



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Families,

There has been lots happening at Harrington Hill since our return to school after the Easter holidays. This term we are having our whole school focus on Art and Design Technology so it has been fantastic to see children getting creative and enjoying their new topics through a range of art activities.

Year 6 have started their Art topic 'Self-Portraits' and are enjoying expressing different emotions through facial expressions. They have also been working hard in preparation for their upcoming SATS week, impressing their teachers with fantastic focus and resilience!

This week Year 1 have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh. They have enjoyed exploring his paintings and discussing the mood that they create—the children had fun recreating some of his masterpieces!

5L have been reading the book 'Shackleton's journey' and have been using their persuasive writing knowledge to write letters to the captain, persuading him to allow them to become members of the ship's crew. As part of our school's art focus this term, they have also been learning different painting techniques such as using tone, tint and shading.

This week, 2M have been writing diary entries linked to their class text 'Billy and the Beast'. They have also started their art topic 'A Moment in Time' which is focusing on still life drawing.

Reception have been learning about the customs and traditions of Ramadan and Eid this week. They made crafts to decorate their homes including the new moon which symbolises the end of Ramadan.

4B have been looking at famous architecture from around the world and discussing their designs. They have also been researching Zaha Hadid, a renowned Iraqi Architect whose most prominent work was the London Aquatic centre built for the 2012 Olympics.

Over the last couple of weeks, 3T have been learning about cuisines from South Asia and are compiling a non-chronological report on them in Literacy. They have also been learning about their feature artist Winston Branch and have started to learn about the founding of Buddhism in R.E.

Many of you will have noticed our Forest School is almost finished. We are looking forward to opening it in the not too distant future once final checks and tweaks have been made. Very exciting! As we finish another busy week, we wish you all a restful and happy bank holiday weekend - let's hope we get some sunshine!



Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School

Art /DT at HH!



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

May Bank holiday

Monday 2nd May

Year 6 SATS week

Mon 9th May—Thurs 12th May

(free breakfast club for Y6 pupils 8.15am on these days)

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

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Marks
Nursery FT	91.9%	13
Reception	90.8%	11
Class 1O	97.8%	11
Class 2M	92.9%	14
Class 3T	95.9%	2
Class 4B	88.6%	5
Class 5L	94.5%	8
Class 6E	96.0%	7
Class 6P	96.9%	7



Forest School Opening soon!



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 are just a few of our winners this week!



Ceylin and Logan in 1O

Mrs Williams Corner!

Thought of the week

"One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day"



Makaton sign of the week



teacher

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING



Unfortunately the WAMHS coffee morning had to be cancelled—we will be rescheduling soon. Watch this space!

Legumes Week



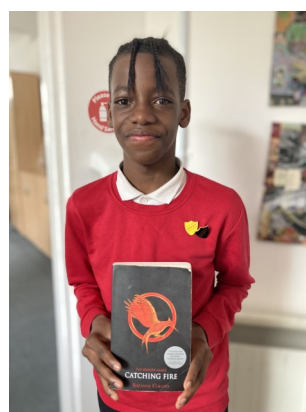
This week was Legumes week at Harrington Hill. Our chef James came up with an exciting menu including 8 different varieties of legumes. Legumes are very good for you and are a sustainable source of protein and minerals. Some of the healthiest countries in the world eat legumes

Y3/Y4 Football Tournament



On Wednesday, 10 children from 3T and 4B took part in a mixed football tournament at Maybley Green Park. The children played really well and showed great teamwork throughout the 4 matches. David was our player of the tournament, standing out for his excellent goalkeeping skills. Well done everyone!

Book Review



I have been reading an exciting book called 'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire' by Suzanne Collins. The book is really interesting if you are into action. I would recommend it for older children, especially in Year 6. The main character is Katniss—she is adventurous and brave. In order to understand what is happening in this book, you have to read the previous story first. There are three books in the series.

By David (6P)