



Newsletter
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News and events from Salisbury Primary
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A FANTASTIC START TO THE TERM

Smiling faces everywhere, pupils engaged in their learning, fantastic behaviour... there is a great atmosphere at Salisbury and we don't want it to stop!

THE DAILY MILE

We introduced The Daily Mile during our Health, Fun and Fitness week and with all the positive feedback we have had, we resumed it today. All pupils are welcome, as we want as many of the students taking part daily. We will monitor the playground to ensure that it doesn't become over crowded. We are aiming for pupils to build up to jogging for 15 minutes before they go up to class. Many pupils may start off with 5 minutes this week. It is about starting where we all feel comfortable and building up. Nursery and Reception children who have just joined us, will make their way straight to class at 8:45am for soft start. They will do daily mile activities through the school day.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is currently 96.2%. Well done to our classes with the highest attendance: Onyx, Obsidian, Turquoise! Especially to Jasper with 99.5% attendance! Let's try to achieve at least 97% this year!

Here are some of the ways in which you can help our school achieve excellent attendance:

- Aim for your child to have 100% attendance.
- You can make a request to Mrs Ginty in advance if you feel you have exceptional circumstances for your child to be absent during term time. However, it is important to know that schools do not have the power to authorise holidays during term time. Permission will not be granted. Only exceptional circumstances for absence can be authorised by the school. Leave of absence request forms can be obtained from the office
- We do not expect pupils to come to school when they are sick, but parents of children with regular sickness absence will be expected to provide us with medical evidence before we authorise further absences;
- Please try to avoid medical and dental appointments during school time;

We do have an expectation that once we have notified a parent about our concerns, they will ensure that their child's attendance improves significantly. If a pupil continues to have poor attendance, you will be invited to a meeting in school to talk to Brent's Education Welfare Officer about ways to improve their child's attendance. This will happen when children's attendance reaches a level that is affecting their access to the curriculum. If attendance does not improve, then it may be necessary make a referral to Brent Education Welfare Service. A referral could then lead formal warnings, fines and prosecution. We want to support our families, so if you or your child is having difficulties and these impact on their attendance, please contact Miss Armstrong to discuss this further.

END OF DAY COLLECTION

At Salisbury Primary School, the minimum age for someone to collect your child is 16 years old. As we are aware that there are some high school siblings who collect their siblings, we request that you put this in writing. We will then look at the age of the child who is being collected and if necessary, contact you for further discussion.

GREENSPACE FUNDING

We are delighted to have been successful in our application to the Local School Nature Grant from Learning Through Landscapes. A huge thank you to Sue, our Forest School Leader, who applied for £500 worth of nature equipment and a training session. We will share photos of our children enjoying the resources when they arrive next month!

Great work Sue!!!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

We would like to extend a special welcome to the new families who have joined our Salusbury community. Please make sure you touch base with your child's class rep to stay informed and connected to everything that is happening in school.

If you have any questions please talk to your child's class teacher, Angela in the office or a member of SLT. We are usually found on the gate at the beginning and end of the day or you can send an email to the office and Angela will forward it to the class teacher, phase leader or member of SLT. Also,

- Lots of information can be found on the school website <http://www.salusbury.brent.sch.uk/>
- Please follow us on Twitter [@SalusburySchool](https://twitter.com/SalusburySchool) for updates on what is happening in school
- Don't forget to follow [@SalusburyFoSS](https://twitter.com/SalusburyFoSS) for updates from our wonderful PTA. FoSS have lots of fantastic events on throughout the year! The first being the **Welcome Picnic in the Greenspace for our Early Years Parents on Friday 21st September at 3.15pm.** See you there!

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings this term will resume on **Friday 21st September**, where you will have the opportunity to have a cup of coffee (or tea). This is a chance to meet other parents and families. We will, once again be having themed coffee mornings with Salusbury staff and special guest speakers leading the sessions. Our first special guest is Prevent Educational Officer, Jennifer Nichols-Dunbar. Ms Nichols-Dunbar has over 30 years experience working in education both as a teacher and safeguarding manager with a wealth of knowledge at her disposal. She will be leading our Prevent coffee morning workshop on Friday 5th October 2018 from 9am in the canteen.

***What is the Prevent strategy?** Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including political and religious extremism.*

SALUSBURY IS FANTASTIC

We have been reminding our pupils about our expectations for Fantastic Behaviour at Salusbury, focussing on Walking, Lining Up and Hellos. Mr Cleary introduced this last year and it supports our Behaviour Thermometer used in classes and can be found on the school website.



MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Meet the Teacher Week. We hope you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and seeing your child's classroom and learning environment.

GAMBIA AND OUR GLOBAL SCHOOL

Mbollet-Ba is a small farming village on the edge of the Sahara desert, and Salusbury has been partners with its primary school since 2009! The link allows us to learn about different places, and to work for education everywhere as well as in our own community. The partnership is run by an external charity called Our Global School - www.ourglobalschool.org Over 200 visits to our partner school at Mbollet-ba have been made by members of the Salusbury community. Teachers, families and pupils have travelled to experience African traditions and help to improve the teaching and learning in the school. Anyone is welcome to visit for a unique volunteering holiday. Pupils will be learning more about Mbollet-ba during International Week and over the year as we have more linked weeks planned.

KEY DATES

Autumn 1

Term 2018

17th September: Y6 Secondary School Transition and SATs Meeting at 6pm in the Lower Hall

20th September : Jet Assembly

21st September: New EYFS Parent's Welcome in the Greenspace

W/C 24th September: International Week

26th September: European Day of Languages

27th September: International Evening

W/C 1st October: Arts Week

4th October: Jasper Assembly

11th October: Jade Assembly

12th October: Harvest Festival

18th October: Malachite Assembly