

Message from Mrs Horton

I hope all of our families enjoyed a restful half term break after the excitement of the HP Halloween Disco!!

Thank you to Friends of Hargrave Park who supported this great tradition. The children made lots of great memories. Thank you also to all families of children who attended – as ever -the creativity of the costumes was of a very high standard!

For our INSET day this week, staff teams were busy learning across the day. There was a strong focus on developing pupils' communication and language across the school.

Miss Baverstock led training on strategies to increase opportunities for speaking and listening in the classroom and our Early Years Speech and Language therapist, Ellie Matthews, led training for all teams in the use of visuals to support communication. There were some general tips that apply in all classrooms, such as the importance of using visual timetables so all children understand what to expect across the day. There was also training on targeted interventions to support identified children with low communication and language skills. Support staff and the Under 3's team explored strategies to help children name and regulate their emotions, which is so important for children to be in the 'right space' emotionally to engage with teaching and learning and make progress.

It was a busy and highly productive day and I am grateful for the engagement and enthusiasm of all staff who took part.

Week beginning 6th Nov

Wed 8th Nov – *Orange Class Assembly*

Week beginning 13th Nov

Climate Change for Kids Project – see p3

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Mon 13th Nov – Odd Socks day!

Week beginning 20th Nov

Mon 20th Nov – Indigo Class to British Museum

Tues 21st Nov – Red Class to London Zoo

Wed 22nd Nov – *Cyan Class Assembly*

- Green Class to London Zoo

Thurs 23rd Nov – Blue Class to London Zoo

Sophie Izzard – Family Support Worker –in school

Week beginning 27th Nov

Mon 28th Nov – Winter cupcake sale

Tues 28th Nov – Cyan Class to British Museum

Wed 29th Nov – *Blue Class Assembly*

- Violet Class to British Museum

Fri 1st Dec – Flu vaccinations for Y1 – Y6

Week beginning 4th Dec

Wed 6th Dec – *Red Class Assembly*

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Black History Month at Hargrave Park

Key Stage 1

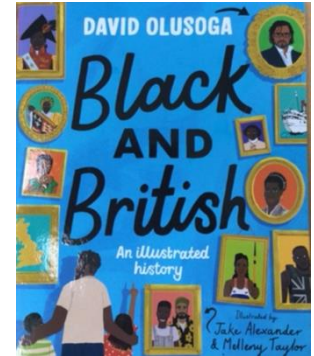
In assembly this week, we read a selection of the 'concertina books' the children in Blue, Green and Red Class have written. We heard about new babies, making friends, the importance of religion in families, making friends and having adventures!

We remembered that it is important to tell your story and listen carefully to the stories of others.

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/step-inside-your-story>

Key Stage 2

In the Key Stage 2 assembly, we shared all the work that has been happening in classes about how people in Georgian and Victorian Britain worked hard to fight against slavery. Children shared the facts they had learned as well as their responses to hearing about all the things that had happened.



Under 3s

The toddlers enjoyed abstract painting inspired by the artist Alma Thomas.



The Garden Classroom Climate Change for Kids Project

This academic year, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in a year long network-wide project with the Garden Classroom to learn about Climate Change and Sustainability – using the definition ‘Sustainability is meeting our needs without hurting the world.’

The first part of this will be happening in the week beginning 13th November.



Climate Change for Kids

A bespoke year-round programme encompassing sustainability and climate change education through assemblies, outdoor learning, fully resourced in-class activities plus INSET for your teams with curated resources to support curriculum learning in science, PSHE, literacy and geography as well as the NEW upcoming climate change curriculum.



Autumn Term The Science of Climate Change

In the Autumn term, we deliver two engaging assemblies to introduce the science of climate change at a key stage appropriate level in a way which encourages careful thought and discussion, being considerate of any anxieties which may arise. If published by this point, this will be based on the new climate change elements of the curriculum.

Following the assemblies, each class joins TGC for a two-hour outdoor learning session in a local green space for active, in-depth activities which explore; the difference between climate and weather, what different natural environments look like, human impact and how we contribute to climate change. We also look at natural solutions in the real-life context of the greenspace and finish positively by looking at some differences a caring community (just like them) can achieve by ‘thinking global’ and ‘acting local’.



Classes from Year 1 to Year 6 will be visiting Whittington park as follows:

Mon 13th – Indigo and Cyan
Tues 14th – Purple and Lime
Wed 15th – red and Orange
Thurs 16th – Blue and Green
Fri 17th – Violet
More details will follow...

