Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Another busy week at Our Lady & St. John's with some very warm weather. This is due to continue into next week. Please ensure your child has their water bottle and a hat and that you apply sunscreen before school.

We have had to move to a new uniform provider – **Juniper Uniform** - 154 - 156 Broadway, London W13 0TL

https://www.juniperuniform.com/

Juniper are a competitive provider and close to school.

This week Year 2 had their class Assembly. The children said their lines and sang beautifully and they were all so confident – well done! Thank you to Mrs. Chalker-Hayes, Mrs. Nutley and Mrs. Harb and for preparing the children and to Mrs. O'Connor for playing.

Nursery class also had their first assembly. The children said their lines clearly and sang beautifully too. Thank you to Mrs. Bresciani and Mrs. Berwick for their help and to all the children – you were superstars!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

16th June 2025

Rec: Nardos & Thiago
Yr1: Bianca & Sofia
Yr2: Miki & Hanora
Yr3: Katia & Dawid
Yr4 Iza & Albert
Yr5: Kahyjel & Tristan
Yr6: Victoria & Dawid



We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.



Congratulations to Szymon on achieving his pen licence.



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount Importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan.
In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager.
Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. David's who received the most house points over the last week.

The children in St. David's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. David's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	156
St Andrew	156
St George	151
St David	179
St John	160
Overall Winner	St David's



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	6	100	2
2nd	3	98.6	0
3rd	2	97.7	2
4th	4	97.4	2
5th	5	96.4	2
6th	Nur	96.3	2
7th	1	96	5
8th	Rec	95	4







Congratulations to Yr6 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates: June/July

23rd June 9:00 Nursey & Reception Sports day

25th June 8:50 Y1 assembly

27th June Y5 trip to Fulham Palace

30th June Sports day– Y1-6

1st July

9:00-10:00 Transition morning for all children

2nd July

8:30& 2:00 Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

- Y3/4 Tennis festival

3rd July

8:50**& 2:00** Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

- Reports home

4th July

- No work day

7th July

8:50 Piano assembly

2:00-3:00 Open afternoon for Y1-6

9th July 2:00pm Mrs Cunningham's retirement mass—all parents welcome

10th July 7:00pm Y6 production

11th July French day

14th July 6:00 GB meeting

15th July

1:00pm Y6 mass/presentation followed by refreshments

16th July 8:50 Achievement assembly

18th July 1:00 End of term

Year 1 & 2 Quad kids

On Monday 16th June we competed in the year 1 and 2 quad kids competition. There were 15 schools at Osterley on the day trying to survive the heat and score as many points as possible.

Each one of our athletes had to complete a standing long jump, a vortex throw, a 50 meter sprint and a 300 meter long distance run. With temperatures as hot as they were it made all the events much more difficult as well as long waiting periods for each event.

Our team were brilliant though! We set some of the highest and most consistent throws, some over 20 meters which is incredible for that age. Our jumps weren't our best - the same for other schools to be fair as the edge of the sandpit was so slippery, but we still all scored some of the furthest jumps on the day.

One of our best events was the long distance run, where we kept having our children finishing in the top few places, a couple of the girls were a mile ahead of the others as they showed incredible control of their stamina and speed.

We haven't found out the results yet, but we will definitely be one of the top performing schools there. Everyone was brilliant, well done team! We look forward to finding out where we finished.

Thanks to the parents who helped with travel and support!





Boston Manor Park

On Tuesday, Year 5 went on a Geography field trip to Boston Manor Park to support our learning on Water and other Natural Resources. Firstly, we learned about the history of the park and how water usage within the park had changed through time, for example through the creation of the canal and also how fishing ponds had been combined to form the lake we now know so well. Next, we conducted an investigation into the ecology and wildlife within the park. We worked in teams to carry out a pond-dipping exercise and classifying the invertebrates that we found. Finally, we explored the River Brent from different aspects, including a meander, and created an observational sketch.

It was a really interactive and engaging trip which will help us create a fieldwork study.

