

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of another busy year at Tweeddale.

I am sad to say goodbye to two members of staff today, Lefko Charalambous and Courtney Taylor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work at Tweeddale, they will be very much missed.

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs McLean will be leaving us at the end of term on Tuesday 23rd July, both have been dedicated staff for many years here at Tweeddale. I wish Mrs Mitchell a happy retirement and Mrs McLean all the best in her deputy headship at her new school.

I too will be retiring at the end of this term, I have worked at Tweeddale for 15 years, seven of them as headteacher. I will be retiring to Dorset where I plan to have a rest and recharge. Working at Tweeddale is never dull and I have had the privilege to work with a wonderful team of people. The children are amazing and I wish everyone all the very best for the future.

Year 6 will all be moving on to their high schools in September, we wish them all every success and I am sure that many will return to visit or for work experience in Year 10.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Jerrom

#### Dates for your Diary

Tues 16th July - Sports Day & School Picnic

Mon 22nd July - Yr6 Trip to Chessington

Thurs 18th July - Yr6 Production to parents

Tues 23rd July - Children break up for Summer

Fri 19th July - Tweeddale's Got Talent

Thurs 5th Sept - Children return to school

#### Headteacher Awards

Minosan Y3 - for writing a story at home

Isabella Y2 - for amazing homework about Magnificent Monarchs

Lola-Jayne Y4 - for collecting all the ASPIRE cards

Sofia Y3 - for writing a Roman myth

Jesse Y2 - for writing an acrostic poem

Leo Y5 - for working really hard on his big write newspaper report

Sebastian Y3 - for writing a fantastic rhyming poem

Jackson Y3 - for completing his maths work independently



#### LKS2 News

In Year 3, we have been learning all about rhyming couplets and rhyming patterns within poems. This has meant we have been able to successfully write our own poem from the point of view of a Roman Emperor saying farewell to his Empire! The children have done so well to keep up with the rhyme scheme and also use some exciting adjectives. In Maths, they have enjoyed collecting class data to represent in pictograms and bar charts. They can now accurately show a range of information using these. In French we have been excited about learning how to say days of the week and months of the year and playing games to help us remember them!

In year 4 this week, the children have been working on various projects for 'Working Together' week. We have been practising the song 'Lean on me' ready to sing in assembly on Friday. On Wednesday the children listened to a story about a carpenter and his tools and considered what it meant to work in a group where we value each other. Following the story, the children put their learning into practice by working in small groups to use only scrap paper to build a tall tower. There was a lot of competitive spirit and lots of great teamwork going on. On Thursday the children also took part in DT Day where they learnt about simple machines and put together a few ideas to work in groups to design and make a machine to help the Egyptians with their tomb building.

Mr Iroala



### UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5 children have been continuing with their newspaper reports and have really enjoyed becoming journalists. They have just finished producing front page spreads, including pictures and captions - they look fantastic! The Ancient Greece theme also took centre stage on DT (Design & Technology) Day. Children learned about different types of architecture across the ages, concentrating mainly on classical building methods. Then used our new knowledge of stability and support to build successful structures in the style of Ancient Greece. It was a really fun, thought-provoking day. Amid all the discussions about the pros and cons of Gareth Southgate, we also found out that there are 23 polos in a standard tube! Some of the children in Y6 have completed many different arts and craft activities in school including making Mayan themed masks and Mexican Eyes; they have also enjoyed cooking and extra swimming. On Wednesday, they got to make their own pizzas at Pizza Express in Cheam.

The children on the residential have had fun taking part in a night walk, archery, going on a zipline, doing a blindfold trail, rock climbing and abseiling. They have also taken part in orienteering, campfire building and lazer tag. The rain has not stopped the fun we've had even though it has increased the mud!

There are lots of pictures on the Tweeddale Facebook Page for the adventures in and out of school.

Mrs McLean

### KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

During maths lessons year 1 have been learning about measurements, identifying which direction to measure height and to measure length. They have been using vocabulary to explain height (tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest) and length (long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest). They had great fun measuring the height of different classroom objects using their hands and their shoes.

Through their topic lessons the children have been learning about life in Victorian days with a specific focus on cleaning. They were interested in Victorian artefacts, especially the iron, washboard and carpet beater; they were excited to test out the carpet beater on a carpet tile. They watched a video of a Victorian person washing, drying and ironing clothes. They then sequenced pictures of the process and used time words such as first, next, then, after and finally to write instructions for the process.

In art Year 2 have been using a photo editor software called pixlr to create a regal portrait of themselves by using the software to add details. Taking on Inspiration from original Tudor portraits. In maths Year 2 have been looking at position and direction including compasses.



Miss Thirtle

### Foundation Stage

The children in Nursery are enjoying their learning topic called 'Big Wide World.' They have enjoyed reading and sharing the story called 'Mr Gumpy's Outing', written by John Burningham. The children have enjoyed making rabbit animal hats which they have been wearing.

