



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Families,

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who completed their KS2 SATs this week. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the assessments, showing great resilience and determination throughout. They enjoyed a much deserved trip to Springfield park on Thursday afternoon to left off some steam! We want to say a big thank you to our chef James who provided breakfast for the children each morning—it was a great way to start each day.

2M will also be sitting their SATs over the next couple of weeks and have been busy preparing for them. They have really enjoyed writing their own secret diary entries in Literacy linked to their class text 'Lily Todd and her Wonderful Flying Machine'. In Computing, the Year 2s had fun using the ICT suite and creating self-portraits using the 'Paint' tool.

1O have particularly enjoyed their science lessons this week—they have been testing a variety of objects to see which would be the most absorbent. Meanwhile in maths, the class have been using their investigative skills to find the missing number in a number sentence. We have lots of great mathematicians in Year 1!

In 5L this week, the class have been getting very creative! They have been learning different painting techniques, such as layering, and completed fantastic paintings of our school. In science, the children have been conducting experiments to investigate a range of materials and their properties.

Year 4 have also been experimenting with different materials in their Art and DT lessons. Working together in groups, they have been planning and designing their own city. Throughout the process, the children have developed their measuring, cutting and sticking skills as well learning to work effectively as a team. We have seen lots of Teamwork Tariqs in 4B recently!

Both Year 4 and Year 3 have been on class trips this week to visit Tate Britain. 3T visited the gallery on Tuesday and had a fantastic time viewing the art and creating their own sketches. In Literacy, the children have been writing their own diary entries linked to the trip and based on their class text 'One Hen'.

Reception have been enjoying the story of the Gingerbread Man as part of their 'Traditional Tales' topic. They decorated delicious gingerbread people and have produced some fantastic writing. They have also been learning to draw castles and describe the different features that are designed to keep castles safe from attack.

Once again, it has been a busy few weeks at Harrington Hill—we are all definitely in need of a rest! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



Ordering in Spanish



Year 6 have been learning how to order food and drink in Spanish. On Monday afternoon, during their Spanish lesson, Ms Lorena set up her own café and gave the children the opportunity to use their Spanish speaking skills to make an order.



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

Summer Half term

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Class Photos

Monday 20th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June

Inset Day

Monday 6th June

International Evening/Summer Fair

Thursday 7th July

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**

Class	Present	Late Mark
Nursery FT	81.3%	2
Reception	81.3%	6
Class 1O	87.4%	8
Class 2M	94.6%	19
Class 3T	96.9%	5
Class 4B	95.7%	9
Class 5L	96.6%	17
Class 6E	98.0%	4
Class 6P	97.9%	3

If you need to report your child's absence, please call the school office and press option 2 to leave a message



Science experiments in 1O



1O have enjoyed carrying out science experiments this week. Our budding Year 1 scientists were testing a variety of objects to see which would be the most absorbent.

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!



Amelia and Axell in 1O

Mrs Williams Corner!

Makaton sign of the week



home

Wellbeing support

As we reach the final half term, you may be wondering how to support your child with their wellbeing as they start to prepare to transition to a new year group or to a new school. You may have other concerns about your child's emotions that you are not sure how to discuss with family or teachers. At Harrington Hill Primary, we have access to Hackney's Wellbeing Service and the advice of **Dr Natalie Bailey**, our resident counselling psychologist. Natalie provides a safe space for parents/carers to open up about their child's wellbeing and expert advice on how to manage these situations and look after ourselves whilst doing so.

If you would like to access a virtual drop in session with Dr Natalie Bailey on **Thursday 19th May** to discuss any concerns/seek advice on the best ways to support your child's wellbeing, please click the link to complete the form below by **Wednesday 18th May**. You can also contact our SENco, Mrs Williams to discuss further:

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4B City Building



Year 4 have been having fun exploring the use of different materials to build structures for their own cities.

3T Tate Modern Class Trip



On Tuesday, 3T visited Tate Britain as part of their Art & DT topic this term. They were so inspired that on the way home, they continued sketching on the tube!

Book Review



'In class, we have been reading 'Miss Todd and her Wonderful Flying Machine' by Frances Poletti and Kristina Yee. I really liked the bit when Miss Todd went to university but she only heard doors being slammed because no one thought a girl should learn to fly. I thought this was unfair because girls can do whatever boys can do! It is a really fun book to read and is an amazing story— the pictures are very good too. I would recommend this book to everyone.'

By Tanjia (Year 2)