



## Children's Commissioner for England Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, would like children and parents to take part in her new survey, The Big Future. She would like to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. She is asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

If you and your child would like to contribute the survey can be found here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DATES

Friday 5th June - Year 5 Camping overnight on school grounds – **Collection 8am Saturday morning**

Tuesday 9th June - Year 1  
(afterschool from 3:30 - 6pm)

Wednesday 10th June - Year 3  
(afterschool from 3:30 - 7pm)

Monday 15th June - Year 2  
(afterschool from 3:30 - 6pm)

Friday 3rd July - Year 4 Sleepover in school –  
**Collection 8am Saturday morning**



## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Last Day of Term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Children Return to School

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Nursery Parents' Evening

**There will be no afternoon Nursery on this day.  
All children to be collected 12:15pm**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sports' Day Year 3 & 4

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Camping overnight on school grounds

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 trip to Theatre Peckham for The Winter's Tale Performance

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Koala trip to Dulwich Picture Garage

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Platypus and Kookaburra trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Non school Uniform Day

## Summer Fair Help

The school's Summer Fair is on Saturday 20th June and we will need lots of volunteers to help out that day. The Summer Fair is the biggest school event each year and in addition to being a lovely community event, it is a big fundraiser for the school. We need your help, so please email the PTA on [hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com) or sign up to help when the PTA sends the volunteer form after half term.



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Zepheniah and Gloria	Gabe and Wilf	Noah and Luna
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Iris and Kevin	Nella, Rena and Sebastian	To be announced next week
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Gus and Flossy	Romy and Sarah	Vicenzo, Ashira & Amelia
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
To be announced next week	To be announced next week	To be announced next week
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Lisl, Stanley, Jonah & Atarah	Stevie and Nyrelle	Finlay, Esme, Jackson & Kylah
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
The Whole Class	The Whole Class	The Whole Class

## Sports' Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 5 & 6 9:15am – 2pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 3 & 4 9:15am – 2pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 & 2 9:15am – 11:40am

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Nursery and Reception 9:30am – 11:30am





## Calling South London mini artists with **BIG** ideas!



Do you care about the air we breathe?

Do you love drawing, colouring, and creating?

Do you go to school in Lambeth or Southwark?  
Then this is your moment!

**Enter our Clean Air Art Competition to win a Micro scooter and see your artwork displayed on lamppost banners across some of South London's busiest streets!**

Your design could be seen by thousands of people every day, helping everyone think about how we can keep our air clean.

So grab your pencils, paints, or pens and create something bold, bright, and impossible to ignore!

ENTER HERE! [Kids For Clean Air Art Competition — Mums for Lungs](#)

## Football Semi Final News

The Hitherfield 9v9 football squad made it to the semi-final of the Magazine Cup which they played last Saturday against Corpus Christie School. It was a very tight game and the team lost 1-0. They all played very well and were unlucky not to get something out of the game as they hit the woodwork 3 times in the first half. They all played brilliantly in particular the goal keeper who made some super saves. The squad for this game was:





## Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop Monday 18th May

On Monday we had a Great Fire of London workshop with a man called Chris McGrath. First we wrote three different sentences using and/but/because about what we knew about the fire. Then we made paper Tudor houses and learned a song called London's Burning. After break we explored different exciting artefacts including coffee, spices, hats, food and even Pepys diary and a newspaper from the time. Chris even mixed some pretend gunpowder that the King let people use to blow up houses to try and stop the fire spreading! After lunch we went to a pretend museum and answered questions in a seventeenth century quiz about the fire. Then we played a board game about how to stop the fire and built a model tudor street.

Finally we went into the main hall and watched a drama show about the Great Fire of London. We got to put the houses up, make London bridge and show how the flames spread across the houses. Some of us were picked to be Thomas Farriner and his family. Others got to pass leather buckets or use the fire engine. Finally, two of us were King Charles and his brother King James thinking about how we could rebuild London to stop a big fire like this from ever happening again.

An interesting fact was that some people in 1666 did not eat potatoes because they were a new vegetable to this country. I also liked the fact that in 1666 everyone wore hats outside of the home.

This was a great day and we had lots of fun.

## Year 2





## Year 6 Transitions to Secondary School Workshop for Parents & Carers

with the Lambeth Mental Health Support  
Team (MHST)

Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June,  
9:00am - 10:00am

Location: Hitherfield Primary  
School\*



\*Please be aware that this workshop will be recorded. By participating, you give your consent for the recording to be used solely for promotional purposes related to our service.



## Are you a family new to the school? New to the country?

The Family Project is a new service that helps support families in the school administration process, with SEND and making referrals to emotional, social and mental health services.

They also offer English classes for children aged 5-12 and family trips to cultural sites.

