

## Special lunch guests - Where, why, who, when....

On Tuesday 22 March we had some important visitors. Mr Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor of Lewisham and Ms Helen Klier, a Cabinet Member came to visit our school kitchen and to have lunch with the primary children. We were chosen from the Press Gang to interview the visitors.

Mr Cregan invited them to the Academy because they had heard that our school lunches were very good and they came to see for themselves the kind of food that the school provides.

Mr Smith said he has been Deputy Mayor for just 10 months. We asked if he likes being Deputy Mayor and he said he thinks it's a fantastic job. One of the things he likes most is meeting lots of new people. He also works with the Groundwork Trust, an environmental charity that helps communities.

Ms Klier said that in the Cabinet she deals with children and young people. She said that their aim is for all children in Lewisham to achieve as well as they can.

**Adam Sianga and Kyra-Jade Lamptey Y6**



## Guardian Angels



Miss Truan's class, 1W have been writing prayers for Japan and have also created beautiful guardian angels that are currently fluttering in the classroom. This is one of their angel poems:

**Guardian angel from heaven so bright  
Watching beside me to lead me and guard me with love  
Softly sing songs to me of heaven above.**

**The primary children and staff wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.**

## Reasons to read

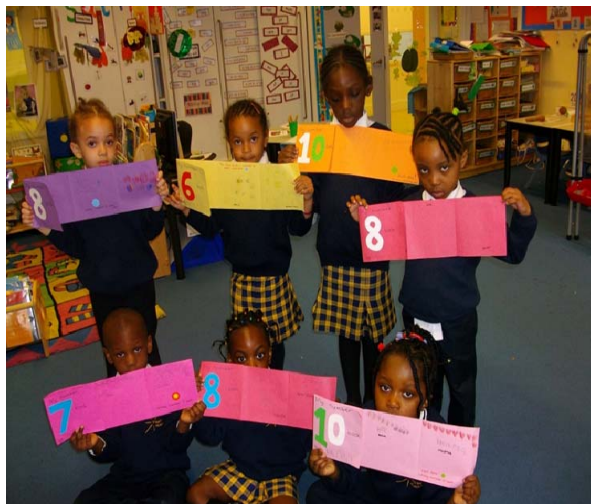
Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to remind you about how crucial it is for children to read. It is unacceptable for parents to ignore the fact that every child will have to pass the SATs. Just think, how are your children meant to read the question in SATs if they don't know how to read?

It would be marvellous if you helped your child's education and reading. I wonder, how would you feel if your beloved children were at the age of 35 and had to scrape plates in McDonalds because they did not manage a better job because of lack of reading? I believe that intelligent people like yourselves know how crucial it is.

**Kind regards,  
Zuzanna Juszczak 6W**





## Our number books

Last week in Reception West, the children were using and applying their knowledge of numbers to make number books. Children chose a number from 1 to 10 and drew symbols to represent that number such as butterflies, smiley faces and hearts. The skills children gained from this activity were identifying the value of each number, knowing one more than a number and knowing that anything can be counted. This activity also linked to literacy because the children had to use their phonemes to spell the symbols. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their books as it involved drawing, colouring and book making.

**Mrs Adjetey**  
RW Class Teacher

## Football news

A team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in an inter-school football tournament. Group A made it to the semi-final against John Ball School. The score was 2:2 and so went to a penalty shootout. Unfortunately SMA lost out on penalties. Well done to all the children for a good effort. Man of the tournament for Team A was Tobi Awofeso and for Team B Cameron Muncie.



## Secondary advice for SMA girls

At this time of year the Year 6 children obviously think a lot about secondary transfer and adjusting to secondary school life. The girls in the Press Gang thought it would be great to have a chance to talk to older girls about their experiences and get some advice. So we arranged a special meeting for the Year 6 girls who are staying at SMA to have a question and answer session with four girls from Years 9 and 10.

Zuzanna said "It was truly awesome meeting the older girls and hearing some funny questions that people asked.

India said "It was amazing finding out more about the school that we already know. It was great to be able to talk to the girls about what it was like for them in Year 7. It definitely made it seem less scary!"

Zuzanna added 'the worst thing is probably having to get up 10 minutes earlier to get to school earlier!"

If Year 6 boys would like a similar meeting, just let us know.



## Best Attendance – Spring Term 2011

Congratulations to the class with the best attendance this term. Well done to 6E who achieved an excellent 97.47% attendance!! 6E will be getting a very special reward after Easter.

Well done also to the runners up - 5E came very close with 97.23%. Keep up the good work 5E – perhaps you can win the prize for the summer term!

In third place was 4W who achieved a very creditable 95.76.

Here is the attendance table for this week:

### Attendance 18 March – 1 April

Class	Teacher	%
RE	Miss Bye	91.69
RW	Mrs Adjetey	92.69
1E	Miss Reid	90.12
1W	Miss Truan	92.42
2E	Miss Orme	93.51
2W	Ms Galvin	95.29
3E	Ms Weyers	92.86
3W	Mrs Casey	91.26
4E	Mr Averis	94.47
4W	Miss Britton	97.73
5E	Miss Hannon	97.61
5W	Mrs Brehme	96.65
6E	Miss Hatton	97.82
6W	Miss Chick	93.77