



# Harrington Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks of learning at Harrington Hill with the children especially enjoying lots of hands on activities linked to their science topics.

This week 2M, have been planting cress seeds. They have been learning to record the growth of the plants and will continue to do this weekly and make comparisons.

Year 4 are linking literacy and science together by writing a persuasive text all about the importance of reducing plastic pollution in the oceans to save our marine life. In coming weeks, they will also be helping the environment by litter picking by the marshes as they've learnt that plastic gets swept away from canals into rivers and then eventually to our seas.

This week 3T have been learning to count, add and subtract money in maths while in literacy they have learnt about the suffix '-ly' and have been coming up with adverbs that have this suffix. They have also been learning how to write a setting description, culminating in a setting description of Willy Wonka's chocolate room. In science, 3T are looking forward to carrying out investigations as they start learning about how water travels through plants.

Year 1 have also enjoyed being scientists and using magnifying glasses outside to investigate the changes in our environment. In literacy this week, the children have enjoyed creating descriptive characters for their short narratives.

Reception are enjoying their new focus story 'Stone Girl Bone Girl', learning all about the life and achievements of Mary Anning, a pioneering palaeontologist whose ground breaking discoveries were not properly credited in her time. Children have been writing simple sentences in 'fact files' as well as creating fossil arts and crafts.

In 5L, the children have been learning about money and decimals—they have been adding money using the column addition method and applying their problem solving skills. In science, they have been planting seeds and observing the germination process. They have been using their observation, questioning and recording skills during this process.

Year 6 have been working hard to create persuasive letters, addressed to John Hopkins Hospital, persuading them to take action to honour Henrietta Lacks (an African-American whose cancer cells were used for research purposes).

In a few weeks time we are going to be taking part in Safer Internet day. We will be sending a letter next week with some helpful links and resources for supporting your child to stay safe online. Lots going on—I can't believe how quickly this half term is going!



Have a great weekend,

Pete Brodie  
Acting Head of School

### Homework project

Have a look at Amelia's fantastic homework project.

Year 1 were asked to complete an art piece on their favourite season.

Well done Year 1 for all your great work.



### 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 18mths 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

**Hispanic Day**

*Monday 7th 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)*

**World Book Day**

*Thursday 3rd March*

**Parents Evening**

*Thursday 10th March (1.30pm finish)*

## 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	87.2%	4
Reception	87.4%	4
Class 1O	97.4%	6
Class 2M	92.8%	10
Class 3T	92.5%	4
Class 4B	98.6%	4
Class 5L	91.6%	9
Class 6E	78.3%	8
Class 6P	89.4%	5



## Pizza Making



Our chef, James, worked with Reception to create delicious pizzas as part of their weekly cooking session.



## 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!



**Darija and Mohammed in 5L**

## Mrs Williams Corner!

### Thought of the week

"Your thoughts, dreams and wishes are fuel to achieve the impossible"



### Makaton sign of the week



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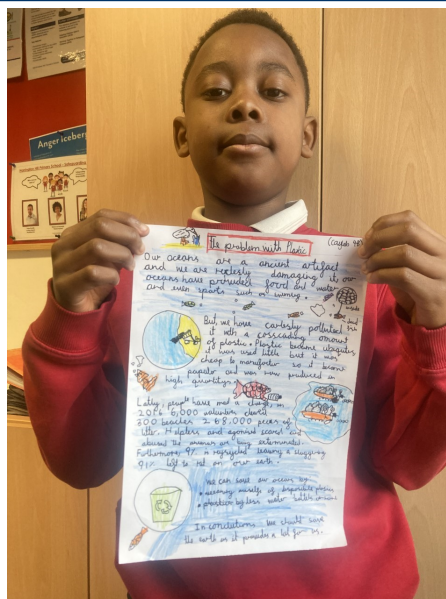
### Five ways to Wellbeing



## Science in 2M



## Science in 4B



4B have been writing persuasive texts linked to their science topic 'Oceans'. Cayleb's persuasive report is entitled 'The Problem with Plastic' and draws attention to the negative impact that plastic pollution is having on our oceans. We can all do our part!

## 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.

