

School Newsletter

Friday 2nd July 2021

Celebration assembly

In Monday's assembly, Mr Downs told the children about how the main characters in Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach' worked well together using their different qualities and how it links to our school value of 'teamwork'.

Well done to the pupils below for being chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates in today's Celebration assembly for working well with everyone.

Nursery Acorn Class	Harley S
Reception Chestnut Class	Aaron, Bryce, Henry and Mark-John
Reception Maple Class	Molly
Year 1 Ash Class	Fleur
Year 1 Cedar Class	Archie and Daniel
Year 1 Redwood Class	Alayna, Demmie, Isabelle and Susan
Year 2 Birch Class	Danielle
Year 2 Elder Class	Jayden and Laycee
Year 2 Pine Class	Millie

House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points in their class this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Lucas
Reception Maple Class	Iverson
Year 1 Ash Class	Jack
Year 1 Cedar Class	Sophie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Caitlin
Year 2 Birch Class	Emilin
Year 2 Elder Class	Stephanie
Year 2 Pine Class	Henry

Well done to all of the pupils in **Red** house for earning more house points than the other houses this week.

Attendance

We aim to achieve above the national average attendance which is 96%. Well done to Birch class for having the best attendance in school this week.

Year 2 Birch Class	97.6%
Year 1 Cedar Class	96.5%
Year 2 Elder Class	95.4%
Year 1 Redwood Class	95.3%
Year 1 Ash Class	94.8%

Reception Chestnut Class	92.5%
Year 2 Pine Class	88.3%
Reception Maple Class	85.7%

PANTS rule

We follow the Jigsaw scheme for personal, social, health and economic education and this half term the theme is 'changing me'. During these lessons, children learn the PANTS rule. You can reinforce this at home using the following link to the NSPCC's website:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/?gclid=aw.ds&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIo6mwwlbE8QIVn4FQBh2tUA7EAAAYASAAEqJ1ZPD_BwE



Rights Respecting Schools Articles of the Week



Everyone is looking forward to Sports Day, which is taking place soon and links to this week's article of the week.

Article 31– rest, play, culture and arts

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Meet the Teacher Day

Pupils will have special visitors to their classrooms on Tuesday 6th July. The teacher that they will be having in September will be popping in to tell them about themselves and what they can look forward to next academic year. A letter informing parents will be emailed out later that day.

Staffing changes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to one of our year 1 teachers, Miss Campbell, at the end of this term as she is moving to a school closer to her home. Miss Campbell has worked at the school for five years and done a fantastic job teaching the year 1 children that have been in her class during that time. She is a much loved member of the team and we will all miss her greatly. We wish her all the best at her new school.

In class this week

In Science, year 2 have been doing some gardening and experimenting. They have planted runner beans under different conditions to see which beans grow the best.

Elder class are observing and drawing the changes they can see every week.



Year 1 Cedar class used an assortment of instruments to recreate sounds they would hear at the seaside.



"I used the castanets for a crab sound," Jack.



"The triangle sounded like the seagulls squawking," Harry.

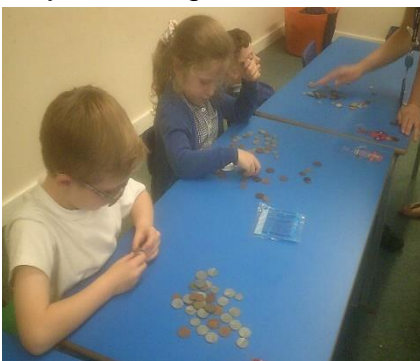
"This is the children laughing (the chime)," Dottie.

"I can make the sound of the wind (the bells)," Danny.



"Drums can make footsteps in the sand," Riley.

Cedar class have also been learning about money in their maths lessons this week. Here they are using different coins to make the same amounts.



"I made 10p using a 5p coin, a 2p coin and three 1p coins," Harper.

"I made 10p with two 5p coins," Tyler.



Reception Maple class and Chestnut class have enjoyed learning about crocodiles this week. The salt water crocodile is seven metres long and Maple class could fit nine children into it! Chestnut class made their own crocodiles after learning the rhyme Row, Row, Row Your Boat this week.



Sports Day

We have had a few request from parents about bringing younger siblings who are not yet school age to Sports Day if they can't make childcare arrangements. We are happy to accommodate this request, as long as the parent has been issued a ticket for Sports Day, which you can request from the school office.

