

The Tufnell Park School Bulletin

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It's a Boy

It is with great pleasure we announce the birth of Mr Scarborough's latest addition to his family. Kasper Filip Kamil Wieckowski was born on Saturday 3rd November at 16:34pm weighing in at a solid 4.3kg (9.5 pounds). Arriving ten days late, Kasper is doing brilliantly as is mum, Rebecca. I know you will join in wishing Martin, Rebecca and Kasper great joy for the future.

Bikeability, Anti-Bullying and Fire Fighters

The last two weeks have seen our Y5s cycling proficiently around our playground and local streets as part of the Islington Bikeability programme.

Next week we have visits from the fire brigade for year 2 and year 5. Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in anti-bullying workshops aimed at supporting them through their final years with us and the transition into secondary school.

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They are under starters order.... and they're off!! Come join us on November 16th for "A Night at the Races". We'll be betting on pre-recorded horse races, dancing to live music from A+E and trying our chance in the cash prize raffle. There will also be a prize for the best hat (think Ascot!) Tickets are now on sale from Andrea for £3 each, or buy online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/racenight>. Tickets will also be available on the door.

Did you see the amazing calendars the kids have produced this year? Your class rep will be sending images around soon - don't forget you can pre-order this year. Log in to your account on SchoolMoney, then choose School Shop. Calendars will be ready next month, pre-orders will be delivered first, but more will be on sale at school.

Trying to think of an easy way to support the PTA this Xmas? Maybe you can you have a Drivers and Norris Seasons Greetings sign outside your house for a month? The PTA receive money from D+N for every board they put up. D+N put the board up, it stays for around 4 weeks, and they come and take it away. If you are happy to have one, send us an email at tufnellparkpta@gmail.com or let your class rep know.

Are you signed up to the PTA blog? Visit <https://tufnellparkpta.com/> and click 'follow' to be the first to know the news!

Dates for your diary; Friday 16th November: Children in Need day - wear something spotty and donate £1; A Night At The Races: 7:30pm (adults only!) £3 per ticket

The children enjoyed saying goodbye to the last big digger this week and the first units of the new building have been lifted into position. You can already see the bottom half of our new school hall taking shape. The enormous crane can lift 500 tons. The crane itself weighs 165 tons, including the counterweights which balance the load being lifted. The average weight of each unit is 12 tons which is about the same as one double-decker bus.

There are 136 of these units which have been built in Hull. Each night around eight of them are being driven on lorries 200 miles to our school.

The telescopic boom stretches to 86 metres high – that is taller than 19 double-decker buses.

Keep your fingers crossed that we have good weather over the next few weeks. Rain or snow is not a problem, but the crane can't operate if it is windy or there is a thunderstorm.

Please see school website for photos.

Tennis and Vampires

It was great to see everyone dressed up for Halloween. I particularly enjoyed seeing our younger year groups taking part in the Islington Tennis Roadshow in full costume. I hope some of you managed to attend the open days at the Islington Tennis Centre in Market Road last weekend. It is a fantastic facility that offers a range of coaching options for all abilities.

Football Finalist

Well done to our Y5/6 boys and girls football teams who both made it through to the finals of the Islington Primary Schools Cup. Having breezed through the group stages, both teams came up against exceptional teams and were unfortunately unable to go all the way. Both teams displayed resilience and great team spirit which gives us great optimism for the season ahead.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018/19

As usual we have lots planned for this term, so keep up to date with our dates here, or by using the website calendar.

Friday 16th Nov – Aquila Class Assembly

Friday 16th Nov – Children In Need

Friday 16th Nov – PTA night for Grown Ups – 7pm

Friday 23rd Nov – Columba Class Assembly

Wednesday 28th November – Flu Vaccination for Reception, Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4 and Y5

Friday 30th Nov – Perseus Class Assembly

Friday 7th Dec – Orion Class Assembly

Friday 7th Dec – Winter Wonderland – 5pm-7pm

Friday 14th Dec – Heracles Class Assembly

Friday 14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day/Wear something Christmassy

Friday 21st Dec - Last day of term

Reading Volunteers needed

Join our team of dedicated parent volunteer readers who come in weekly to read with specific children from classes across the school, 30mins-1 hour needed per week to help children to read. Children and parents have found it very rewarding, lots of fun and it makes a significant difference to children's enjoyment of reading.

See Andrea or Anna more details.



The crane extends 86 metres and weighs 165,000kg. Can you measure your height and weight and calculate how many times taller and heavier the crane is?