

Message from Mrs Horton

It has been a busy and festive time at HP this week. The children were brilliantly behaved at the whole school cinema trip to see WISH. We had the whole cinema to ourselves and it was really adorable when all the children (and adults!) clapped at the end; very cute! Key Stage 2 loved their trip to see Aladdin at Hackney Empire. Before the performance started, whilst the audience were waiting, they played lots of good festive songs – and HP were the loudest and most enthusiastic singers - in the Dress Circle, no less!

Thank you to all families and friends who were able to attend the performances yesterday. The quality of singing gets better every year – and the impact of having an expert, like Bex, is clear 😊 The development from EYFS to UKS2 is great to see – with our oldest children exploring singing in harmonies and in rounds etc.

She is a very valued member of the team.

At the end of term we are saying goodbye to 2 members of staff - Miss Bereket, who joined our staff team in September, and also Miss Foxon, who has been at HP for over 9 years. She has seen many of the children grow over that time!

Our best wishes and thanks go to them both.

My thanks also to Gifty and the kitchen team for a FABULOUS Christmas lunch! It was really delicious. The children loved pulling crackers with their friends and having lots of good food.

I hope to see many families at the Winter Fair next Tuesday; more info in this newsletter

I wish all of our families a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming events

Wed 20th Dec – Last day of term – 2pm finish

Happy Holidays 😊

Monday 8th January

Children return to school

Week beginning 15th January

Orange Class daily swimming lessons

Climate Change for Kids project continues with the Garden Classroom

Tues 16th: Lime Class to the Royal Courts of Justice

Wed 17th: Violet Class Assembly

Wed 17th: Purple Class to the Royal Courts of Justice

Week beginning 22nd January

Lime Class daily swimming lessons

Tues 23rd: Red Class visit to 'The Toy Project'

Wed 24th: Purple Class Assembly

Wed 24th: Green Class visit to 'The Toy Project'

Thurs 25th: Blue Class visit to 'The Toy Project'

Week beginning 29th January

Online Safety week

Mon 29th: Orange Class to the Royal Courts of Justice

Week beginning 5th February

Children's Mental Health week

Tues 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th Feb – INSET day

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Reception Starters 2024
Is your child due to start
Reception in September 2024?
We will be having an open
morning on 10th January.
Contact the office to book your
place.

The film had lots of good and memorable songs

Kayden

My favourite part was when we saw the king.

Panos

I liked it when Aladdin went on his magic carpet.

Leon

I loved it! I liked it when Aladdin was singing and dancing.

Jessie

The theatre was very fancy!

Maidah



Aladdin's mother did lots of funny things!

Frankie L

It was so funny when the guy with the cool clothes was dancing and wiggling his bottom!

Robin

It was scary when the star was trapped inside the king's wand.

Maddison



The goat and Asha were my favourite characters

Gracie

I really liked it when Widow Twanky was dressed as the magic lamp and couldn't bow!

Christina

I liked it when everyone stood up to the king!

Amelia-Lily

We watched 'Wish' and it was a bit scary but it ended up a happy ending.

Anyia

The pantomime had lots of very funny references! I really liked it when we were all singing along to Christmas songs when we were waiting for it to start.

Josiah



Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

✉ Want to get in touch? Email us at:
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

There is still time to get your Winter Fair Raffle Tickets

We will be on the playground on Monday drop-off and pick-up and Tuesday drop-off, as well as at the fair selling raffle tickets.

Come and find us to be in with the chance to win some great prizes, including a family photo session, box of wine, class hampers, a cake from The Cake Room, vouchers from Wenzels and Mosaic and more.

Help make our Winter Fair a success

We need your help so that we be put on a great fair and raise money for the music room and the Frinton coaches.

Can you help us decorate the hall or host a stall?

We need people to decorate the Santa's Grotto from 1pm to help at the fair between 3.30pm-5.00pm and tidy away afterwards. If you would like to volunteer for some or all of the fair please email us.

Donate to your class hamper or to the tombola

Any donations to your class hamper and the tombola are greatly appreciated. You could give anything that you might enjoy receiving in a festive hamper. And any preloved games, books etc for the tombola.

Bring cash

Please bring cash with you so you can enjoy all the fair has to offer. (We are working to have a card machine in the new year 😊)

Santa's Workshop



Could you donate a small gift for the children to choose from at our new gift wrap stall?

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Pick up Hargrave branded items for £1 and all other uniform items will be free.



HARGRAVE PARK SCHOOL'S Winter Fair

TOILETS

THE BIG HUB

Santa's Workshop



Santa's Grotto
(meet Santa by the fireplace)

Gift Wrap Stall
(the HP elves will wrap a present
you choose for a loved one)

SMALL HUB
Games



Staircase
C



Refreshments

LUNCH ROOM



Cupcakes by the Cake Room



Gingerbread
Decorating

MIDDLE HALL



Class Stalls



Tombola



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale



Raffle
(Tickets & Prize Draw)

STAGE

HARGRAVE PARK SCHOOL'S
Winter Fair

Tuesday 19 December
3.30pm - 5.00 in the school

We have lots of great activities planned for this year's winter fair. There's something for everyone, plus space to catch-up with other families over refreshments.

