



# Harrington Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful break over the Christmas holidays. The children have all settled quickly into the spring term and there has already been lots of exciting learning taking place across the year groups. Last term, the curriculum focus was humanities; this term we will be specifically focusing on science, making cross-curricular links across other subject areas where meaningful.

In 4B, the children have been writing a letter about the ocean and all the fascinating sea creatures the world has. They are linking it to science and using their classifying skills to sort animals into groups.

2M have been reading 'The Last Wolf' since returning from the break. They have been learning to use time adverbials to sequence their stories and have started making connections in science too.

We have been impressed with our fantastic mathematicians in 5L who have been focusing on long-multiplication this week. Miss Lee was particularly impressed with the 'Teamwork Tariq' skills being displayed throughout these lessons. In English, they have been writing amazing adventure stories linked to their book 'The Explorer.'

Year 6 have also been enjoying their new writing unit. They have spent the last week writing a newspaper report based on a character from their class book who receives a pig's heart transplant; both classes were surprised to also find out that a real pig heart transplant took place last week in Maryland, USA!

Since the beginning of term, 3T have been studying and writing their own rhyming poems based on Roald's Dahl's 'Dirty Beasts'. Meanwhile, in maths they have been learning short multiplication written method. The year 3s have started their new science topic focusing on plants and have already learnt the different parts of a flower and what they need to grow well.

10 have had a settled start to the term and have been learning about money and how to find totals of 2 and 3 coins in their maths lessons. In English they have been learning how to use adjectives to make their writing more interesting. Year 1 are investigating the weather in science and have been learning to make observational drawings.

Reception and Nursey are so engaged and excited by their new topic, DINOSAURS! Reception have been enjoying their new 'Dino Lab' role play corner and have been digging for prehistoric 'fossils'.

As part of 'Veganuary', chef James created his own menu of vegan dishes for the children to try. All week, the children have been enjoying a variety of tasty dishes—the vegetable red curry was a particular favourite!

Last Friday, we handed out our Dojo star awards and attendance prizes during Excellence Assembly—it was lovely to see how excited the children were to receive the rewards—keep up the good work everyone!

Have a great weekend,  
Pete Brodie



### EYFS Dinosaurs topic



Reception enjoyed digging for prehistoric 'fossils' as part of their new and exciting Dinosaurs topic!

### Covid Update

We continue to ask that parents do not enter the school building unless a meeting has been pre-arranged.

Unless exempt, please wear a face mask when on the school grounds.

No children should attend school if they have Covid symptoms, no matter how mild or common cold-like.

Guidance states that children between 5 and 18 years do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact, tests positive for Covid-19. Instead they need to take a Lateral Flow Test every day for 7 days and continue to come to school as long as they have no symptoms and the test results are negative. If a child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test, they are required to isolate for 5 full days and can return to school once they have had two negative tests.

### Key Dates

#### SPRING TERM

##### **Individual/Sibling Photos**

*Monday 17th January*

##### **Hispanic Week**

*7th—11th February*

##### **Last day of first half term**

*Friday 11th February (3.30pm finish)*

##### **Spring Half Term dates**

*Monday 14th—Friday 18th February*

*(Children return to school on Monday 21st February)*

## 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	89.2%	6
Reception	85.2%	13
Class 1O	86.5%	11
Class 2M	96.8%	23
Class 3T	95.0%	4
Class 4B	86.4%	4
Class 5L	95.8%	14
Class 6E	89.0%	7
Class 6P	94.8%	6



## New Arrival!

We are excited to announce that Ms Enthoven gave birth to a baby girl during the Christmas holidays. Eliza Alba Enthoven Theobold was born on the 28th December. Miss Enthoven and the baby are both doing well. We are all looking forward to meeting Eliza in the hopefully not too distant future!



## Important information

### Getting to school on time

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.**

### Communication with parents

Please be advised that we use **email** as our main way of communicating information to parents/carers. If you are not receiving our emails or if you have changed your email address, please contact the office so we can update our records

## 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!



**Tanjia and Kevin in 2M**