



Co Acting Head Teachers

Congratulations

In recent weeks, in the national newspapers, a list of the top 250 independent schools was released. The list reflects the scores of pupils who took their SATs in 2016. We are extremely proud to say that Durand Academy is 38th in the country.

When it is taken into account that there are in fact over 2000 independent schools in England, this is an incredible achievement.

A huge congratulations and thank you to all the pupils, parents and teachers of Durand for all the hard that went into these fantastic results.

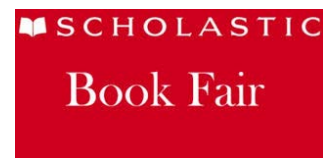
Secondary

Important Dates

**Year 11 Parent Meeting – Tuesday 12th
December 2017 – 4.15 – 6.15 pm**

Homework – Year 11

The completion of this is an essential part of the GCSE preparation. Failure to complete homework consistently has been proved statistically to lower grades and failure. Please ensure you monitor your children's homework daily.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who visited the recent book fair. We raised an amazing £831 from which has enabled the school to purchase many new books for the students to read.

School Journey

The Year 6 School Journey to the Kingswood Centre in Staffordshire will take place in June 2018.

The next payment instalment is due on by **Friday 8th December 2017**. Please ensure prompt payment is made as the centre requires regular deposits.

Calling all year 2 parents, carers, aunts, uncles and grandparents! You are invited to our 1666 themed bake sale. It is on Monday 11th December at 2.45 in the bottom hall. If you would like to make any cakes then any donations would be greatly appreciated.

See you there! From the year 2 team.



After School Club Registration



Forms to register your child to attend the After School Club in January 2018 are available in the offices on both sites.

Please look out for the emails and posters which will be displayed around the reception area to remind parents to do so.

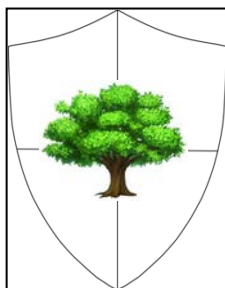
If your child is in Reception and is born between the 1st September 2011 and 31st December 2011 you can apply.

Please ensure you apply by the deadline (**Thursday 14th December 2017 no later than 4.00 pm**) as we are unable to accept forms after this date.

Durand Academy House Points

Congratulations to the Oak House who are still in the lead for the third week with an amazing 557 points for last week.

Well done!



Cedar followed with 522 points. Ash has 503 and Beech has 491. Well done!

Contact Information

If you have recently changed your number, home address or email address please let the school reception know. It is important to have up to date contact details for all the children in case of emergency.

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages since the beginning of term are:

Nursery	95%
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	95%
Year 11	97%
School Total	96%

The national average is 95%

Punctuality

The classes with the best punctuality so far this year are:

Nursery	NA
Reception	RB
Year 1	1B
Year 2	2A
Year 3	3F
Year 4	4F
Year 5	5F
Year 6	6F
Year 7	7F
Year 8	8F
Year 11	11F

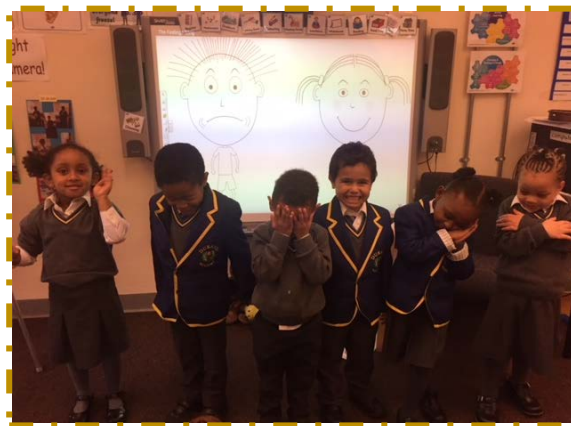
Year 3 - Diwali

This term, Year 3 have read and learnt about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita in preparation for Diwali. We have made lamps and cards to celebrate this festival. Did you know that the lights are a symbol of good conquering evil, in the way that light triumphs over darkness? Can you spot Rama and Sita?