**Scan the QR code to find out more**

## THE FAMILY PROJECT

FAMILY SERVICES

**irMO**

**WE SUPPORT FAMILIES IN:**

- The school admissions process (nursery, secondary school, sixth form or college)
- Getting special educational needs (SEN) support for your child
- Referrals to emotional, social, and mental health support services for your children

**WE ALSO OFFER:**

- English classes for children aged 5-12 every Tuesday from 4:30PM to 6PM
- Family trips to cultural sites

Scan the QR code to register



Services are free of charge. Contact us by email or WhatsApp:  
family.project@irmo.org.uk  
+44 7784 377701

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# A DAY OF WELCOME

We're excited to take part again in this year's **Day of Welcome** - an annual school event that promotes solidarity and understanding for people seeking sanctuary. This will take place on **Friday 12th June**

To show solidarity and support we'll be holding a non-uniform day. **Donations can be made in class or at the office.**



We will also be hosting an after-school fundraising and awareness event from 3:30pm.

To help raise money, we warmly invite families to donate savoury treats that reflect their family background or heritage, as well as homemade cakes. Last year, we raised over £600 — this year, we hope to aim even higher! This event will also include:

- Music
- Short films
- Arts and crafts activities

We are really looking forward to this special day, and your support even simply by attending - means a great deal to us.





FRIDAY 12TH JUNE



# A DAY OF WELCOME

We're really looking forward to taking part in this year's 'A Day of Welcome' - an annual day of solidarity for those seeking sanctuary on 12<sup>th</sup> June. This year we will be holding an event after school.



COME JOIN US 3:30 - 5:30 FOR AN  
AFTERNOON OF:

- MUSIC
- ART
- STORIES
- SHORT FILMS
- ANIMATIONS
- MUCH, MUCH MORE
- ART INSTALLATION



Schools of Sanctuary



## MAY HALF-TERM BLOOM BONANZA

### Family Morning of Floral Fun!



**SLBI, 323 NORWOOD RD, SE24 9AQ**



**THURSDAY 28TH MAY**



**10AM - 12.30PM**



**FREE**



Follow a flower trail in our garden, then get hands-on making your very own wildflower seed ball to grow. Take a peek at flowers up close under a microscope, craft a floral bookmark in our library, and more! At 12pm, come together to share some botanical snacks and learn about flowering plants we eat.

**Book your free spot now!**





**YOUR  
CONFIDENT  
VOICE**

# Getting Back to It

**FREE PARENT WORKSHOP  
AFTER DROP-OFF**

Thinking about returning to work, making a change, or rebuilding confidence in yourself again?

*You are not alone.*

**FRIDAY  
12TH JUNE**

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**9.10AM-10.30AM  
(AFTER DROP-OFF)**

**HITHERFIELD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ROOM TBC**

**YOU'LL LEAVE WITH:**

- a reminder of what you are already capable of
- practical tools to help you shift out of self-doubt and overthinking
- a confidence boost you can tap into when thinking about your next step

*Scan*

**TO REGISTER  
INTEREST**

*Babes in arms welcome.*



# KINETIKA BLOCO JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Join us for **Junior Summer School** with 140 young people from South London learning Dance, Brass, Woodwind, Steel Pans and Drums together to create a carnival performance in just 5 days.

**27<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> July  
2026  
10am - 4pm**

Suggested donation of £15  
(free places available for those who need it)

**Who**  
Young people  
aged 8-13  
years

**Where**  
Hitherfield Primary School & Children's Centre  
Leigham vale Streatham,  
London, SW16 2JQ

**What to do**  
**You MUST book in advance.**  
For more information and sign-up visit  
[www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/#junior-summer-school](http://www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/#junior-summer-school)

*We also run a Summer School for young people aged 14-25. Check out the website for more info!*

 KinetikaBloco  kinetika\_bloco

If you have any questions or need help with the form please get in touch on 020 7960 4232 or with Shayanna at [shayanna@kinetikabloco.co.uk](mailto:shayanna@kinetikabloco.co.uk)

**KINETIKA  
BLOCO**



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## KINETIKA BLOCO

Senior Summer School is our HUGE summer workshop where you can learn drumming, steel pans, brass/woodwind or dance.

Join us for 2 weeks of creative learning, making friends, and innovation in music as we become The Vanguards! Everything builds to a show on the final night for friends and family and you can join us to perform at *Notting Hill Carnival* and *We Out Here Festival* as well as many other performances through the year.

### Senior Summer School

**When** 3-14 August 2026  
(week days only)  
10.30am-5.30pm  
Show at 7.00pm Friday 14 August

**Who** 14-25 year olds

**Where** Royal Festival Hall,  
Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road,  
London, SE1 8XX  
Closest tube: Waterloo

**How much** £40  
(Bursaries available on request\*)

\*For some people £40 is very reasonable, so if you would like to help someone else to attend and are able to sponsor them with an additional amount we can give you the opportunity to do that when you sign up.

### Sign up



[www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/  
join-us#senior-summer-school](http://www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us#senior-summer-school)

#### What to do

Visit website. Fill in the application form.  
Get in touch if you have any questions  
or need help with the form.