Week beginning 13th November Anti-Bullying week

2023 theme: 'Make a Noise About Bullying'.

The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Then, across the week, children will take part in assemblies and class activities to explore understanding of what bullying is, how to deal with it if someone bullies you and how to make sure you are not involved in bullying someone.

This of course links with our school value of Kindness.



Call to Action – The Anti-Bullying Alliance:

Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

[Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying](#)

Responding to World News

The news about the conflict in Israel and Gaza is very shocking and difficult to make sense of. As ever, we are staying attuned to the children and will respond carefully if they express concerns. If you or your family are impacted in any way – directly or indirectly, please do let us know and we will support in any way we can, including helping you to talk to your children about it. Please approach any member of the leadership team in the playground or send us a message via the office.

Here are some resources you may find helpful:

- The Mental Health Foundation has some very helpful advice about dealing with scary world news and how it affects our mental health: [Look after your mental health during scary world events](#)
- A CBBC Newsround article which explores and explains what is happening in Israel and Gaza: [Newsround Israel and Gaza](#)
- Newsround also has advice for children when they get upset by the news: [Newsround - if you are upset by the news](#)



Lunch at School

A good lunch is a very important part of the school day.

It is an opportunity to try new things, and eat a range of freshly prepared, healthy and nutritious food. We work closely with Caterlink – our school meal providers – who share that belief. We have a salad bar, a range of fresh vegetables, and fruit every day.

When children have a packed lunch, it should also be an opportunity to eat a range of freshly prepared, healthy and nutritious food.

Here is a video from the British Nutrition foundation – a guide to create [a healthy packed lunch](#)



Yes 😊

Sandwich, pasta, wrap, tortilla, fresh fruit, dried fruit, carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, yogurt, plain biscuit, plain cake eg malt loaf



No 😞

Crisps, chocolate biscuits, chocolate, sweets, cookies, sugary drinks, sugary cakes eg doughnut

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

We are your parent and staff association organising events and activities to build the school community and raise funds to enhance our children's experience of school life.



Socialise & have fun

- Become a class rep
- Join the class WhatsApp group
- Come to a coffee morning
- Attend the school fairs



Volunteer & take part

- Help with events like the pre-loved uniform sale or winter fair
- Bake cupcakes or traybakes
- Buy raffle tickets or be a sponsor

Look out for our page in the school newsletter to find out more about our events and how you can get involved.



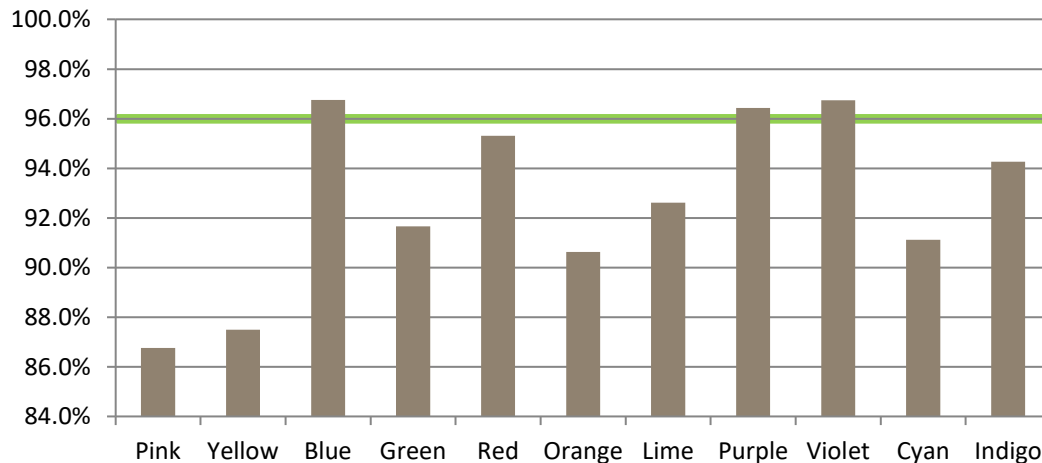
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Attendance Matters

What a fantastic start to the new Academic year
Keep up the good work!

W/C 20/10/2023 – 02/11/2023



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Blue class for achieving the highest attendance
last week, achieving 96.8%

Blue class will be rewarded with a prize for their great
efforts.