In Literacy, the children have been mark making their own ideas from the story on big paper on the floor. They have enjoyed talking about what they have written and sharing their ideas with their friends. In Maths, the children have been matching objects to numerals and developing their ability to recognise numbers. When playing outside, the children have been practising the sports day activities with Reception.

In Reception, the children's new topic is called 'Move it.' The children are currently practising lots of different ways to move around the playground and different ways to use our sports equipment. The children are practising how to work as a team which will help them as they take part in sports day.

The children have been looking at healthy eating and why it is important to make healthy decisions.

In Literacy, Reception have been practising the skills they have learnt over the year and focusing on using their phonetic knowledge to write simple sentences independently which can be read by them and others. The children have now finished the phonics scheme so they are revising the sounds and tricky words which they have learnt.

In Maths, the children are recapping what they have learnt, focusing on their understanding of numbers 1-20. They have been using their new knowledge and creating their own mathematical problems to solve.

Miss Digman

### Sports Day

Sports day is running as one morning this year on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

EYFS Sports morning will be 9:15am - 10:00am

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Sports morning will be 9:15am - 10:30am

KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) Sports morning will be 10:45am - 12:30pm

There will be a whole school picnic in the playground after sports day. Please provide your child with a blanket or a cushion for them to sit on in the playground. If you haven't told the school that you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child, please make sure that they come to school with a packed lunch on Tuesday 16th July as there will be no hot school dinners on that day.

## School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2024/25 Academic Year

### **AUTUMN TERM**

School Holiday

Thursday 5th September - Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

School Holiday

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

### **SPRING TERM**

School Holiday

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April

School Holiday

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

### **SUMMER TERM**

School Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June - Tuesday 22nd July

### INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Wednesday 4th September

There will be a further 4 Inset days which will be announced throughout the year.

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South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

# EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-11?

IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE REGULAR TANTRUMS?

IS THE BEDTIME ROUTINE A DAILY STRUGGLE?

DO YOU FEEL STUCK IN A NEGATIVE CYCLE WITH YOUR CHILD?

DOES YOUR CHILD FEEL ANXIOUS IN NEW / SOCIAL SITUATIONS?

DO YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES OR FEARS IMPACT ON YOUR FAMILY'S DAILY LIFE?

DO YOU STRUGGLE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS?

**AN NHS WELLBEING PRACTITIONER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!**

I'M LEVINE  
I'M BASED AT TWEEDDALE ON THURSDAY  
FEEL FREE TO SAY HI AND ASK ME ABOUT THE WORK WE DO.

WE OFFER:  
1:1 GUIDED SELF HELP TO PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S ANXIETY OR BEHAVIOUR  
6-8 WEEKLY SESSIONS TO HELP YOU REFLECT ON HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR CHILD AND LEARN TO PUT EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES IN PLACE SO THAT FAMILY LIFE CAN FEEL CALMER AND HAPPIER.

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO VISIT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR ACCESS TO WELLBEING VIDEOS

OR ASK MS QUAILE FOR OUR APPLICATION FORM.

## Changes to Penalty Notices for Non School Attendance

The Department for Education (DfE) will introduce a new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19 August 2024, this is explained in more detail in [Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024](#).

### Who is Liable for a Penalty Notice/Prosecution

Penalty notices/prosecution are now issued/sought for each parent for each child (**per parent, per child**). Parent refers to anyone with parental responsibility and may include carers, step parents, grandparents or any other adult with parental responsibility.

**For Example: If a family with three children take term time leave of absence, each parent would receive three penalty notices of £160 for each child. This would amount to £960 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £480 if paid within 21 days.**

### First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absences the amount has increased to:

**£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of being issued, this amount is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days of being issued**

### Second Offence

If a second penalty notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence within a three year period, there **will not** be a discount for early payment.

**The penalty notice is payable at the full amount of £160 within 28 days of the date of being issued**

### Third Offence/Any Further Offences Within a Three Year Period

If there is a third instance of term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence, a penalty notice **will not** be issued.

Any further cases will be referred directly to Magistrates' Court for prosecution. Magistrates can impose a fine of up to £2500 per parent, per child.

**If a parent is found guilty of an offence, this is recorded as a criminal offence and will show on any DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks as "Failure to Safeguard a Child's Education"**

### Reasons for Penalty Notices/Prosecution

#### Term Time Leave of Absence

A school can apply to their local authority for a penalty notice if there are 5 or more days of consecutive absence due to term time leave.

#### Unauthorised Absence

A school may apply to their local authority for a penalty notice if there are 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. These absences can be a combination of the following codes:

G - Term Time Leave of Absence

O - Unauthorised Absence - Failure to contact the school (unexplained absence) may result in an absence being recorded as unauthorised

U - Late After the Close of Registers

### Transition, In year Admissions and Cross Border Checks

All schools will have the ability to check for previous penalty notices/prosecutions issued within a three year period in their own local authority or any other local authority that the family has lived in at year 6 to 7 and 11 to 12 transition or for in year admissions.