



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful half term break. We are now two weeks into the second half term and we are well and truly back into the swing of things at Harrington Hill! The children have done lots of great learning and are enjoying their new humanities topics. 3T are studying the Romans and have been learning about the spread of the Roman Empire which led to the eventual conquering of Britain. 5L are learning about Windrush and have been using their chronology skills to place key events on a timeline. 1H have started their 'Road to Freedom' topic, looking specifically at the history of railways in the UK and developing map skills to assist their research. In Year 6, the children are learning about World War Two and have been linking their writing to this topic. Using a short film called 'The Piano' for inspiration, they have been writing descriptive 'flashbacks'. 4B have also been enjoying writing lessons this week—they have been using fantastic adjectives, technical vocabulary and great similes to write their own narratives based on the novel 'How To Train Your Dragon'. Since returning from the break, 2M have been working hard on their maths—this week they've been learning to use bead strings to make pairs of numbers and then create addition sentences. Reception and Nursery have been enjoying their new topic 'Carnival', learning about the customs and traditions of parade and public celebration. They have also been celebrating other cultural festivals happening at this time of year. They made clay diya pots for Diwali, fireworks arts and crafts for Bonfire Night and decorated poppies for Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day was observed by the whole school, with children taking part in a one minute silence at 11am on Thursday 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. We will also be celebrating Children in Need Day on Friday 19th November—this will be a non-uniform day and we are asking all children to make a £1 donation towards the charity.

Attendance has been low across the school and this is something we want to improve. Attendance is a particular concern in Reception class. Any absence during term time is proven to be very detrimental, as your child misses important lessons, creating 'gaps' in their understanding of key concepts. It can be difficult to catch up and is likely to have a serious impact on the children's academic development and attainment—especially when absences are persistent. Please speak to Ms Vuong in the office if you would like any further support or if you would like to meet with our attendance officer. Let's continue to work together to reach our school target of 97%

Have a great weekend,

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



SENco cover—Mrs Williams!



As many of you will already know, Ms Enthoven is going on maternity leave at the end of this term. We are hugely grateful to Ms Enthoven and all her hard work—she will be greatly missed. However, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Amy Williams to cover her role during this time. She will start her position in January. We asked Mrs Williams to briefly introduce herself:

'Hello, I'm Mrs Williams! I have studied and worked in education for 10 years. I have a passion for helping SEND learners and find great joy in supporting families to achieve the best outcomes for their children which is why I trained and have been working as a SENCO since 2018. In my spare time I like to keep busy with reading, walking and am also studying for a masters degree. I look forward to joining the team at Harrington Hill in the new year and meeting you all!'

Road Safety Assemblies



Our Head boy and Head girl led two assemblies this week on the importance of road safety. They taught the children how to stay safe in the dark during the winter months, reminding them to wear reflective gear. Be bright be seen!

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Anti-Bullying Week — Odd Socks Day

Monday 15th November

Parents Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 18th November (school closes at 1.30pm)

Children in Need—Pyjamas/Onesies

Friday 19th November

Y3-6 Pantomime trip

Thursday 25th November

(children will potentially return late from this trip but we will aim to return to school by 3.45pm)

Nursery—Y2 Pantomime trip

Friday 10th December

(children will potentially return late from this trip but we will aim to return to school by 3.45pm)

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.

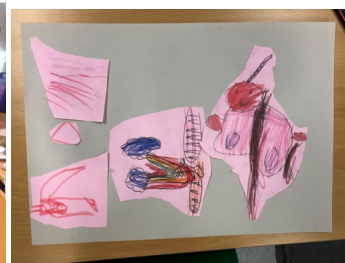
Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Nursery FT	97.3%	4
Reception	87.1%	13
Class 1H	94.1%	14
Class 2M	90.0%	16
Class 3T	99.0%	10
Class 4B	97.8%	4
Class 5L	97.7%	10
Class 6E	92.2%	3
Class 6P	95.2%	10



Art club



Children in Y1 and Y2 have been enjoying their weekly Art Club with Ms Bridie — have a look at their wonderful paintings!



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. **School closes at 1.30pm on this day.**

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

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!



Rashid—Reception



Nelia & Princess—3T



Benjamin—Y1

Parent Governor Needed



Harrington Hill Primary needs you!

Have you thought about becoming a school governor?

We would like to encourage you to put yourself forward for the role of **Parent Governor**.

It's a great way to contribute to the life and work of the school.

You don't need to be a specialist in education, just a willingness to learn.

We are keen for the Governing Body to represent our whole school community in all its diversity

Information has already been sent out to parents but for further details on being a School Governor contact: Sophia

Parkinson fiparkinson@gmail.com

Panto visit



Staff and pupils at Harrington Hill are all very excited about our upcoming school trips to the theatre this term.

Y3—Y6: 25th November 2021

Nur—Y2: 10th December 2021

Please note that, although we hope to return to school for 3.30pm on these days, **there is a possibility we will be late** as we are dependant on public transportation. Parents will NOT be given permission to collect children from the theatre afterwards.

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.