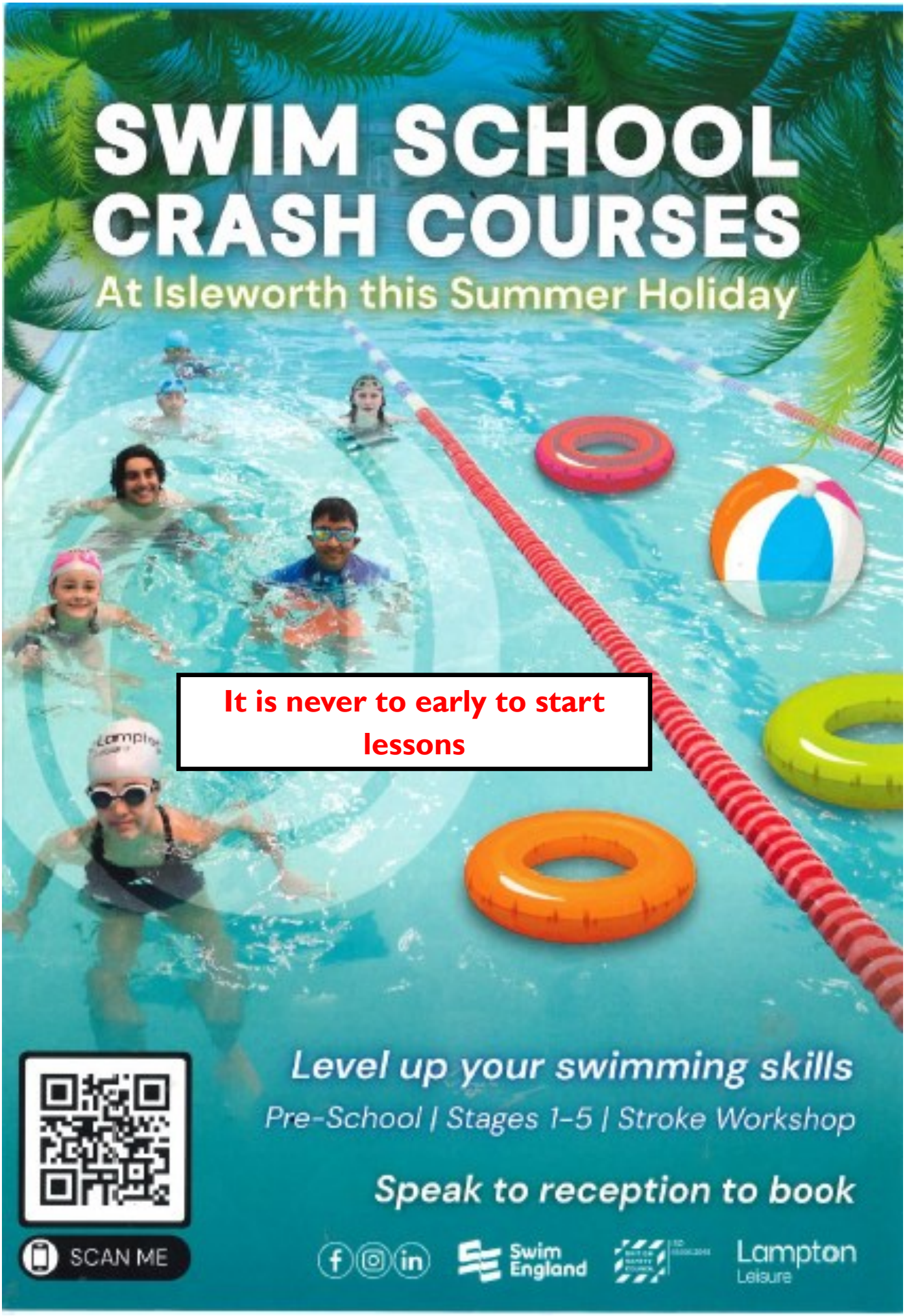
A big thank you to Mrs Waghorn and Mrs Hogan who came on the trip and made it possible.

