



# Stillness Junior School

## Newsletter

### February 2018

OUR  
BEST  
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TIMES

*Value of the Month: Integrity*



FOSI and SCA present:-

The “Stillness Spring Social” at the Rivoli  
Friday 23rd February 2018 7:30pm - 1:00am  
(Adult only event)

With funk-tastic live music from The Low Riders, a block-rocking DJ set and a well-stocked bar!

Come and have a ball and support your school at the same time.

Tickets £15 in advance (no sales on the door).

Numbers are limited so don't delay.

Buy tickets: [buytickets.at/stillnessschool](http://buytickets.at/stillnessschool)



### Stillness Literary Festival

SCA will be launching our first ever Stillness Literary Festival from 1st Feb - 1st March 2018. We need your help!

The festival will feature after school events, competitions, book swaps, workshops, all free of charge and available to all children in the Junior School.

Email: [ruthmjhorsman@gmail.com](mailto:ruthmjhorsman@gmail.com) if you have any questions/ideas or are able to help.

A group of children will also be working together to produce a newspaper to keep everyone updated with news and photographs of these exciting events.

Over the coming week the school will be visiting the ballot box to give our new newspaper a name.

Watch this space!

**UNICEF: Article 1: (definition of the child)**

*Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.*

### SAFEGUARDING

#### **Working together to safeguard children.**

Stillness Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and parents/carers to share this commitment.

In line with the school's safeguarding guidelines we politely request that when accessing the school that others are not allowed to tailgate/follow you through the gate.

Every visitor needs to announce themselves via the intercom so that the schools are aware of visitors entering at all times.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated, please be patient and understanding and not allow anyone to follow you onsite unannounced.

Your support and assistance on the above is appreciated.

#### **Safeguarding Leads:**

**Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher**

**Mrs A Polglaze – Acting Deputy Headteacher**

**Mrs P Brown – Interim Inclusion Manager**

#### **National Book Token**

We would like to say a really big thank you to Mr and Mrs Maunton who have very kindly given a £50.00 Book Token to the school to spend on books.

The children have chosen wisely and these new books will be in the school library for everyone to enjoy.

#### **Online Safety Tip of the Month**

Agree a list of websites your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook and YouTube.

*Please see page 5 off this newsletter for further online safety tips.*



**Inclusion**

I would like to introduce the inclusion team, although many of you may know who we are already.

**Patrice Augustus-Brown - Inclusion Lead**  
**Hazen Suleyman - Learning Mentor**  
**Fran Taylor - Inclusion Teacher**

Some children find learning more challenging than others. In order to reach their full potential, they may need additional support. We believe that early intervention is key and aim to identify the needs of pupils at an early stage and offer extra support in partnership with parents where necessary. Children who do require additional support will fall into two categories:

1. An EHC plan (Education and health care plan)
2. SEN support (Special educational needs support)

In order to help overcome these barriers to learning, we follow the graduated response which begins with quality first teaching and differentiation in the classroom.

We are here to offer support and advice if you wish to discuss any learning needs, Education and Health Care plans (EHC plan) or SEN support for your child.

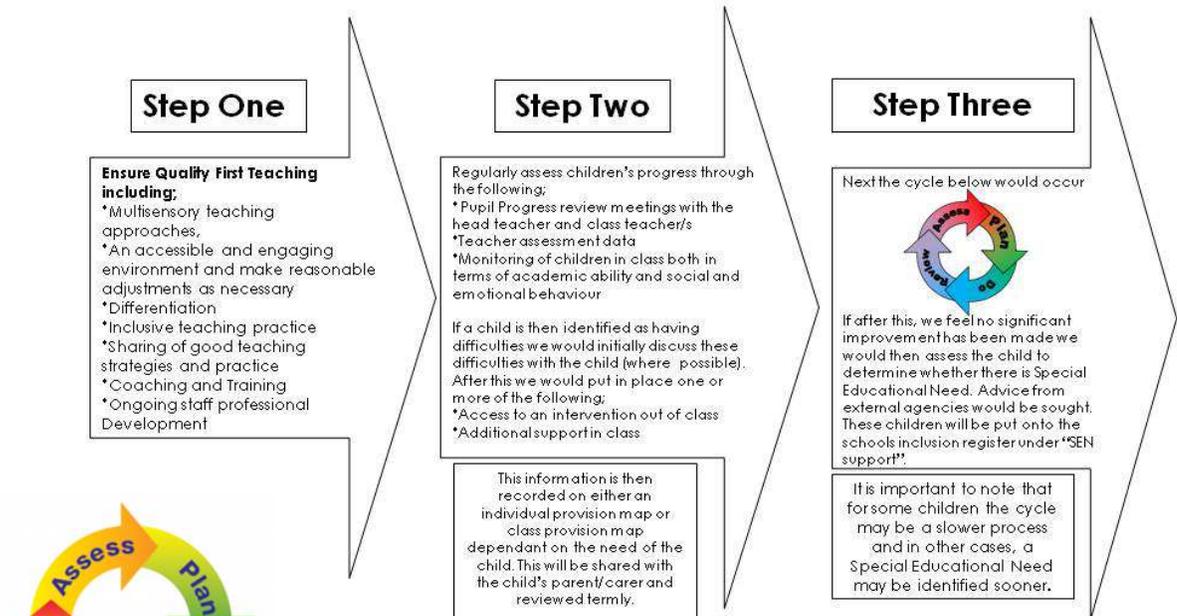
Should you wish to discuss any concerns, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance otherwise do get in touch with the inclusion team via the school office.

