



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Families,

I'm sure you will agree that this first half term has flown by! It has been wonderful to reflect on all the memorable learning and exciting opportunities the pupils have enjoyed since re-turning in September.

We have been continuing to celebrate Black History Month with each class 'shining a light' on a particular personality or event associated with black history. Our assembly last week was led by 3T and 4B. 3T shone a light on George Crum (the inventor of the potato crisp) while 4B shone a light on Rosa Parkes (key initiator of the civil rights movement in the USA). This week's assembly was led by 5L, 6P and 6E. 5L focused on Claudia Jones (political activist and founder of the Notting Hill Carnival), 6P focused on Betty Campbell (first black Headteacher in Wales) while 6E shone a light on Matthew Henson (first man to reach the North Pole). The assemblies were all wonderfully creative and inspiring—well done everyone for all your hard work.

Last Friday, 2M took part in a drama workshop focused on Mary Seacole—the class enjoyed listening to Mary's story and had lots of fun with role play! This week, along with 5L, they also took part in a fire safety workshop run by London Fire Brigade.

It was assessment week in Year 6 and we are all proud of the children for their resilience and for trying to maintain a positive mindset throughout. During the afternoons both classes enjoyed carrying out art projects, one of which involved sketching, carving and printing a design linked to their Ancient Greeks topic.

4B have been writing non - chronological reports about the Indus Valley. The reports have included information about trade, ancient attire, food and how great the people of the Indus were at maths.

In literacy, 3T have been writing instructions on how to catch a Stone Age Monster, whilst in geography they have been learning how to locate places on a map and use a key.

This week in 1H, the children have been learning to use colourful semantics to help them structure their sentences. The children have also been learning new vocabulary and are now obsessed with their new favourite word—'*flamboyant*'!

5L have been using alliteration, similes and rhyming couplets to write poems based on African animals while in maths, they have been focussing on long multiplication with three-digit numbers. There were lots of great examples of 'Resilient Rana'!

I hope you all have a restful half term—we look forward to seeing you in November for another exciting half term.

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



Year 2 Author!



We are all very proud of Tara in 2M who has just written her very own book. The book is entitled 'The Sister Friends' and is available to buy on Amazon. Tara told us all about her new book during Friday's Excellence Assembly. Well done Tara!

Book Review

"This book is really good and I would recommend it to anyone who likes adventure stories. It is about a young boy and his grandpa who has a secret, which he'd kept to himself for many years. It is fun to read and the author describes the characters well. My favourite character is Joey because he is kind and respectful to his grandpa." By Dijar (6P)



Reception nature walk



Reception class enjoyed a nature walk to Springfield Park last week. The class spotted signs of seasonal change and spent time playing in the play park. They were even treated to a cup of hot chocolate at the end!

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Half term:

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Children Start Date:

Monday 1st November

Y4 Swimming lessons start

Thursday 4th November

Phonics Parent Meeting

Tuesday 9th November

Parents Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 18th November (school closes at 1.30pm)

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 17th December

Attendance

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How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance target of 97%

Please note the following

100% Attendance – 0 Days Missed – **Excellent**
95% Attendance – 9 Days of Absence, 1 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Satisfactory**
90% Attendance – 19 Days of Absence, 3 weeks and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**
85% Attendance – 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed – **Poor**
80% Attendance – 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed – **Unacceptable**

If you need to report your child's absence, please call the school office and press option 2 to leave a message.

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Nursery F7	81.1%	3
Reception	76.8%	2
Class 1H	77.7%	9
Class 2M	85.1%	8
Class 3T	94.3%	2
Class 4B	97.9%	7
Class 5L	98.1%	10
Class 6E	86.3%	5
Class 6P	95.2%	6



Lego/Construction club



The children in KS1 Lego/Construction club and Miss Ozdemir had lots of fun. They were split into two groups and given a challenge of creating the strongest and tallest tower, in only 10 minutes, using spaghetti and marshmallows!



Important Reminders

Please sign up for a **parents evening** slot as soon as possible. The meetings are being held virtually again this year and will be taking place on Thursday 18th November.

We would also like to remind parent/carers to **clearly label** all jumpers, jackets and personal belongings before returning to school in November.

Excellence Assembly Winners

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 this week!



Nadia in 3T

A'kiyah & Carlos in 6P



Jack in 4B

Black History Month (Week 2 and 3)

Our amazing catering team put together a special Black History Month menu for us this week. On Wednesday the children enjoyed a variety of dishes including Nigerian chicken stew with rice, fried plantain, yam salad and delicious Puff-puffs!



Year 6 used bold and colourful acrylic paint (inspired by African American artist, Jarell Wadsworth) to create a piece of art about Matthew Henson, the African American explorer best known for being the first man to reach the North Pole in 1909.



Celebrating Black History Month 2021 at Harrington Hill Primary School
Lunch Menu - Wednesday 20th October 2021

Mains
Nigerian Chicken Stew with Rice

Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Patties | Moin Moin

Sides
Fried Plantain | Seasoned Spinach | Yam Salad

Dessert
Puff-Puff with Ice Cream



Each phase has created their own display board, showcasing all the fantastic work the children have been doing over the last few weeks linked to BHM.

Free Gardening Equipment



Anyone that shops at Morrisons can collect Grow Tokens and donate them to Harrington Hill Primary to be redeemed against **FREE gardening equipment**. Please ask the cashier in Morrisons for more information.

Recycle4Charity



Our PTFA has signed Harrington Hill Primary up to Recycle4Charity. This is a free and easy to use ink recycling programme, that helps us raise funds for the school. Please bring your old printer cartridges to the school and dispose of them in the recycling box (see below) in the school office.



ATTENDANCE RECORD MONTH

Weekly

Prize



£50



*All children with 100%
Attendance and Punctuality
will be entered into a draw . 5
children will be chosen at
random to receive a prize of
£50 to be used towards a gift
of their choice*

Termly

Prize

