



# Harrington Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the last few weeks being so busy, our recent Wellbeing Week came at the perfect time! Lessons and activities were all focused on the theme of wellbeing and the importance of looking after our mental health.

The children took part in daily yoga sessions focusing on a variety of breathing techniques and stretches. Year 4 used music to explore movement while 5K took part in daily mindfulness sessions, grounding themselves by focusing on their bodies and taking notice of any sensations they could feel. There were lots of exciting art and DT activities throughout the week, with children in 1H and 5S learning to sew and pupils across the school learning to create origami animals and other shapes. 3L had an exciting wellbeing week, writing fantastic poems linked to their emotions in English and making their own 'stress toys' made out of balloons and flour. The children in Year 2 especially enjoyed maths and working in teams to create the tallest tower using interlocking cubes. Year 6 sadly missed out on the school sports day this year so they held their very own Sports Day last week in Springfield park and had lots of fun! Well done to Indiya and Malachi who came first in the sprints.

You may have noticed as you walk past the staff carpark that our science ambassadors have been busy planting strawberries—they are very excited to watch them grow! Meanwhile, in science club last week, Miss Ergen and the children dissected and studied a lamb's heart. Not for the faint-hearted!

There has been lots of exciting learning taking place at Harrington Hill over these past weeks and we look forward to more memorable learning experiences in the new academic year as we continue to roll out our new curriculum.

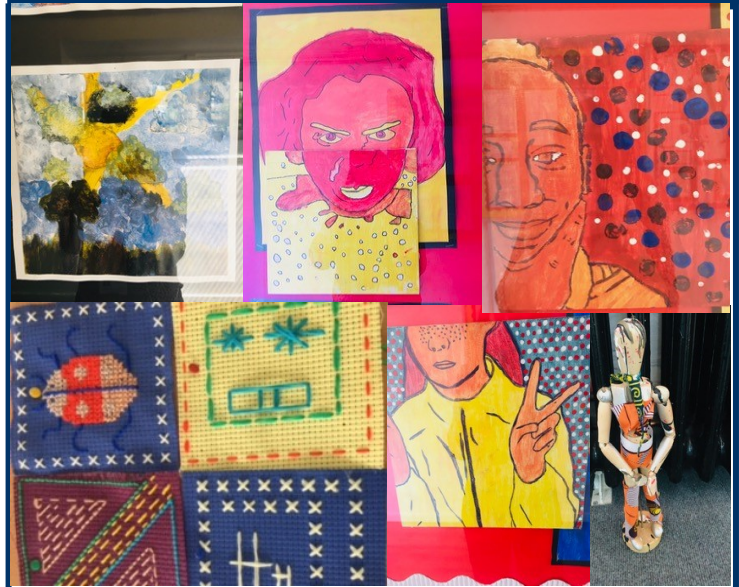
Next week is our final week before breaking up for the summer holidays at 1.30pm on Friday 23rd July. As we draw near to the end of a busy and eventful academic year, I want to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing enthusiasm and support. With various bubble closures and the lockdown in Spring term, it has been a bit of a rollercoaster of a year but I have been incredibly impressed by the response of our school community and especially the great resilience that the Harrington Hill pupils have shown throughout.

You are all superstars and on behalf of all the staff at Harrington Hill Primary school, we wish you a restful and happy summer holidays.

Pete Brodie  
Acting Head of School



### Art and Design at HH



### Guacamole making in Spanish!



Ms Prado, our Spanish teacher, taught Year 5 and 6s to make the Mexican dish, Guacamole - they had to follow the instructions in Spanish!

### Important Information

As of September 2021, we are having a real drive on ensuring all children wear the Harrington Hill school uniform every day. Please plan ahead and make sure that the correct uniforms and PE kits are in place for September.

### Key Dates

#### SUMMER TERM 2021

##### **Year 6 Disco**

Wednesday 21st July 4.30pm—6pm

##### **Last day of term:**

Friday 23rd July 2021 1:30pm

#### NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

##### **First day of Autumn term:**

Monday 6th September 2021

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems incredible that we are nearing the end of what has been a very busy and successful year at Harrington Hill. It has been lovely getting to know the children and seeing first-hand their enthusiasm for learning and the great relationships they have with their teachers and the rest of the staff here.

### Harrington Hill is a great place to be!

Over the year staff have worked hard, despite the challenges of the lockdowns, to provide an excellent standard of teaching and learning. This year, we have worked on a new behaviour system that is fair, applied consistently and rewards children's achievements. We have supported teachers to improve the teaching of reading and have fully implemented our daily phonics provision, Read-Write-Inc and Destination Reader in years 3-6. At the moment, staff are busily preparing the book corners for September with a fantastic range of topic books and new authors that we anticipate will get the children even more excited about reading. Over the year, we have worked towards the implementation of a new curriculum, with a termly focus on specific subjects. The art and design work that the children have produced this term is of a really high standard and we certainly have a fair number of budding artists. We are looking forward to the Autumn term history and geography topics and plan to keep parents and carers fully informed of the children's progress. We are looking forward to inviting you to a showcase event and gaining your views on the school curriculum.

Next year, we will focus our efforts on maths and writing, so that both are taught to the highest standards. We will work in partnership with leaders from Sir Thomas Abney School to ensure best practice is shared and we keep learning from each other.

Wishing all families a happy and relaxing Summer holiday.

Geraldine Fitzmaurice

## 5K History Wow Day!



During well-being week, 5K had a history wow day where they created a poster timeline, designed outfits based on a historic period and used sources to create a moodboard.

## Chess Club

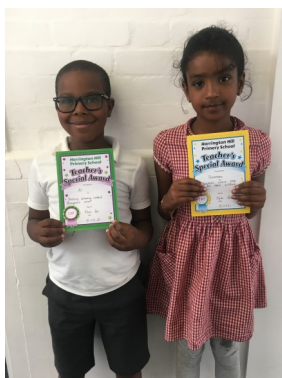


Our Year 5s have been enjoying after school chess club with Miss Bridie. They have been working on their problem solving and creating thinking skills.

## Excellence Assembly!

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

Logan and Renee in 5K, AJ and Shasmeen in 3L, Yusuf and Miah in 1H



**Thank you for helping us keep the school community safe by adhering to the one-way system during drop off/collection times and wearing a face covering.**