

WEEKLY NEWS



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RUTH AMOS CHALLENGES RESILIENT ANSON CHILDREN



What a week! On Wednesday we celebrated Big Me Day at Anson and launched our most ambitious project to date.

Ruth Amos, our Patron of Innovation and Creativity, spent the day working with children in high energy workshops designed to get the children innovating.

The challenge is simple: build the largest Rube Goldberg machine ever seen in a primary school!

What is a Rube Goldberg machine?

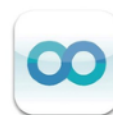
A Rube Goldberg machine is an overly complicated contraption designed to perform a simple task in the most roundabout, elaborate way possible, using a chain reaction of cause-and-effect steps. Named after cartoonist Rube Goldberg, these devices often involve everyday objects, simple machines (levers, pulleys, inclined planes) and clever physics to achieve a mundane goal, like pouring a glass of water or turning a page. You can watch a Kids Invent Stuff Machine by clicking the image or [here](#).



Our machine will run the length of the school with each class designing one of the 14 sections of the machine. Each section will be related to life at Anson so that our machine will showcase the school, the creativity, the collaboration and the ambition of everyone. We cannot wait to see what the children will design. It is a project which will push everyone to be resilient and think creatively. We will be sharing the journey with you all.

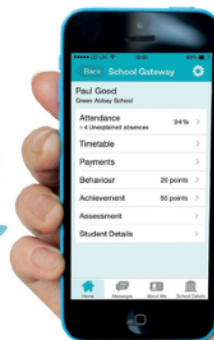
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DATES

Monday 26th January

School Council Elections

Now: Thursday 5th February

Victoria Class Assembly
9:10am

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BIG ME DAY 2026

FESTIVAL OF FOOD: FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

Food is an important part of many cultures.

Just think about the breaking of the fast, the festive feasts, the family dinners, summer picnics and birthdays!

To celebrate food, we will be hosting a **Festival of Food** this February.

Entry is **free** - all you need to do is to bring your favourite dish from your culture, religion or wish list. Then, share it with the community. All the food will be in the Dining Room and you can try as much or a little as you desire. We want to join the community together and simply chat over great food.



Monday 16th February

to

Friday 20th February

WE ARE AN ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOL



We are delighted to announce that Anson Primary School has met all of the criteria to be awarded an Asthma Friendly school certification.

The award recognises the work the school has done to ensure best practice is followed such as the recording of all incidents, holding an emergency

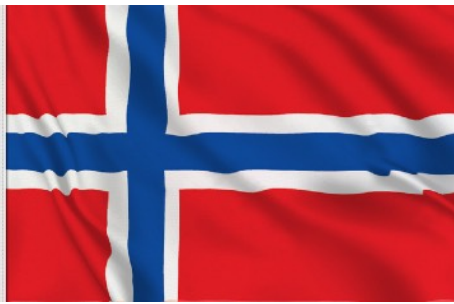
asthma kit on site and fostering good communication with parents/carers at home.

The school has worked hard to build relationships with families to ensure students have in date medication available and to provide support and communication.

This has been awarded by the Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust in recognition of the work carried out to support children and young people in our school with this health condition.

We would like to thank Miss Callaghan for her work in this area and every parent who chased their GP for care plans and up to date medication. Together we have made a difference to every child with asthma.

NORWEGIAN'S COME TO CRICKLEWOOD



Last week we were visited by 31 educators from Norway.

The educators were in London for the BETT Show (a large education conference held annually in the city). As part of their trip they came to Anson to see the UK education system in action. They visited every classroom, took part in

radio interviews and shared their love of learning. The children were incredible and were such ambassadors for Anson and the UK education system. It was a proud day!

Spanish

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The UK Department for Education guidance highlights that generative AI tools can pose risks for children, especially those under 11, including inaccurate, inappropriate or misleading content, privacy issues, and online safety concerns if used without strong safeguards.

At Anson, we assess benefits versus risks and only allow pupil use with close supervision, filtering, age-appropriate tools and clear policies in place.

The guidance emphasises that AI cannot replace trusted adults and that outputs need human review to ensure safety and accuracy and that includes you.

There is lots of advice for parents and so we will be hosting a special coffee morning on Monday 9th February at 9am.

Join us for a great AI chat.

