



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Families,

We are at the end of our second week of assessments and the children have all worked really hard—staff and pupils are now looking forward to our upcoming Wellbeing week!

Besides assessments, the children have also been participating in a variety of anti-bullying activities as part of the nation wide Anti-Bullying week. Bullying is something we take very seriously as a school and so it was a good opportunity to reinforce key messages, get the pupils thinking more about the topic in general and to explore this year's theme: 'One kind word'. We started anti-bullying week last Monday by celebrating 'Odd Socks Day'; everyone was asked to come to school wearing odds socks to help us celebrate the fact that we are unique and to remind us that our differences are something to be proud of, making our diverse community all the more wonderful. The week finished with Children in Need Day on the Friday; it was fun to see so many children dressed in their pyjamas and onesies as we worked together to raise money for this important cause. Thank you for all your generosity.

On Tuesday this week, we had the privilege of welcoming Hackney's Director of Education, Annie Gammon to Harrington Hill Primary. After a brief tour of the school, Ms Gammon met with a group of pupils in KS2 to hear their views on life at Harrington Hill and to get a better understanding of what it's like to live in the local community. The children were very thoughtful in their answers and it was wonderful to hear them speak so positively about the school and their learning. It was encouraging to hear one of our Year 6's describe Harrington Hill as their 'second home'. Ms Gammon enjoyed her visit and commented on how calm and settled the school was.

As you can imagine, there was lots of excitement yesterday as years 3—6 visited the Hackney Empire Theatre to watch this year's Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime. Everyone had a fantastic time with lots of fun and laughter throughout—EYFS and KS1, it's your turn next! Parents, thank you for your patience and understanding in regard to the late return to school.

As we enter into the last few weeks before Christmas, we have got lots to look forward to. However, with rising Covid-19 cases in Hackney, please be aware that we may have to implement further measures to prevent increased spread. We will keep you updated as we monitor the situation. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a great weekend,

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



Covid 19—updated guidance

We have received some updated guidance from Hackney Education and Public Health for England relating to the rising incidence of Covid-19 cases in Hackney. Although the case rates are not as high as some other London boroughs, we are introducing further measures to try and reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

We ask that parents do not come into the school, unless a meeting has been pre-arranged. All visitors / Parents must wear a face covering when inside the school.

As it stands, the EYFS and KS1 festive performances will take place but seating for parents/carers will be socially distanced and masks must be worn. We are planning on holding our Christmas Fete outside. We will continue to monitor the cases and keep you updated with any further restrictions or cancellations that may need to be made.

Children in Need Day



Last Friday, we celebrated Children in Need Day. The children wore their onesies/pyjamas to school and raised **£207.77**. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support!

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM

EYFS festive performance

Tuesday 7th December 9.15am

Y1/Y2 Nativity performance

Wednesday 8th December 9.15am

Nursery—Y2 Pantomime trip

Friday 10th December

(children will potentially return late from this trip but we will aim to return to school by 4.45pm)

Christmas Fete (outdoor)

Tuesday 14th December 3.45—5.30

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 17th December (1.30pm)

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 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

85% Attendance – 28 Days of Absence, 5 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

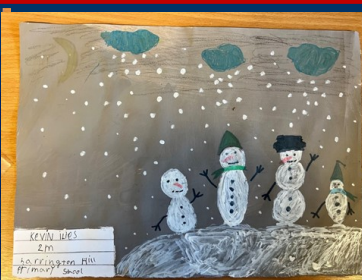
80% Attendance – 38 Days of Absence, 7 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Unacceptable**

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 FT	94.9%	4
Reception	90.4%	9
Class 1H	87.3%	10
Class 2M	93.5%	29
Class 3T	96.7%	8
Class 4B	97.8%	6
Class 5L	93.5%	17
Class 6E	97.8%	5
Class 6P	96.3%	11



Christmas Card Competition



Well done to Kevin (2M) and Savanna (6P) who won the Christmas card competition at Harrington Hill. Their cards have been entered into the Hackney Education's Seasons Greetings card competition. Good luck!

Important Reminders

It is important that your child arrives at school on time. The school gates open at 8.45am, ensuring that the children are all ready to learn at 9am. **Poor punctuality is not acceptable.**

If your child misses the start of the day, they fall behind in their work and miss out on spending time with their class teacher getting vital information and news for the day. As well as disrupting lessons, arriving late can be embarrassing for the child.

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!



Logan, Syreen and Ryan in 1H

Eco -Warrior Club



Eco-Warrior club are currently planning to help our local environment become sustainable. They have designed their own HH Eco warrior logo for their tote bags that they will be selling at the Christmas fete. They chose canvas bags because they are reusable and therefore more environmentally friendly. They are looking forward to seeing you at the fete—make sure you visit the Eco-stall!

Cooking Club



The children learnt to make vegan banana muffins in cooking club this week. They were delicious!

EYFS/KS1 Panto visit



Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all very excited about their upcoming school trip to the theatre on the 10th December.

Please note that, although we hope to return to school for **4.45pm** on this day, **there is a possibility we will be late** as we are dependant on public transport.

Parents will NOT be given permission to collect children from the theatre afterwards.

EYFS learning



EYFS are very lucky to have a third classroom which is shared between Reception and Nursery. We have some really special new things in there, including a twinkly 'Book Nook' reading area, a light panel, a sensory 'Dark Den', giant soft play and a 'Zen Garden' sand tray.

