



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Families,

The children had lots of fun this week during Wellbeing Week at Harrington Hill, which ended with today's whole school trip to Clissold Park.

Year 5 have been learning to focus on their breathing techniques and learning to meditate. They also created a compliment jar and wrote compliments about why they are all special. In English, they have been reviewing different types of books and created a book review about their favourite book.

In maths this week, Year 1 have enjoyed the carousel activities where they have had an opportunity to participate in various maths games such as board games, crossword puzzles and word problems. In English, they learned about different woodland animals. The children were then able to write facts about their favourite woodland animals.

Nursery enjoyed learning the song 'Power in Me' which they performed at their graduation!

Year 2 have been concentrating on circle time throughout Wellbeing Week. They have been developing 'Calm Down' strategies to help them when they experience both little and big emotions.

Year 4 have been writing end of year biographies about themselves, including detailed descriptions, images and quotes about their journey through the year.

For parents/carers of Year 6 pupils without younger siblings at the school, we say farewell and wish you all the very best for the future! For returning families, we look forward to welcoming you back in September. Have a wonderful summer!

Rebecca Kennedy
Head of School



Important Information

Easy Fundraising

Did you know you can raise money for the school just by shopping in your usual way at no extra cost to yourself? So far we have raised £117.13 through Easy Fundraising. Check out the website for more details: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Weather next week

Early next week, the weather is predicted to be very hot. We have purchased additional fans for around the school and will likely be limiting outdoor play to just 10 minutes in the morning. During lunchtime when the temperature is set to soar, pupils will likely remain inside for play. Please send your children to school with water bottles and sun hats for break time next week.

Learning in Year 3

In preparation for the summer fayre, 3T had a visit from Nelia's mum who told them all about Ukrainian culture and festivals and taught them how to make beautiful ribbon bracelets. They have been enjoying Well being Week with afternoon class story time and yoga. In maths, 3T have been learning about measuring mass. In Literacy, they wrote a short story practicing their apostrophes for possession and contraction and in topic they wrote a weather report.



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM

Final day of Summer Term

Wednesday 20th July (1.30pm finish)

AUTUMN TERM

INSET Days

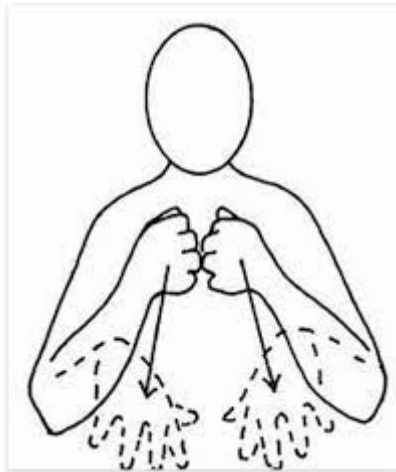
Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September—school closed to children

First day back to school

Monday 5th September

Mrs Williams Corner!

Makaton sign of the week



Finished

(Rapidly move your hands down-wards and say 'finished')

You could use this sign next week to signal why school is closed by saying 'school is finished for a few weeks'.



Research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can help improve your mental wellbeing as it helps you build your relationships with others. It is wonderful to hear that there are lots of families who are giving their time this week to attend the whole school trip to Clissold Park!

International Summer Fayre

Thank you to all the parents/carers, volunteers, staff and children for a fantastic afternoon at our international summer fayre. It was a great success! Thank you also to Clissold Leisure Centre, Morrisons, Sodo Pizza, Fussy and all those who donated raffle prizes!



Attendance

ATTENDANCE

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**

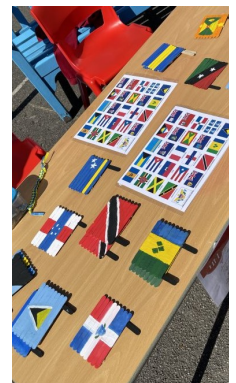
90% Attendance – 19 Days of Absence, 3 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

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	94.9%	4
Reception	90.4%	9
Class 1H	87.3%	10
Class 2M	91.5%	29
Class 3T	96.7%	8
Class 4B	97.8%	6
Class 5L	93.5%	17
Class 6E	97.8%	5
Class 6P	96.3%	11



Belonging Session—pizza making!



As part of their belonging project, we were delighted to welcome the Y3-6 families to join in with a free pizza cooking session. A huge thank you to our chef James and the families who made the time to join us on this lovely afternoon. We hope to host many other sessions in the new school year.



Staff Farewells

It is always sad to say goodbye to members of staff who are leaving the school and this year is no exception. We sadly say goodbye to:

Bridie—Bridie is looking to start a career in teaching. Bridie, we wish you every success for your future endeavours.

Mary—Mary has been covering our Year 1 class since January and will be moving on to cover in new schools in the Autumn term. Thank you for your hard work Mary.

Lisha—Lisha has worked with us as a supply TA for several years and has offered fantastic support to children with SEND in particular. We wish you all the best Lisha!

Hester—Hester, who is currently on maternity leave, is relocating to Cardiff with her husband and daughter Eliza. Hester joined us as an NQT 7 years ago and very quickly progressed to leadership. She has offered fantastic support to pupils with SEND as our school SENCo and we wish her the best of luck for the move to Cardiff.

Kate—Following maternity leave, Kate will be relocating close to her family home outside of London. Kate started at Harrington Hill as an NQT 3 years ago and has enjoyed her time teaching Year 2. We wish Kate all the best for the future.

Reception Class Trip

Last week, Reception went on not one but two exciting trips! On Wednesday, they visited the Hackney School of Food in Lower Clapton for a knife skills workshop. They made 'chop chop' salads and enjoyed working in a professional kitchen! They then took their salads to Millfields Park for a picnic with their families. On Friday, EYFS attended the Hackney Singing Festival at the Round Chapel - it was awe inspiring to perform in a big venue with many other Hackney schools.