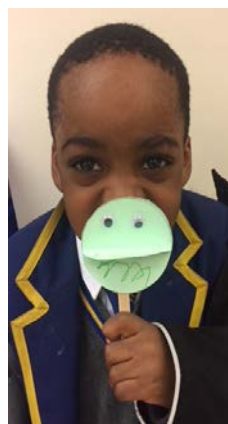


Early Years

In Early years this week in our PSED lesson we are learning about feelings. In RD we really enjoyed expressing our different feelings. We pretended to be cold, sleepy, happy, sad, angry and hot!



We also made faces with different feelings!



As you can see we really enjoyed this lesson!!!!

Year 6



In Year 6 we are studying a book called War Horse.

To enhance our understanding and learning we acted scenes out during a drama lesson. We all had a lot of fun doing this and it has really helped us to build on our 'Big Write.' One group from 6B was picked to perform during the Year 6 assembly; a special well done to these children.

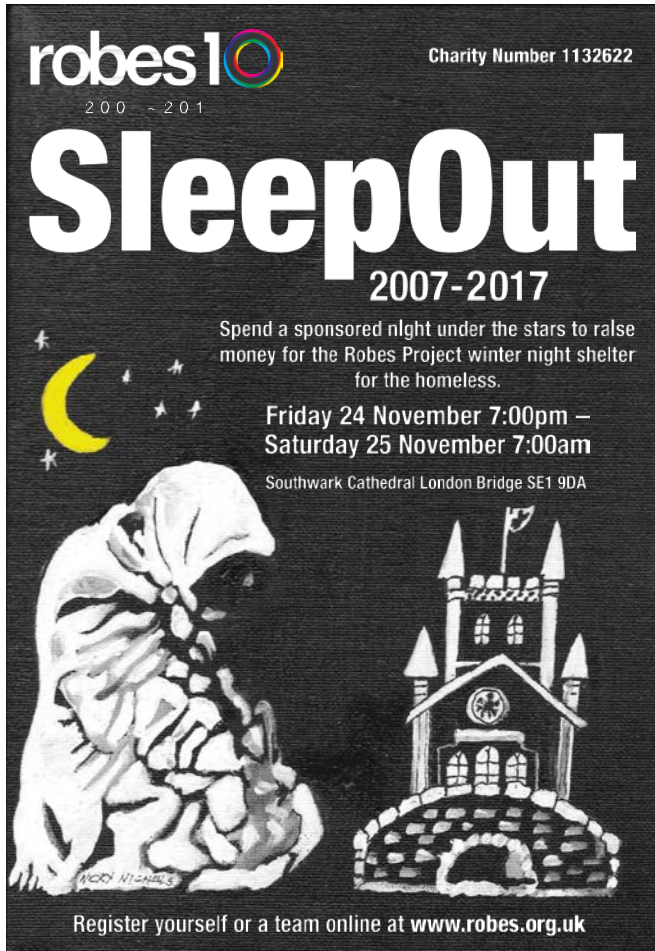


We understand it is difficult for children to perform in front of the class or year group and appreciate the hard work that goes into the play.

Drama lessons are a valuable part of teaching and learning and it allows children to work on confidence and interaction with other members of the class. You can see some pictures of 6F during their performances.



Community Notices



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Charity Number 1132622

SleepOut

2007-2017

Spend a sponsored night under the stars to raise money for the Robes Project winter night shelter for the homeless.

Friday 24 November 7:00pm –
Saturday 25 November 7:00am

Southwark Cathedral London Bridge SE1 9DA

Register yourself or a team online at www.robess.org.uk

At Robes, we provide lifesaving shelter and a welcoming place for homeless in Southwark and Lambeth. We rely on local churches volunteers to make this happen.

Our advice workers work with our guests on an individual level, helping them find stable accommodation and achieve wider goals.

We have 28 venues, and 1,000 volunteers offering up to 5,000 bed spaces for 75 people each winter.

It will cost Robes £220,000 to cover the costs of expansion and a year's running costs. We rely solely on donations from churches, individuals, businesses and grants to keep us going.

