



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first two weeks of this half term have been filled with exciting learning as the children have immersed themselves in their geography focused topics. 5S is learning about the Caribbean. This week they have been using globes, atlas's and Google Maps to locate and label the main islands of the Caribbean. Year 6 are learning about the diverse islands of the Galapagos. The children have enjoyed learning about the unique origin of the islands and how they have been formed by the eruption of volcanoes and the settling of volcanic rock. Year 4 are learning about the different regional climates and the diversity in animals that can be found in Ghana. 1B have been studying Bangladesh and the children have enjoyed researching about the climate there, the vegetation and travel.

Wednesday this week was Remembrance Day, which marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. The children took part in a one minute silence at 11am to remember those who gave their lives to fight in the war.

Next week is anti-bullying week! The children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday to celebrate our individual differences. During the week there will also be a special assembly and the children will participate in a range of activities focused on anti-bullying.

Our new school website has an associated app which you can download on your mobile phones! Please download the app for useful updates to your mobile. You can find it by typing Harrington Hill into your app store.

The children have responded well to our safety measures in light of the government guidance due to the second lockdown. We have enhanced our cleaning procedures again, limited numbers of people allowed in shared spaces and increased ventilation. The new drop off and collection procedures are working well with children going straight into class. Please see our updated risk assessment on the school website in the Covid-19 updates section. Thank you for supporting us to keep the school community safe.

Have a restful weekend.

Rebecca Kennedy
Head of School



Outdoor Learning

Year 2 have been searching for minibeasts in our school garden during their science lessons! They used magnifying glasses to look closely at the wonderful creatures they spotted.



Key Dates

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Flu vaccinations:

Thursday 19th November

Anti-bullying Week:

Monday 16th — Friday 20th November

Well-being Week:

Monday 23rd — Friday 27th November

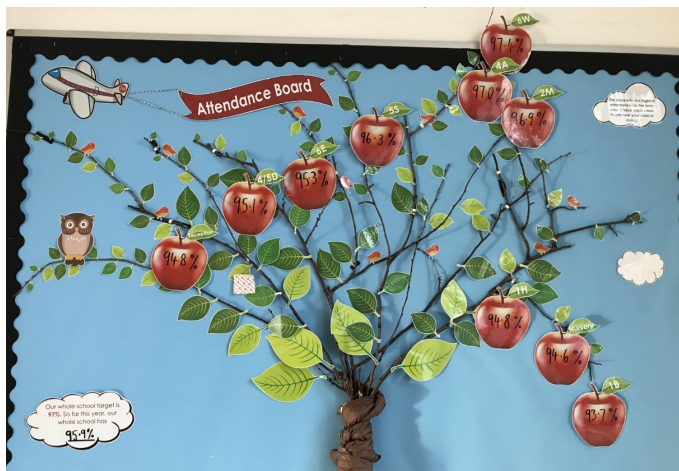
End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 18th December

Attendance

This week, our attendance as a school was **93.8%**

Overall, since starting in September, the attendance is 95.9% (see display board below). This is above the Hackney average of just below 90%.



A big well done to Meryem (1B), Denis (4A) and Reiley (6E) and for winning this week's 100% attendance prize draw!

Excellence Assembly!

Every Friday, each teacher awards certificates to children who have shown excellence in class throughout the week. Here are just a couple of our winners this week!

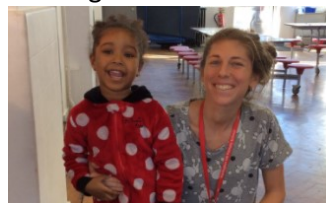
Kaleem in 5S

Daniel in 1H



Children In Need

We supported Children In Need by donating to the charity and wearing our pyjamas to school today! We raised an incredible £222.76. Thank you for donating! The children also took part in 5 minute workouts this week to raise awareness for this fantastic charity. Excitingly, BBC contacted us to ask if we would like our school to be on the Children In Need programme tonight at 7pm on BBC1! Look out for our Harrington Hill school council on TV tonight!



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Chefs In Schools

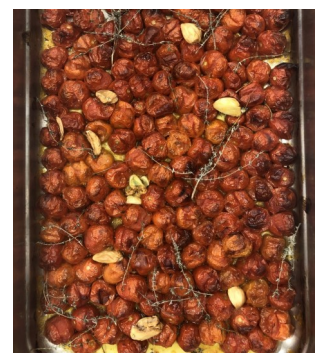
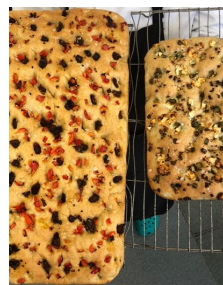
Since May 2019 the Harrington Hill kitchen team have been working very hard to transform school lunches and educate children on making good food choices. Everything on the menu is freshly made including handmade daily bread, all the sauces, marinades, fruit salads, desserts and much more.

The chefs are constantly adapting the menu to include more fresh fruits and vegetables, and working out ways to make healthier ingredients more appealing to the children such as blending a variety of vegetables into pasta sauces. With 5 different nationalities in the kitchen team - St Vincent in the Caribbean, Nigeria, Columbia, Cyprus and England, there is always a diverse selection of flavoursome food on offer. Nuela's Chicken Jollof Rice, Ulku's Bulgar Wheat and Hummus, Shirley's fried fish and Maribel's colourful salads are all proving to be very popular with the pupils.

We are using some of the best food suppliers such as Natoora for fruit and vegetables who supply lots of London's top restaurants, Brixham Seafish from the coast near Torquay who bring us fresh fish each week and Fenns butchers who supply us with top quality halal meat.

We have also introduced cookery lessons back into school. Our Head Chef was recently involved in a Spanish class about fruits which involved tasting various seasonal produce and making a fruit salad together. The class really enjoyed trying new fruits such as mandarins with green skins, finger limes, green naval oranges, persimmons and one student tried (and enjoyed) kiwi fruit skins. Previous classes have included making vegan pastries and dumplings which were very 'hands on' and healthy.

Since last May, the food culture in the school has really improved. More and more people are talking about food and ways to keep improving including the children, teaching staff and kitchen staff. Even with the setback of lockdown, Harrington Hill helped out feeding the local communities by making healthy food packages from surplus ingredients with the help of an amazing group of volunteers. We aim to keep making our lunches and food education even better as we move into 2021.



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