you?
Join our welcoming women's group right here in your
community.

★ **What to expect:**

- Monthly workshops on wellness, growth & empowerment
- Weekly drop-in sessions: every Wednesday, 6–8 PM
(We start on 24 September)
- A chance to meet like-minded women, share stories & build friendships
- Creche provided – so you can come stress-free

Venue: Albrighton Community Centre, SE22 8AH

**Come for the workshops, stay for the connections —
Together, we lift each other.**





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