**Mrs Augustus-Brown**

*For more information please read our SEND policy. This can be found under the main heading POLICIES on our school website: [www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk).*

**Graduated response**

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**Mr Gateson "Read of the Month:-**

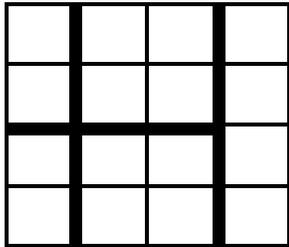
In Alfred Noyes's thrilling poem, charged with drama and tension, we ride with the highwayman and recoil from the terrible fate that befalls him and his sweetheart Bess, the landlord's daughter.

**Stillness Monthly Brain Teasers**

**Y5 and Y6**

You need some squared paper.

This 4 by 4 grid is divided into two identical parts. Each part has the same area and the same shape.



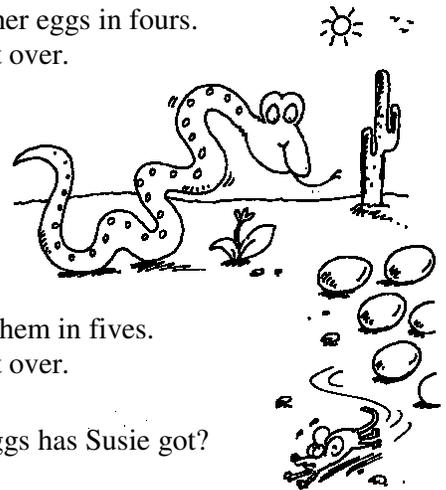
Find five more ways of dividing the grid into two identical parts by drawing along the lines of the grid. Rotations and reflections do not count as different!

Explore ways of dividing a 4 by 4 grid into two parts with equal areas but different shapes.

**Y3 and Y4**

Susie the snake has up to 20 eggs

She counted her eggs in fours.  
She had 3 left over.



She counted them in fives.  
She had 4 left over.

How many eggs has Susie got?

Answers to all of the above maths problems can be found on the front page of the school website: [www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk)

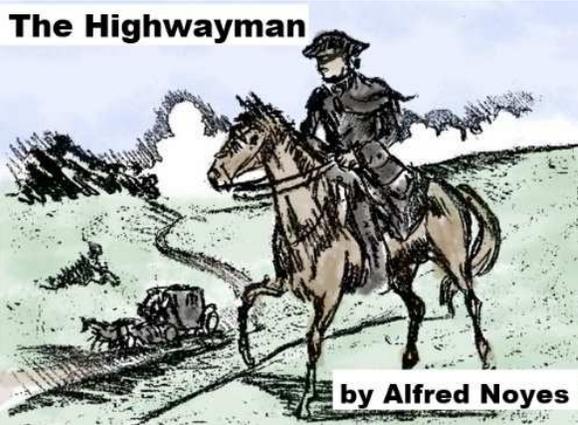
**Attendance**

Well done Hadid Class for achieving 99.55% attendance from 21 December 2017 to 12 January 2018.

Which class will it be next month – can we beat this with 100% attendance?

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**The Highwayman**



*"The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees, The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas, The road was a ribbon of moonlight, over the purple moor, And the highwayman came riding- Riding-riding- The highwayman came riding, up to the old inn-door".*

**Book Donations**

Thank you to Blu Williams-Leedham, Elliot Francis and Maya Mahony who very kindly donated their own books to the school library for others to enjoy.

**Stillness on Instagram**

'Like' our Library!



Stillness Library is now on Instagram! We will be sharing our displays, event and workshop info and book recommendations, and will be reporting on the upcoming Stillness Book Festival in February.

You can find us at [stillness\\_library](https://www.instagram.com/stillness_library)

**Reading Reading Reading!!!!**

The Key Stage 2 data has only been validated in December and I am proud to report that our progress in reading at Stillness Junior School puts us in the top 10% in the Country.