Key dates for your diary

Monday 12th July: Nursery Sports Day. 9.30am. Ticket only (maximum 1 adult per household).

Tuesday 13th July: Sports Day. 9.15am Reception; 10.45am Year 1; 1.30pm Year 2. Ticket only (maximum 1 adult per household).

Monday 19th July: End of year reports will be sent out to parents

Monday 19th July: Transition morning. Pupils will spend the morning with their new teachers in their new classes. A letter will be sent out soon with further details.

Wednesday 21st July: Year 2 assembly. 9.15am or 1.30pm. Ticket only (maximum 2 per family).

Thursday 22nd July: Year 2 picnic. Non uniform day for Year 2 pupils only.

Thursday 22nd July: Last day of summer term for nursery pupils.

Friday 23rd July: Year 2 leavers' ceremony. 9.00am Birch class; 9.30am Elder class; 10.00am Pine class.

Friday 23rd July: Last day of summer term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Non uniform day for Reception and Year 1 pupils. School finishes at 1.00pm.

Community News

London Borough of Hillingdon Youth Survey

To the young people of Hillingdon, we need your help - we need your views, your insight, your hope for a better future. What interests you? We need your opinions. We need to hear your voice. The link for the survey is as follows: <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/youth-survey>. The survey will close on **17th July**.

Rise in new variants and the vaccine

Across all NW London boroughs (Brent, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster) we are seeing a rise in the rates of new Covid-19 variants.

There is no evidence to suggest the Covid-19 vaccine is not working in terms of providing protection against variants, but it has never been more important to come forward for your first vaccine and ensure you have your second for maximum protection.

All our large vaccination centres listed below are all providing Pfizer vaccines.

Anyone over the age of 36 can now book at www.nhs.uk or walk-in to one of our vaccination centres for a first dose of the vaccine. GPs are also sending invites so you can book in.

Walk-in availability varies, booking guarantees you a slot, services are open 9am-7pm.

Walk-in vaccination services

The vaccination centres providing a walk-in service for first doses are open from 9am to 7pm daily, (Except Byon Hall and Brentford leisure centre - see below.)

Full details [are here](#)

- Brentford leisure centre 658 Chiswick High Rd, Brentford TW8 0HJ (Monday to Thursday)
- Bryon Hall Christchurch Avenue, Harrow HA3 5BD (Monday to Wednesday only)
- Ealing - CP House, 97-107 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 5TL
- Heathrow Vaccination Centre, Compass Centre, Bath Road, Heathrow, TW6 2GW
- Marble Arch Vaccination Centre: 86 Edgware Rd, London W2 2EA
- Novotel London West, 1 Shortlands Hammersmith International Ctre, Hammersmith, London W6 8DR
- The Record Store, The Old Vinyl Factory, 15 Pressing Lane, Hayes, UB3 1HA
- Science Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2DD
- Wembley Vaccination Centre: Olympic Office Centre, 8 Fulton Rd, Wembley, London, HA9 0NU

You are asked to bring ID, your name and address and your NHS number if you have it (if you don't have your NHS number you can still walk-in).

Following your walk-in you will then be able to book your second vaccine at 8 weeks 48 hours later using www.nhs.uk

Second doses

To help ensure residents get the maximum protection possible, we are bringing forward the date of second vaccines from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.

If you had a vaccine at a GP service, you will be texted inviting you to attend a new date. If you attended a pharmacy or large vaccination centre and booked your second dose through the national booking system www.nhs.uk – you will be texted to invite you to



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change your second appointment. You will need to cancel the appointment you have and rebook – there are plenty of appointments available to do this.

Family Support Volunteers Needed



Volunteer with Home-Start Hillingdon to support struggling families in the Borough

Are you a parent or grandparent with 3 -hours per week to spare?

Do you know someone else who might be interested?

Home-Start Hillingdon supports families with at least one child under 5 who are struggling to cope with issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances.

After nearly a year and a half of Covid restrictions and phone-support, families need our help more than ever and **we need you!** We are starting to get back to what we do best, coming alongside a struggling family in their own home every week (where it is safe to do so) to give support, befriending, practical help and signposting information. Full training and support are provided and agreed expenses are covered.

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course will start on the 22nd September 2021.

The 9-session course will take place on Wednesdays, from 9.45am to 14.30pm, with a break for the October half term holiday.

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

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