



Newsletter

March 2025



Message from Matthew



There are definite signs of spring in the air which makes a welcome change from the winter gloom. It was great to see so many of you at our parents' evening across both sites. It is always nice to open up our doors and for you to see the classroom environment that your children spend so much of their time in. A big thank you also for your feedback when completing our annual parent carer survey. I am always overwhelmed and immensely proud of your messages of support and the trust that you have of us in supporting your children.

I also wanted to thank Dawn for her oversight of our annual Autism Conference that took place on the last INSET day in February. The focus of the conference was on Emerging Technologies, and she arranged for a range of speakers to discuss the important issues around this area. One of the highlights was Kieran Rose, an adult with Autism, who was able to advocate for our school population and provide advice and guidance from his unique perspective.

As we finished last term with a festive celebration with parents of our secondary department, we have planned for our primary department to come together for SHINE. I do hope that many of you can make it.

Eid Mubarak if you are observing Ramadan at the moment!

Message from Governors

Following the sad passing of Eddie, the Governing Body has had to come to terms with the fact that he is no longer with us and make some changes. Ahmed Alsamarrai and Ian Buchanan have agreed to become Co-Chairs for the remainder of this academic year.

We have also been working hard to find new Governors to join us. We are pleased to welcome Farai Nyadundu to the board as a co-opted Governor. He is looking forward to supporting the work of the school. We also have a new LA Governor identified and are looking forward to her joining as a Governor.

Parental Survey

Thank you for such positive feedback following our recent parent survey – 50 of you provided some valuable feedback.

- **How satisfied are you with the communication between your class teacher and parents?**
 - 5 stars – 78%
 - 4 stars – 16%
 - 3 stars – 6%
- **How satisfied are you with the general communication between the school and parents?**
 - 5 stars – 72%
 - 4 stars – 26%
 - 3 stars – 2%
- **92% of you feel well-informed about your child's progress and school activities**
- **98% of you feel that the school provides a safe and supportive environment for your child**
- **92% of you feel that your child's individual needs are being met**

School leaders will consider all of your comments as these will help with our future school development planning.

Parent Forum

A small group of parents and carers met this week as part of a new group. This 'Parents Forum' will provide the school with some valuable insights into the work of the school. Each member of the forum will bring their own unique experience and represent the wider school body of parents and carers.

At the initial meeting, we looked at the feedback received from the parent and carer survey which was overwhelmingly positive. They were also able to discuss some important changes we can make with regards to communication and an improved use of parent pay.

	<p>Our Christmas Disco raised just over £1000 for the school. We also received a donation from Toureen Construction, following their Christmas Jumper Day, of £1600 and another donation from TK MAXX for £500. We are very grateful for all of these donations.</p> <p>Our Summer Fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday 28th June, at our Post 16 site, so please keep this date free in your diary!</p> <p>If you have any other ideas for fundraising opportunities or events, please let us know via Trudy, our chair - friends@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk</p>	
Staffing news	<p>At the end of last term we said goodbye to Rasheeda, one of our Teaching Assistants at Post 16. At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Hugh, one of our teachers in the secondary department. Hugh has worked at the school for just over 3 years and is leaving to experience new ventures and we wish him all the best. Lynsey Sullivan is returning from maternity leave and will be leading Eagle class for the summer term alongside Paloma Sanchez, an overseas qualified teacher.</p>	
Student Council	<p>The Student Council have been busy over the past few months. They met with our school Caterers to discuss the quality of school lunches. They have also requested some first aid training so that they can help support the other pupils. They will also be arranging an Easter & Eid Disco for the pupils during the school day.</p>	
Ealing Broadway Pop Up	<p>Springhallow School now have a Pop Up shop! Post 16 pupils are running an Eco-stall at Ealing Broadway. We are selling a range of Eco-friendly products at fantastic prices. (Soaps, washing up liquids, shampoo's etc). Bring your own plastic bottle and we will fill it up for you!</p> <p>Location: Ealing Broadway @ The Library of Things</p> <p>Friday 21st and 28th of March @ 11-2pm. Hopefully, there will be further dates planned for the summer term as this is a great opportunity for our pupils.</p>	
Upcoming Dates	<p>Friday 27th March (pm)</p>	SHINE Primary Department only
	<p>Friday 4th April</p>	<p>Last day of Spring term (1.30pm finish)</p>
	<p>Tuesday 22nd April</p>	<p>Summer term begins</p>
	<p>Monday 5th May</p>	<p>School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday</p>
	<p>WC Monday 26th May</p>	<p>Half Term</p>
	<p>Wednesday 11th June (9:30-11am)</p>	<p>Sports Day – Hub 1 (Willow, Ash and Cedar)</p>
	<p>Thursday 12th June (9:30-11am)</p>	<p>Sports Day – Hub 2 (Oak, Birch Maple and Elm)</p>
	<p>Friday 13th June</p>	<p>Sports Day – Secondary and Post 16 (Perivale Track)</p>
	<p>Wednesday 2nd July (from 3:30pm)</p>	<p>Parents Evening (online appointments only)</p>
	<p>Thursday 17th July</p>	<p>Last day of Summer term (1:30pm finish)</p>