



OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 12th May 2017

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Last week 2 local artists came in to work with some of year 4 to create some art work to contribute to the Boishakhi Mela Procession. The Boishakhi Mela is a celebration of Bengali New Year and has been an important event in Tower Hamlets community for almost 20 years.

The children have been invited to attend and participate in the parade with their art work. The parade will be taking place on Sunday 14th May from 10:30am and finishes around 12:15pm at Weavers Field. If you would like to participate in the parade with your child, then you will need to arrive at 9:30am at Allen Gardens, Buxton Street, where you will be directed to a waiting area before the start of the parade. To be part of the parade you are required to wear suitable decorative items.

Please read information pack detailing the event below.

If you do attend please take lots of photos so we can share them in school next week.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Millward
Assistant headteacher

BOISHAKHI MELA 2017 INFORMATION PACK

Thank you for registering to be part of Boishakhi Mela in 2017. The event is always an amazing and vibrant display of colourful costumes, dance and music created by schools and community groups from all over Tower Hamlets. Many participants enjoyed taking part in the event in 2016 with thousands more lining the streets to cheer them on. This year's parade is scheduled to take place on **Sunday 14th May**. Tower Hamlets Council has commissioned Emergency Exit Arts (EEA) to deliver this event including carnival arts workshops.

We've put together a short information pack with all the details you need to participate in the parade this year. Please read carefully and ensure your group has all the correct details.



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Important Details

Parade meeting point

On **Sunday 14 May**, you and your group will need to arrive at **9.30am**. On arrival please sign in and enter your group name and number of participants. You will then be directed to your group's waiting area where you can help them get ready – this will be located at **Allen Gardens, Buxton Street**

Parking

On the day please ask everyone to walk, cycle or use public transport. Many of the surrounding roads will be closed, we are unable to provide parking.

Parade details

At **10.30am** the parade will line up at ready to leave at **11am**. The parade finishes at Weavers Fields around 12.15am. We will have an area ready, where you will be able to collect your personal belongings after the event. Your belongings will be taken from the starting point at Allen Gardens to the park during the procession so they are ready for you to collect. Personal items are left at your own risk and we discourage you from bringing anything valuable to leave. Please remember that this is a **walking procession**, mobile floats are only used to carry music PA systems along the route. Participants are required to walk the full length of the procession by foot.

Water

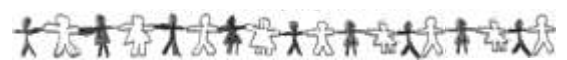
All participants are requested to bring their own water to drink before the parade starts.

Safety briefing

The parade will be supervised by an experienced team of stewards and we will give a safety briefing to all group/school representatives on arrival. We ask that you stay with your group during the parade and ensure that children are supervised by an adult at all times.

Parents

We require groups to provide appropriate supervision of young participants. Please ensure you have a minimum of 1 adult per 5 young people (under 18 years). We welcome parents to accompany children but we request that you must have suitable costume or decorative items to wear and carry if you are to walk in the parade. Otherwise you will have to join the audience.



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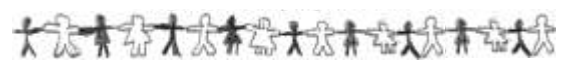
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The Route



BOISHAKHI MELA PROCESSION 2016 - ROUTE



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