Contact Tamzyn Marchev  
on 020 7960 4232 or at  
[tamzyn@kinetikabloco.co.uk](mailto:tamzyn@kinetikabloco.co.uk)

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## SOUTHBANK CENTRE



## Autism Post-diagnostic Workshop

Information and advice for parents and carers, from a Speech and Language Therapist



We will talk about some **facts** vs **myths** about Autism, **tools** to support your child at home, and signpost you towards useful **resources** and **support**.



Please scan the QR code to book your place via Eventbrite.



### Who is it for?

An online workshop for parents and carers of **children** and **teens** who have a diagnosis of Autism.



### Where and when?

**Date:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 10.30am-12pm

**Location:** On Zoom

**Cost:** £5





BOOK EVENTS

# MAY

## AT THE PAPER CAT CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP



### BABY & TODDLER STORYTIME

with author  
Gabby Dawney  
0-4 years  
11am

**FRI 15th MAY**



### NATURE CRAFT EVENT

with illustrator  
Lizzie Lomax  
5-7 years  
10.30am

**TUES 26th MAY**



### AUTHOR STORY & CRAFT

with author  
Mariesa Dulak  
3-5 years  
10.30am

**WEDS 27th MAY**



### AUTHOR STORY & CRAFT

with author  
Philip Ardagh  
4-7 years  
10.30am

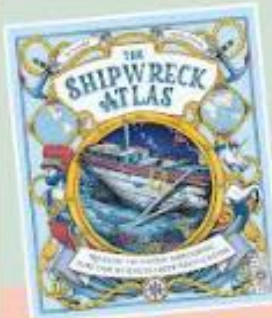
**THURS 28th MAY**



### AUTHOR STORY & CRAFT

with author  
Mo O'Hara  
3-5 years  
10.30am

**FRI 29th MAY**



### NON-FICTION EVENT

with author  
Jo Arnold  
7+ year  
3.30pm

**FRI 29th MAY**



Our May  
Books of the  
Month  
(10% off  
online and  
instore)



Don't forget we run a drop-in  
& free storytime at  
**10:30am EVERY MONDAY**





Dear Families,

Following a successful launch last year, we're excited to open bookings for R3 Voyage Kids Club this May Half Term at Hitherfield Primary School.

The club will run from **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May**.

R3 Voyage Kids Club is designed for children aged **5–11 years** and offers a fun, engaging mix of off-site trips and on-site activities. Children will travel safely on all trips using our private minibus, and the club is Ofsted-registered.

Please see the attached flyer for a visual overview of what we have planned.

### Planned experiences include:

- Polka Theatre visit
- Rock climbing
- Multi-sports (football, tennis and boxing)
- Slime workshops and baking and creative activities
- Cinema trips



### What we offer:

- Trips and activities included
- Childcare vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare accepted
- Small group sizes with experienced and qualified staff
- Safe minibus transport for off-site trips
- Based at Hitherfield Primary School

Bookings are now open.

You can book directly via:

<https://r3-voyage-kids-club.classforkids.io/camp/4>

Or visit our website:

[www.r3voyagekidsclub.com](http://www.r3voyagekidsclub.com)

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch. We would love to welcome your child for a fun, safe and memorable holiday club experience.



5-11 YEARS  
JOIN NOW



# Summer fair raffle

**Donations of exciting prizes needed for Summer Fair raffle!**

**Our annual summer raffle is a major fundraiser for the school. But we need prizes to make it a success.**

**Do you work for a big company that might donate a prize?**

**Many companies are happy to support local schools and community events.**

**Companies can claim tax relief on charitable giving. Hitherfield PTA is a registered charity, our charity number is: 1102808**

**Please ask your employer if they are willing to donate items or gift vouchers.**

**Donations must be new and unused. Thank you for supporting our school community!**

**Any questions please contact  
[hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com)**



HITHERFIELD PTA

**FREE  
ENTRY**

# Summer fair

**12.30PM  
4PM**

**SATURDAY  
20TH JUNE**

**BOUNCY CASTLE  
BBQ  
REFRESHMENTS  
CAKES  
FACEPAINTING  
RAFFLE  
GAMES**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN  
AFTERNOON!**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



## HITHERFIELD SUMMER FAIR



SATURDAY 20TH JUNE



## DONATIONS NEEDED!

**Tombola  
prizes**

Please donate any new & unused boxed gifts: Wine, toiletries, toys, chocolates, etc.

**Cuddly  
toys**

Please donate washed cuddly toys in good condition for our teddy tombola.

**Cakes &  
sweet treats**

Please bring your donations of cakes or other sweet treats (no nuts please) to the office on the day of the fair

**Goody  
Bags**

Your child will bring a small clear sealable bag home. Please fill this with any small pre-loved toys or other bits n bobs. Extra bags can be collected from the office

**DROP YOUR DONATIONS AT THE OFFICE**

**HUGE THANKS FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

