



Harrington Hill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Families,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas... at Harrington Hill!

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our EYFS and KS1 pupils enjoyed taking part in their festive shows. It was great to see so many of our parents at both events and we are very proud of all the children and their excellent performances. Well done to our EYFS and KS1 staff for all their hard work too!

On Friday, it was EYFS and KS1's turn to visit the Hackney Empire to watch the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime—it sounds like everybody enjoyed themselves. We want to thank parents again for their patience as we waited for the children to arrive back.

Last week was Wellbeing Week at Harrington Hill. We are all very grateful to Ms Enthoven for organising so many exciting activities for the children to take part in throughout the week. As well as yoga sessions, each class participated in Earth Whisper workshops; the children all had the opportunity to visit Springfield park where they learnt to use binoculars and took part in birdwatching activities. These sessions really helped us appreciate our local surroundings and it was a great reminder that we have so much wonderful wildlife to enjoy, right on our doorstep!

As part of wellbeing week, the children also enjoyed celebrating No Pens Wednesday. It was great to see so much creativity throughout the school with 2M, for example, creating spaceships in literacy and painting different shapes in maths.

Year 6 have been studying World War 2 this term and therefore grabbed the opportunity to visit the new WW2 galleries at the Imperial War Museum last Friday. The children saw real tanks, British and Japanese aircraft from the war and read primary accounts from survivors. It was a great day out and really helped bring their studies to life!

We heard this week that Savannah (6P) was picked by Annie Gammon (Director of Education, Hackney) as the winner of this year's Hackney Education Seasons Greetings card competition. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition from Harrington Hill. It is clear, we have lots of talented artists at our school!

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I want to take this opportunity to thank staff and pupils for all their hard work this term. It has been a busy term with lots of exciting and memorable learning experiences. On behalf of all the staff at Harrington Hill, we wish everyone a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



KS1 Nativity



Year 1 and Year 2 performing their Nativity show this week. Well done to everyone involved—you were amazing!

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Christmas Fete (outdoor)

Tuesday 14th December 3.45—5pm

Christmas school lunch

Wednesday 15th December

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 17th December (1.30pm)

First day of Spring term:

Children return to school on
Tuesday 4th January 2022

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	88.1%	4
Reception	87.4%	12
Class 1H	88.7%	9
Class 2M	92.7%	17
Class 3I	85.9%	5
Class 4B	88.3%	4
Class 5L	91.3%	8
Class 6E	93.9%	5
Class 6P	97.9%	1



Wellbeing Week



As part of wellbeing week, Y6 took part in the Earth-Whisper workshop. The children learnt how to use binoculars for birdwatching in Springfield Park.

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!



Elyon in 6P



Na'Lante in 6P

Year 6 Imperial War Museum Visit



Y6 visited the Imperial War Museum where the children expanded their knowledge about WW2 with a particular focus on the role of women during the war, WW2 warfare and staying safe during The Blitz.

Dodgeball Festival



Last week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a Dodgeball Festival at Britannia Leisure Centre.

Goodbyes

As many of you already know, we are saying goodbye to two members of staff next week. First of all we want to say goodbye to Ms Buki Haxijaha in Year 1. Ms Haxijaha has been a member of staff at Harrington Hill since 2015 and will be missed greatly by staff and pupils alike. Ms Haxijaha has accepted a teaching position at a school near to where she lives which she will be starting in January. We are so grateful for all Ms Haxijaha has done at Harrington Hill and we wish her all the best as she starts her new job.

We also have to say a temporary goodbye to Ms Hester Enthoven who is going on maternity leave from January. Ms Enthoven has done a fantastic job as SENco at Harrington Hill, ensuring that inclusivity is at the heart of all we do and therefore a recognised strength of the school. Ms Enthoven will also be hugely missed by our school community—we wish her and her husband all the best as they transition into this exciting new chapter of their life. Come back and visit us with your baby soon!

Christmas Fete

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Fete on **Tuesday 14th December**. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be holding the fete outside in the playground this year from 3.45—5pm. The children have all been busy making crafts to sell. Our PTFA will also be selling goodies to enjoy. Come along and take part—you might even see Santa!



The children have been making decorations and jewellery to sell at the Fete!