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*We want to stop fires from happening and you are far less likely to have a fire in your home if you have received a home fire safety visit. That is why we offer them free, to help make you safer.*

*Even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage, which could be expensive to repair and leave you unable to stay in your property for a number of weeks.*

*What happens during a home fire safety visit?*

*Our firefighters will visit you in your home and provide you with bespoke advice, based on your household and lifestyle, to minimise the risk of a blaze.*

*Crews may suggest moving items or furniture as part of any safety recommendations made during the home fire safety visit, if they identify them as hazards.*

*If you ask us to help you move anything, firefighters may assist but this will be at their own discretion and only with your permission.*

*We may fit free smoke alarms in your property during the assessment.*

*When can I have a home fire safety visit?*

*Our home fire safety visits can take place any day of the week, at any time that is convenient for you.*

*The assessment takes as long as necessary but fires-time visits are allocated up to 90 minutes.*

*You can book your home fire safety visit by emailing: [hfsvwr.london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:hfsvwr.london-fire.gov.uk) or calling 0800 028 44 28.*

*For urgent, out of hour referrals, please contact 0208 555 1200 and inform the switchboard you need to book a home fire safety visit.*

*If you know or work with anyone who may have an increased risk of fire, who is less able to react or has a reduced ability to escape in the occurrence of a fire, please encourage them to book a free, home fire safety visit. These may include factors such as being a smoker, a hoarder, having an alcohol dependency or suffering from mobility issues.*

**London Fire Brigade**

**Dinner Money**

The dinner money from **19 February 2018 to 29 March 2018 will be £60.90.** Can parents/carers please make every effort to pay in advance.

To improve the service we provide, Stillness Junior School will no longer accept cash or cheques as payment.

**This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay.** You all have your individual ID and Password to access this facility.

**Please note: if you wish to change your child from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa please inform the school office in writing to avoid being charged. Children can only change this option at half term break.**

**Please Note: Dinner accounts that are more than one week overdue or in arrears will result in your child having to bring in a packed lunch or going home for their lunch.**

**Stillness Junior School Website**

We are pleased to inform parents/carers that we work extremely hard to ensure that our website is up to date. Please take a minute to have a look and catch up with the latest news and holiday dates. **If you do not wish photographs of your child/ren to be posted on this website, in the school newsletter or in articles that may be published in the press, please notify the school office in writing.**

**Upcoming Diary Dates:**

**February**

- 6.2.18 – Y4 Victorian Workshop (Inhouse)
- 12.2.18 to 16.2.18 – HALF TERM
- 26.2.18 – Cezanne Class Assembly (9am)
- 27.2.18 – Monet Class Assembly (9am)
- 28.2.18 – Hadid Class Assembly (9am)

## **Risks children face online: Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place via technology. Whether on gaming sites, through a mobile device or via a social networking site, the effects can be devastating for the young people involved.

With online technologies accessible 24 hours a day, cyberbullying can be relentless. It can also intrude on spaces that were previously persona, for example; it can feel that there is no escape from it.

*21% of 8 to 11 year olds have been deliberately targeted, threatened or humiliated by an individual or group through the use of mobile phone or the internet and 28% of 11-16 year olds.*  
*Beatbullying, Virtual Violence II*

The use of technology can increase the audience of the bullying and multiply the number of bullies involved, as young people re-post, send or “like” bullying content. Bullies can also attempt to be anonymous which can be extremely distressing for the victim.

As hard as it can be to admit, it is also possible that your child is or has been a bully. They could have set up or joined a malicious profile or “liked” a mean comment they have seen about someone online. They could be acting in this way due to peer pressure or in retaliation for something that has happened to them. When talking to your child about bullying it is important to let them know how you as a family feel about the act. Talk to them about how it makes others feel and the consequences of their actions.

What to do if my child is being Cyberbullied

**Offer reassurance and support.** Your child may be in need of emotional support or feel like they have nowhere to turn. It is rare that cyberbullying is only taking place online and is often someone your child knows through school or a group they attend. Their school should have policies and procedures for dealing with cyberbullying.

Your child could visit Cybermentors. This is an online counselling service with a difference; the counsellors are also children and young people. This site has proved very popular and offers practical advice – [www.cybermentors.org.uk](http://www.cybermentors.org.uk)

**Tell your child that if they are being bullied to always keep the evidence.** Whether it’s a text message or email, tell them not to reply to the bully or delete the comments. Ask your child if they know the bully or where the messages are coming from. Often it is someone within the school environment and can be dealt with quickly and effectively with assistance from the school.

**Block the bullies.** If someone is bullying your child on a social networking or chat site encourage them to block or delete the individual so that they can’t be contacted by them anymore.

Report any bullying content to the website it’s hosted on. If content has been posted, for example a video or image, which is upsetting your child you should report it to the website, for example, Facebook. Learn how you would report content on sites like Facebook and YouTube; every site is different. Contacting the website is the only way to get the offensive content removed, unless it is illegal. In cases of illegal content for example indecent images or videos of young people under the age of 18, contact your local police or report it to [www.clickceop.police.uk](http://www.clickceop.police.uk).

*For further help and guidance on all the information mentioned please visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)*