



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Families,

I can't believe we have reached the end of another term—and what better way to finish then with our Rocksteady Concert this morning! We want to say a big well done to all our Rocksteady band members who put on a fantastic performance for their parents and peers.

As always, there has been lots going on at Harrington Hill over the last couple of weeks. Yesterday, as part of their Humanities topic 'Transport', Year 1 went on an exciting trip to visit the Science Museum. The children learnt about the history of transport and were particularly impressed with the steam trains and aeroplanes. They have also enjoyed reading their class text, 'The curious Case of the Missing Mammoth book' and making their own masks linked to the underwater scene in the story.

As part of their 'Going Green' theme in science, Year 5 have been looking at the life cycle of plastics and considering how we can better look after our planet. They have also been studying the Victorians in their history lessons and finding out more about important inventions from that era.

3T have been learning about the history of Hackney and were able to order a number of events that have happened in Hackney into a timeline. In science, they have been looking at the skeleton and carried out an investigation to explore whether or not having a longer femur means that you can jump further. You will have to speak to one of our Year 3 scientists to find out what they concluded!

Year 4 have been learning about Christianity in RE this week. As part of their studies, they have been looking at the Holy Bible and exploring the 10 commandments as well as the story of Jesus resisting temptation for forty days and forty nights in the desert.

2M have been investigating the properties of materials in their science lessons. They have been testing different materials to see if they are absorbent or waterproof in preparation for building their own rafts!

Year 6 have been learning about Evolution in science. This week, after learning about fossil records, they had fun making fossils of their own! As part of their research, they also attended a virtual workshop run by the Natural History Museum which taught them about Natural Selection and Inheritance.

It was lovely to welcome back Mrs Kennedy this week. She will be returning part time until June and then will resume as full time Head of School again from June onwards.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and, on behalf of all the staff at Harrington Hill, we wish you a very happy and restful Easter holiday.

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



Rocksteady Concert



Covid Update

The Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days or until the 10th day.

Although you are welcome to wear a facemask, we no longer request that adults wear facemasks when entering the school site.

Key Dates

SUMMER TERM

Children return to school
Tues 19th April

Summer Half term
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Sports Day
Wednesday 29th June

Inset Day
Monday 6th June

Final day of Summer Term
Wednesday 20th July (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**

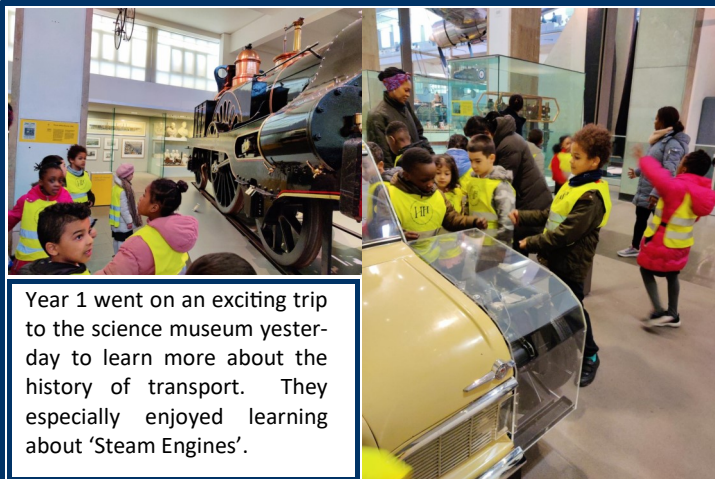
80% Attendance – 38 Days of Absence, 7 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Unacceptable**

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
Nursery FT	85.5%	7
Reception	83.3%	7
Class 1O	91.3%	7
Class 2M	96.4%	13
Class 3T	96.6%	5
Class 4B	92.9%	5
Class 5L	91.9%	10
Class 6E	94.0%	7
Class 6P	100.0%	5



10 Science Museum visit



Year 1 went on an exciting trip to the science museum yesterday to learn more about the history of transport. They especially enjoyed learning about 'Steam Engines'.

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.**

Attendance

Please be advised that absences are authorised at the school's discretion and that if a child's attendance is below 90%, we will be requesting proof of absence. Please continue to contact the school on each day of absence.

Excellence Assembly Winners

Every Friday, each teacher awards certificates to children who have shown excellence in class throughout the week. Here is one of our winners this week!



Angeles in 10

Mrs Williams Corner!

Thought of the week

"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before."



Makaton sign of the week



Happy

Five ways to Wellbeing Workshop

We'd like to welcome you to attend a workshop on 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing' which will be facilitated by Dr Natalie Bailey, Counselling Psychologist from the Wellbeing in Schools and Mental Health (WAMHS) project. Natalie will be sharing strategies on how we can improve and support the emotional strength of our children and ourselves as caretakers.

Date & Times

Thursday 21st April 2022

Session 1: 9:30 – 10:30am in the community room

Session 2: 4-5pm online session, a link will be sent out on the week of the event"

Stand Against Violence Workshop



Last Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a workshop focusing on violence awareness.

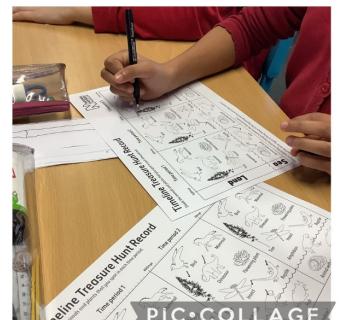
During the session, the children were presented with a case study which aimed to enable the children to develop an understanding of the grief, loss and anger associated with violence. Throughout the workshop, the children explored the themes of justice and forgiveness in contrast to anger and revenge. The workshop presenter commented afterwards that it was a pleasure being at Harrington Hill and that the children's behaviour, focus and engagement was excellent. Well done Year 5 and 6!

Year 4 Homework Topic Project



Every half term, class teachers sets a project for the children to complete at home. Have a look at Jhobriana's fantastic topic project based on the theme 'Under the Sea'.

Fossil making



Year 6 have been learning about the theory of Evolution and making their own fossils.