Mrs Poteratchi








SWIM SCHOOL
CRASH COURSES
At Isleworth this Summer Holiday
It is never to early to start lessons
Level up your swimming skills
Pre-School | Stages 1-5 | Stroke Workshop
Speak to reception to book
SCAN ME
Swim England
Lampton
Leisure

Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Nursery & Reception Sports day will be in the school playground on

Monday 23rd June from 9:00am

We look forward to welcoming you all to cheer your children on.

Please bring the children into school in a pair of shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

They can wear this for the whole day.

To all our parents,
grandparents and carers.

We really need your help.

With the increasing demands on the curriculum, we are finding it more and more difficult to provide 1:1 reading for our children.

Although this is not an expectation of the curriculum, it is something that we have always valued in the hope that it provides children with a love of reading from an early age.

So, if you can spare an hour or two every week (or more) to hear children read, please let me know, we would be eternally grateful.

This support is invaluable to both the teachers and the children.

Thank you in advance
Mrs Sheehan

Homework club

Mrs. Sheehan & the School council will be running a homework club for the juniors in the ICT suite.

Monday & Tuesdays

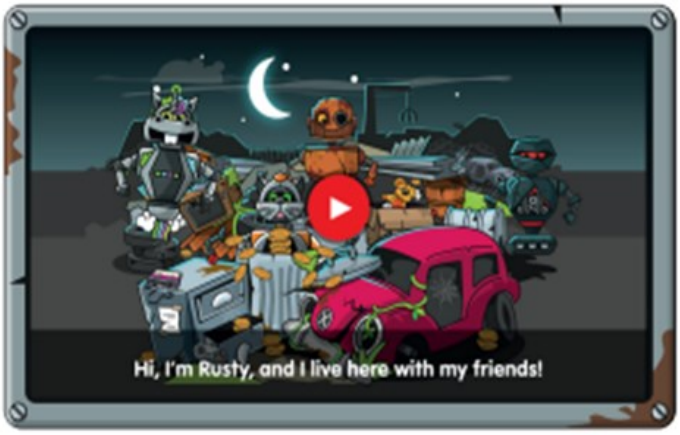
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

Numbots

BEFORE THE GAME

Children are welcomed to the game with an opening video, where they are introduced to the central character, "Rusty". In the video, Rusty asks for help in his quest to find new parts to upgrade him to a diamond robot, so he can "shine inside and out, like a Diamond". Next, the child will be able to choose a bot name they will play under, as well as their own robot character.



PLAYING THE GAME: STORY MODE

The game starts in 'Story Mode'. There are 18 stages - from Rust to Diamond - and each stage is made up of a number of levels. Players start at Rust level 1 and, to unlock the next level, they need to earn at least 2 out of 3 stars.

To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to the next level until they show they are prepared for it.

Story Mode starts with very basic maths (subitising numbers) and progresses steadily and rigorously to addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers.



PLAYING THE GAME: CHALLENGE MODE

When players complete Stage 3 (Tin): Level 35 in Story Mode, they will unlock Challenge Mode. Here they can race the clock to test themselves on how many questions they can answer correctly in one minute. There are 20 different challenges to choose from; each challenge testing a different skill, for example number bonds to 10, adding single digits or subtracting double digits.



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THE CUSTOM SHACK

For every maths question answered correctly, the child will receive coins to spend in the Custom Shack. Here, they are able to purchase new parts to upgrade and personalise their own robot character. As well as earning coins, children are kept motivated throughout their NumBots journey by collecting badges and winning trophies to reward their achievements.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

We recommend children get 3 minutes a day four or five times a week. There will be times when they need your help understanding what to do (to help with that, there is an info slide before each level begins) or even with typing in the answers. They may need encouragement from time to time and they may benefit from being reminded that making mistakes is something perfectly natural.

They could also reach a point in the maths that is beyond their reach for now; if it feels like they've reached a blocker, we'd recommended returning to earlier levels and trying to complete them with 3 stars. If they are regularly struggling to achieve 2 stars, it may be worth speaking to their teacher abour possible strategies and asking them to change the Story Controls for your child, which will give them longer to pass each level.

