Dear Parents,

This week I had a large number of Reception children in my office informing me that they had some bad news for me. So you can imagine I was worried and a number of things started running through my mind! What possibly could have happened? Well, it turns out that the Reception classes had been invaded by some evil peas. They found them in their book corners, on the windowsill and by the door. Not only did these evil peas invade their classroom they weren’t very nice to some of the other vegetables. They drew on the celery, stuck the carrot on the wall, broke the cucumber and chopped the broccoli. Lucky for us we had SuperTato and the Reception children working together to save the vegetables from going bad by eating them. So if your child wonders why some vegetables need to be frozen it is because it stops them from going bad, once vegetables go bad they go very bad and end up turning evil according to the SuperTato story.

Our Year 5 pupils have been learning about evolution. Three weeks ago they received a delivery of 100 tadpoles and they have been studying their growth and changes ever since. I am happy to report that Mr Sonnar and Miss Brewer are now the proud parents of some developing frogs. Mr Sonnar has become a regular customer at our local pet shop making sure the tadpoles have everything they need. We hope Mr Sonnar and Miss Brewer do not find it too emotional next week when they release them into some local ponds. The news of the developing frogs travelled through the school and our Reception children decided to pay a visit to the Year 5 classroom to see them.

Great News! Nine of our children from Year 5 have been chosen to have their historical mini sagas published as part of a national younger writers’ competition. We look forward to reading Leah, Tomas, Tam, Rachael, Danielle, Estee, Elizabeth, Chenai, and Cindy’s entries and seeing their published books on our library book shelves.

Yesterday we had about 20 of our pupils from Years 3-6 take part in the Lewisham Schools String Concert at our Sister school Haberdasher’s Aske’s Knights Academy. It was a great opportunity for some of our String Orchestra to have a public platform outside of school and it was an enjoyable experience for them too. They played two pieces ‘Marco takes a walk’ and ‘Cha, Cha Bowing’. Martha and Fenna both played a solo violin piece. They played beautifully. It was commented by many people from the other schools how impressive our musicians were. The Grand finale ended with all the different schools playing ‘Mattichins’.

Last week our Year 6 children took their Statutory Tests (SATs) – they are now working towards their writing assessment (deadline for Writing marks is the end of June)! At the same time, the children in other classes continue to work hard in preparation for their end-of-year assessments in years 1, 3, 4 and 5. These include children in Reception who will be assessed against Early Years Goals. Children in Year 1 will have their phonics screening during the week commencing 13th June and children in Year 2 have their SATs Assessments for end of Key Stage 1, which started this week. As a school we have tried to not put too much emphasis on the end of KS1 assessments because we are aware of how young the children are, your child’s end of year assessment is based on their class teacher’s judgement. The assessment and testing of pupils are mandatory instructions from the Department for Education and not a school based choice.

Thank you to all our parents and children for coming in to school every day, also for your interest and support. Parents who are worried about any of the assessments happening should either speak with your child’s class teachers who will be available to give further information or myself.

Next week Wednesday will be Green House Challenge. The challenge this year is an art one. The children will be building the different monuments in London from cardboard boxes and other materials. To take part we ask that your child donates £1 and he or she can come to school that day dressed in their own clothes. However, they have to wear an item of clothing that is their house colour.

Thank you to a successful cake sale this lunch time run by our PTA. All the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 had the opportunity to feast on some yummy, delicious, scrumptious cakes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

My thoughts and prayers go out to the relatives of the missing passengers who were on the EgyptAir plane that disappeared over the Mediterranean.

Miss E Gyimah Head Teacher

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**Dates for your Diary**

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The Summer Disco will be taking place next week on Friday 27th May at 6.30pm - 8pm.

The disco is for all children at HTG from Nursery - Year 6. We will be combining both discos, so there will be a limited amount of tickets on sale.

Tickets will be charged at £3.00 each and can be purchased next week, tickets will be sold during the morning and after school on Monday - Friday or until all tickets have sold out. Any tickets left over on Friday, will be sold at a higher charge of £4.00, on the door. So please buy your tickets in advance.

A Tuck shop will be available.

If any parents can help volunteer at the disco, please let me know via e-mail htg.pta@gmail.com your help will be appreciated.

Cold Blow Lane Campaign:

There has been an ongoing campaign spearheaded by Mr Adrian Robson to make this tunnel safer for all families in our area.

Please help support this campaign if you have not done so already, by signing the online petition here: https://www.change.org/p/lewisham-council-make-cold-blow-lane-tunnel-safe-for-children?recruiter=506914466&utm_source=share_for_starters&utm_medium=copyLink

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<td>Fab Fish Pie. Creamy Fish pie with Broccoli.</td>
<td>Roast Chicken with Bud’s Crispy Spuds, carrots seasonal cabbage and gravy.</td>
<td>Sadie’s Chilli Stuffed Taco. Chilli beef soft taco with rice and salsa.</td>
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<td>Silver top’s Cool Ice-Cream Pot, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.</td>
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ANIMATE LEWISHAM LOCAL COURSE

Recruiting now!

**WHEN** Saturday 16 July, 10am-4pm

**WHERE** Laban Building, Creekside, Deptford, SE8 3DZ

**COST** £10 (full fee) // £5 (50% sibling discount) // £3 (if in receipt of Pupil Premium)

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