To donate: text ROBE07 £ (amount) to 70070 (e.g. ROBBE07 £20) or go to www.justgiving.com/robess
www.robess.org.uk/sleepout

E: robess.admin@robess.org.uk

- £10.00 keeps someone safe, warm and fed for the night
- £85 buys a starter pack for someone moving into a new flat
- £450 allows a guest to receive holistic advice and support over the winter
- £1,000 keeps one of our shelters running for a week!

Together, we offer a helping hand out of homelessness

strengthening
families
strengthening
communities

Places are for all parents / carers of children living within Lambeth, Southwark & Lewisham. Parents can self-refer or professionals can complete an application on behalf of clients who express an interest in the programme.

Parent manuals and refreshments are included in the programme and there are a **limited number of bookable crèche places available for parents.**

This course is free and places will be offered to parents who have registered for the programme before the courses become fully booked

Title: Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities - January 2018
Date: Thursday 11th January 2018
Time: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
Duration: 13 weeks - term time only
Location: Community Resources Centre, 1 Headlamp Road, Clapham Park Estate, SW4 8HP off Kings Avenue



Please complete an online application or call Charmaine directly on 0207 428 1880, 07701048479, email Charmaine@racefound.org.uk or register online at <http://bit.ly/SFSC-RISE>

You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.
If the school does not have your email address please give it in to reception or email admin@durandprimary.com.

Library

There are lots of great and **free** clubs at the local Brixton library. Please take a look:

Reading club

'Chatterbooks' is a reading group aimed at 7 to 12 year olds, please check age range with individual libraries. This takes place the first Wednesday of the month 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

Homework Club

Homework clubs provides out of school support for primary school aged children.

This takes place every Wednesday (term time) 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

Code Club

Children age 9 to 11 can learn to code, where children can create their own animation and games. Check with local branch for availability. This takes place on alternate Saturdays 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm (please contact library for dates).

Crafts Club

Make a Mess in the Library

Every Monday 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Every Saturday 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm



Reception Admissions

Any parent/carer of children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 has to apply for their place for Reception. They will **not** automatically be given a place in Reception.

In order to apply for a Reception place, parent/carers must fill out the Common Application Form (CAF) online at: www.lambeth.gov.uk/eadmissions. Details about this process are in the booklet 'Starting School in Lambeth' given to parents recently.

Lambeth Education are also holding open meetings for parents/carers about the admissions process. The dates are on the back cover of the booklet.

The deadline for all applications to be returned to Lambeth is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

School Term Dates 2017/18

Autumn Term 2017
Finish Date Wednesday 20th December

Spring Term 2018

INSET Day Tuesday 2nd January
INSET Day Wednesday 3rd January
Start Day Thursday 4th January
Finish Date Friday 9th February

Half Term Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Start Date Monday 19th February
Finish Date Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Start Date Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Finish Date Friday 25th May

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday
Start Date Monday 4th June
Finish Date Friday 20th July



Notices

Footballs/Basketballs

Please do not bring footballs or basketballs into the school. The school will provide balls for children to play with.

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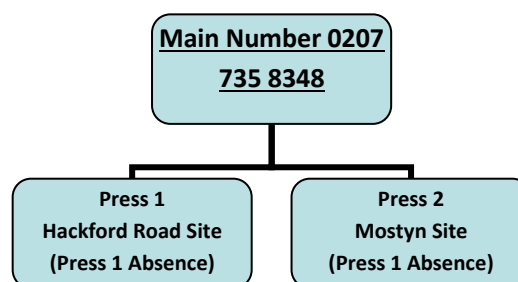
Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

Please ensure you label your child's clothes. This helps parents identify items of clothing kept in the lost and found.

If your child mistakenly brings home an item of clothing which does not belong to them, we ask parents to ensure this is returned to school the next day.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly request parents to leave a clear message on the school voicemail and not call to speak to the administrators directly.



Parents must leave a message on the voicemail for each day your child is absent from school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you must provide a letter from your doctor confirming this. Without this, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.

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