



Dear Families,

The Holy month of Ramadan begins this weekend. I wish everyone a peaceful month. We look forward to our annual Eid Picnic on the afternoon of Thursday 6th June and hope many of you will join us.

We are not closing for Eid this year but will authorise any absence for Religious observance. As we will have a number of staff also celebrating we will write to you with details of how we will organise the day, especially lunchtime.

PTA News

We've registered with **easyfundraising**.

It's a great site where you can help our school raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,600 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It's completely free and over £27M has been raised for causes just like us so far.

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodgrangeisldn/>

So far 14 supporters are registered and they have raised £64 without any effort at all

After school clubs

This term we have had a lot of changes to clubs which causes additional admin work.

Before selecting clubs please speak to your child about what they would like to do.

As we are now 2 weeks in to the block no further changes will be made.

If your child does not want to continue with a club they can withdraw but we will not refund any monies paid.

Next term we will not make any changes after clubs have started. Thank you

We are very excited to have Steve the gardener working with us. His mission is to help us embed planting and gardening into the life of the school.

He has given us lots of ideas and this of course means we need lots of help- both in terms of time and "stuff".

To get us started we need donations of:

- flower pots (any size) or containers we could plant in We don't want to use more plastic so we are asking for used items not new ones.
- bags of multi purpose or seed compost
- compost bins/ water butts
- plastic pipes or guttering
- gardening tools, especially watering cans
- PLUG plants- vegetables such as pumpkin, squash or marrow
- small fruit trees
- herbs or plants – have you any extras in your garden or any plants you could divide?
- bamboo canes
- gardening string or wire
- plastic bottles
- metal objects and old CDs etc that we could make into wind chimes/ mobiles



We are also in need of adult time to help dig, weed, create planters e.g. from pallets and would love some help on a Thursday morning when Steve is in school.

We have planned for the morning of Thursday 6th & 13th June to start with (if you could bring tools too that would be great but we will have some here)

We are planning to improve and develop the grounds so that every spare inch is used for growing and enhancing the children's exposure to nature, developing their understanding of the natural world and how we need to protect it. We hope to grow fruit, vegetables, herbs, re-develop the sensory garden in Nursery, possibly make a greenhouse from recycled bottles and lots more.

We have been gifted a voucher which will be put towards buying watering cans and an additional compost bin.

The PTA have offered funds to support this project so please help the PTA to raise as much money as possible

We hope to reach a point where we have a harvest to sell back to you!

I am hoping to build a large sandpit in the main playground. Prices for this are ridiculous.

If anyone amongst our family and friends might be able to help us with this I would really love to hear from you. I think with PTA funds, and a team of volunteers guided by someone with building knowledge we could create something exciting at a much more realistic cost...

Coming up

Monday 6th May BANK HOLIDAY- **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 27th May- Friday 31st may **School closed** for Half term- back to school Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 4th June- likely to be Eid

Thursday 6th June 9.am Gardening with Steve/ 2pm Eid picnic in the playground

Friday 7th June World Ocean day- this will mark the end of a week's learning focus on the ocean as a habitat, as an important resource for the world, and on how humans impact on it. Further information will follow. On this day we will ask children to wear blue and make a donation to a charity that is helping communities affected by climate change (such as Mozambique for example).

If you would like to be involved in this week long project or have some ideas we could develop please email us or speak to your child's teacher.

Thursday 13th June 9am Gardening with Steve Wednesday 3rd July 9.30-11.30 EYFS Sports day in the playground

Thursday 4th July 9.30-11.30 KS1 Sports day on Wanstead Flats

Wednesday 17th July 2pm Year 2 farewell performance

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend

Thank you Sarah & Staff