Violet class were a very, very close second with 96.7%

Supporting your child's attendance

Islington
Community of Schools

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Even when you're very **small**
good attendance makes a
BIG difference!

"Children in the Early Years have little chance of catching up their peers if their attendance is bad.
If they fail to succeed early on in their school careers they are likely to get further behind; disillusionment with education sets in and they become excluded or begin to truant."

Regular attendance helps children to:

- Make friends and learn social skills
- Feel settled and happy
- Enjoy their learning
- Benefit from good routines
- Get ready for school

Help your child to succeed in the early years,
at school and in adult life

Charlie Taylor,
Government's expert advisor
on attendance and behaviour

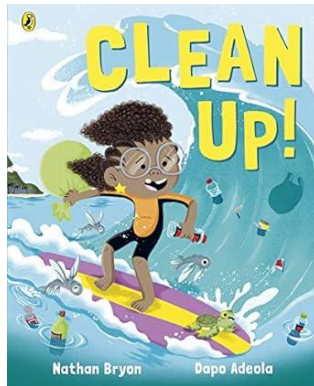
KS1 Book recommendations

(These books can be found in the school library)

Looking for a new book to borrow?

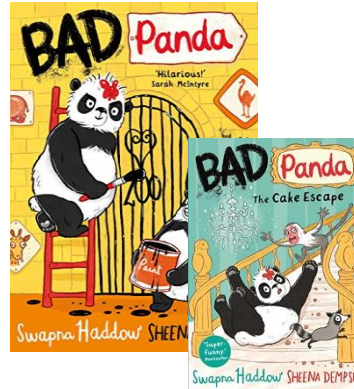
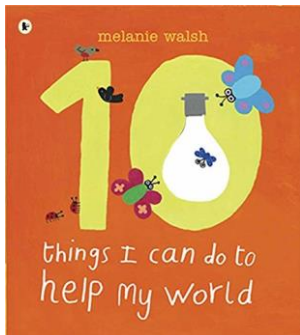
Join Rocket as she sets sail on a brand new mission - to save a Caribbean island from plastic pollution!

Recommended for
Years 1-2



Found in the non-fiction section, this picture book illustrates simple ways we can improve both our lives and the world around us.

Recommended for
Years 1-3



What makes a panda turn bad? Well, Lin has tried being good and doing all the right things and where has it got her?

A great read for your first chapter book.

Recommended for Years 2-4

The Library Display for Black History Month – October 2023

Students explored the following books in their library lessons:

I love Me – Marvyn Harrison
Ghanaian Goldilocks – Dr Tamara Pizzoli
Astro Girl – Ken Wilson-Max
Journey to Jo-burg – Beverly Ntadoo



Library



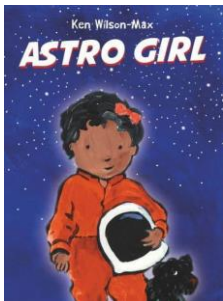
Please take the time to look for any overdue library books.

If books are 'lost' please let the school know.

Book recommendations

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Looking for a book to read?



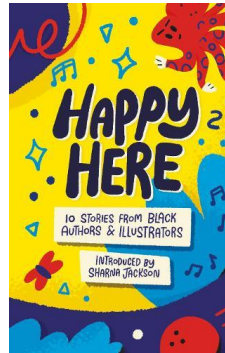
‘Astro Girl,’ is all about a girl who wants to be an astronaut. If you enjoyed the book ‘Look Up!’ you will enjoy this. Recommended for Early Years.



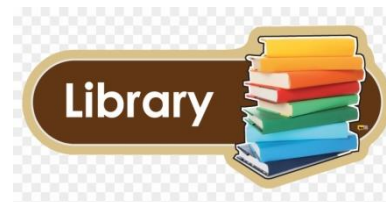
‘Leaf,’ is a story about a polar bear, who is an outsider in the woods. It has beautiful pictures and a message about looking after the environment. Recommended for Years 1 & 2.



‘The Wild Robot,’ is an action packed book, that is funny and dramatic. Robot Roz finds herself alone on an island; to survive she needs to make friends with the animals. This is a story where technology and nature collide. Recommended for Years 3 & 4.



‘Happy Here,’ is a collection of short stories, by Black British authors. The stories follow themes of family and belonging. Recommended for Years 5 & 6.



The nearest local library is Archway library. It is free to join and children can be a member. If there is a certain book that you are looking for e.g. ‘Astro Girl,’ they can order books in.