



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

### Children's Parliament at the Civic Offices



Our Head Boy and Girl (LPS) Our Deputy Head Girl and Head Boy (SPS) Our Head Girl and newly appointed Deputy Head Boy (WM) were invited to attend Merton's first Children's Parliament. There were 17 schools represented and each school was invited to share a key priority of focus in their own school. Priorities ranged from improving school lunches and playtimes to improving attendance on a Friday and providing more opportunities for reducing the amount of litter in and around the school. Our team proudly presented their key priority of: initiatives to improve attendance on a Friday (SPS), the securing of a grant to launch the BeDifferent Bistro for the local community (WM), the planning of mindfulness activities to support all children's ability to successfully build relationships (LPS).

The children were then invited to speak to other school representatives about what they would like to see being improved in the London Borough of Merton. There was a unanimous sense of focussing on 'equality' and so it was agreed after a small vote to focus on equal access to all equipment in all green spaces/parks. It was inspiring to be involved on a larger scale in the future of the London Borough of Merton. We look forward to our next meeting next half-term and in the meantime we will continue to focus on our 'key priority' and we will update you all, as we progress.

The **GREAT** Singlegate choir were absolutely delighted to have joined 9,000 children from schools across the country on Monday to perform with Young Voices at the O2 arena. The children sang with enthusiasm, energy and excitement. We could not have asked for more from them, as they proudly represented Singlegate Primary School at this wonderful event. A huge **thank you** to Mrs Inwards, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Farnon Reeves for supporting this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity.



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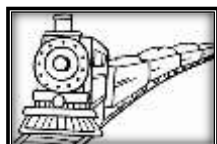


### School attendance

Attending school every day is essential. Any absence is a missed opportunity for learning. Our attendance target this year is **94%** Let's work together to make this happen!

**Well done** to a number of classes, whose attendance exceeds our target this week.

### The School Engine – the children's 'voice'



As we begin the new term at Singlegate, it's crucial to highlight the impact of a strong beginning on our children's educational journey. Our Head Boy/Girl team have asked for 'the voice' of all children in the Federation on the subject of 'attendance', particularly attendance on a Friday.

Statistics have been shared with the children, making them aware of how being absent from school will affect their learning and their ability to make long lasting relationships.

Mrs Bull will be offering a weekly 'award' to the classes that achieve 94% and above on a Friday. The award would be given the following Friday to ensure that the attendance of all children remains a priority.

Watch this space...



### Parking in South Gardens



Please may we remind you that Singlegate Primary School is on a School Street. There is restricted vehicular access. Instead, we are a pedestrian and cycle zone. Please help us by leaving the car at home.

Class	Overall Weekly %
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Paddington AM	87%
Paddington PM	84%
Paddington Full Time	87%
Archway	97%
Bank	94%
Angel	94%
Oval	96%
Knightsbridge	92%
Borough	97%
Monument	94%
Victoria	97%
Pimlico	93%
Wimbledon	99%
Balham	98%
Southwark	99%
Kennington	97%
Piccadilly	91%
Euston	97%
Edgware	98%
Temple	94%
Barbican	96%
Westminster	99%
Embankment	93%
Colliers Wood	96%

# Young Artists' Summer Show

Do you have a budding Young Artist at home?

As an opportunity to showcase the talent and skills of young people across the country, the **Royal Academy of Arts** invite children aged 4-19 years old to submit a piece of art work for judging by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please visit [www.youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk](http://www.youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk)

## Online Safety – Smartphone Safety Tips

Important online safety information about Smartphone Safety Tips from The National Online Safety:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

**Mrs Bull and Mrs Hart**



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