



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

3rd February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The parent resource making group on Monday was very well attended. Thanks go to this group and all that they do for our school. There was lots of discussion and a large number of resources were completed.

We've begun our friendship fortnight. The pupils are sending cards, thinking of how we can be better friends and trying their best to include other pupils. Today in assembly we gave out badges to pupils who spoke about their friends.

Millwall football club were in school on Wednesday for football coaching with the girls. This is very popular. Our rowing club pupils received certificates in assembly today and street dance after-school club continues to be very well attended.

Class 8/9 are out today at the Imperial War Museum as part of their Humanities curriculum. Next Tuesday we are all going out for our Business Links Day.

A reminder that we break up on Friday 10th February for half term. School re opens on Monday 20th February.

Eileen

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th February

Business Links Day

Mon 13th Feb—Fri 17th Feb

HALF TERM

Mon 20th February

Pupils return to school

Fri 10th March—

5.00pm—Parents Group International Evening

At the curriculum committee meeting of the governors last week Stephanie gave us a very interesting presentation about how Maths is going in the school. We were very pleased with what she told us and it was good to hear that so many students are really enjoying Maths. As usual, Eileen gave us an update on the School Development Plan. This is one of the most important documents in the school and it tells us at each meeting how progress is being made in all areas of the curriculum so that we can make sure that we are making the best offer we can to all Highshore students. Writing was highlighted this time and Kevin told us how all aspects of writing are under the spotlight and more opportunities are always being found. This an area which is being specially concentrated on at present.

We had more discussion about the way forward for the school in the future and about our equality information and objectives.

Julia Field—Governor



"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey."

Friendship Fortnight

There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.

Thomas Aquinas



Pupils of the Week

7E	Teniola For supporting her peers throughout the first week of friendship fortnight	8/9	Miguel For good work calculating 'Area' in Maths	11M	Fisayo For great role play in Social Communication	14	Aaron For completing an excellent homework
7S	Deniz For reading with expression	9	Banji For his outstanding work on money, being able to find totals and give change up to 50p	12J	Brandon For excellent independent work preparing seed bombs in Enterprise	 STAR OF THE WEEK  Dean For being a great friend in Friendship Fortnight	
7/8L	Takudzwa For being a good friend to the rest of the class	10M	Taha For great independent work in Literacy	12M	John For his effort in T25 Fitness training		
8	Mario For excellent work in Art	10R	Peter For a fantastic attitude in class, helping others and working really hard towards his targets.	13K	John For more mature attitude and staying away from nonsense		
Gar-net	Diara For excellent talking to her friends in class	11L	Suhail For working hard in English	13/14	Lewis For setting a good example at College	 PUPILS OF THE WEEK WELL DONE!!!!	

Highshore School Parents Group - Update

Dear Parents

I wish you seasons greetings for the **New Year** and to inform you that the **Parents Group** are back in action after a well earned **festive break** following a busy **first term** supporting school visits, market stalls, parent evenings, resource making meetings, successful school reunion disco and school Christmas plays. We did have a **meal** at the end of term arranged by the **staff and pupils** which was very lovely too.

We had our first **Parents Group Meeting** of the **new term** on **16 January 2017** which was very positive. This was followed by our recent **Parents Resource Meeting** on **30 January** which was also very productive and enjoyable.

Both events have been well attended and a copy of the minutes including the actions and decisions discussed and agreed will be placed on the school website shortly.

In a response to promoting reading/ literacy in school the **Parent Group** is supporting a new **Parent Volunteers Reading Programme** starting **this term** (opportunities for **new volunteers** may follow in the future).

In addition, we are also planning our next **Parents Group International Evening Event** on **10 March 2017**.

This is your **opportunity** to support the school in a **social environment** whilst enjoying good music, food and drink as well as celebrating the **rich diversity** of the school (**wearing National Costumes where possible**) and raising much needed **funds** with our **raffle**.

This was a very **successful** event **last year** and we expect it to be again with a high attendance. Further **information** will be sent with letters in bags and a request for **food/drink contributions**.

A reminder will also be given through your **class / year group representative**.

I would be grateful if you could **confirm** your attendance and any **offers** of help to the **Parents Group** (myself) or **Eileen** (office) on receipt.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this **whole school** event.

Thanks very much

Don Burford (Parent Group Chair)

FRIENDSHIP

Friends are important because they are funny.

Real friends are respectful.

I think friends are important.

Every day our friends play with us.

Never Kick, call them names or hurt them.

Don't swear at your friends!

Stop being nasty!

Help others up.

I can play with you.

Please can I be your friend?

(A Poem for Friendship Fortnight by Lilli and Caroline in 7/8L)