- Santa's grotto & workshop
- Festive fair games
- Class stalls
- Pre-loved uniform sale
- Tombola
- Cupcakes by the Cake Room
- Gingerbread decorating
- Refreshments

**Don't forget to bring cash so
you can enjoy all the games
and stalls at the fair.**



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Free early learning and childcare is increasing



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Free early learning with a nursery or childminder supports your child's development.

Social skills: spending quality time with other children and adults

Learning: young children learn while they play and explore

Routines: children gain confidence, independence, and a sense of security

Free hours are available for 38 weeks a year, or some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over more weeks, using fewer hours each week.

How many hours of childcare can you get a week?

Age 3-4 years	Age 2 years	Age 9-23 months																				
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Sign up for updates at
childcarechoices.gov.uk



Age 3-4

15 hours a week – for everyone; no need to apply.
Contact early years providers to ask about a place.

30 hours a week – for eligible working parents*.
Apply at Childcare Choices – childcarechoices.gov.uk

Age 2

15 hours a week – for families receiving benefits or on a low wage.
Also, for children looked after, families with no recourse to public funds, children receiving DLA or with an EHCP.
Apply at islington.gov.uk/free2

New expanded childcare offers

Age 2

15 hours a week – for eligible working parents*; both parents need to be working. Available from April 2024.
You can apply from January 2024 to take up a place from April 2024.
You must apply by 31 March 2024.
Go to childcarechoices.gov.uk

Age 9-23 months

15 hours a week – for eligible working parents*; both parents need to be working. Available from September 2024.
You can apply from April 2024 to take up a place from September 2024.
You must apply by 31 August 2024.
Speak to your local childcare providers to find out what they are offering.

30 hours free childcare

From September 2025 eligible working parents* of children from the age of 9 months until they start school, will be able to get 30 hours free. Eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds can already receive this.

*Eligible working parents – this means that each parent is working and earning under £100k per year and at least £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at National minimum or Living Wage)

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020 7527 5959
fis@islington.gov.uk
Follow us on Facebook
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Links: ChildcareChoices.GOV.UK – National information islington.gov.uk/free2 - Islington applications



Incredible Years Parenting Group

For parents of primary school children age 6-10 years

Tuesdays 9.30am -12.15am (9.45am start)

January 23rd-May 14th 2024

(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)

Michal Ruzansky; Clinical Psychologist, Islington CAMHS

Sonia Kadi - Outreach support practitioner, Bright Futures, Islington

❖ For further information, please contact

Bright Futures on 020 7527 4343, sonia.kadi@islington.gov.uk

Islington CAMHS on 020 3316 1824, michal.ruzansky@nhs.net



Parenting group – ‘The Incredible years’

Please see this advertisement for a parenting group called “Incredible Years”. We work very closely with both CAMHS and Bright Futures and have seen some fantastic work happen with these services. If you would be interested in attending this course, please email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk for the attention of Mr Bond and he can register your interest with the appropriate professionals.

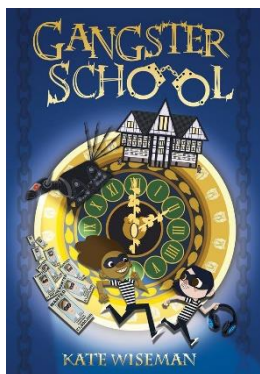
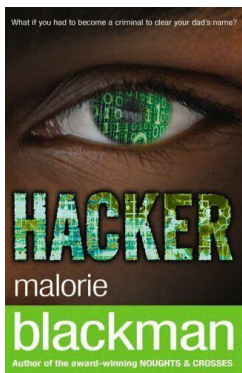
Aims of the group?

- To improve parenting skills and knowledge
- To support positive parent child relationships, communication and bonding through quality time, child-directed play/activities, praise and rewards
- To improve parents’ understanding of child development
- To improve parents' ability to understand challenging behaviour and set appropriate limits.
- To meet other parents, share skills and ideas and develop friendships

KS2 Book recommendations

(These books can be found in the school library)

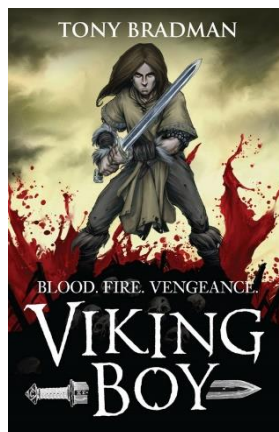
Looking for a new book to borrow?



Time to get inspired for next terms topic 'Crime and Punishment'. Hacker is the perfect thriller for computer buffs!

More of a Harry Potter fan? Imagine Hogwarts for Criminals and you will quickly understand the premise of the Gangster School series.

Recommended for Years 3 & 4



This book will be sure to kick start next term's UKS2 'Rule Britannia' topic!

Viking Boy is an action-packed blend of historical adventure and fantasy.

Recommended for Years 5 & 6.

A display of new books in the library. These were ordered via direct recommendations from the students at Hargrave Park



Library



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

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



Online safety



Many children and young people may receive new devices for accessing the internet as gifts this holiday season.

Here is a link to some good advice about staying safe online this Christmas from the UK Safer Internet Centre.

[Top tips for staying safe online at Christmas - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



Antisocial behaviour: please let us know!

A number of our parents have raised concerns regarding anti-social behaviour that they and their children have witnessed on Bredgar Road and Hargrave Park.

There is a concern that it may have a negative impact on our community and lead to families and children feeling unsafe as they travel to and from school.

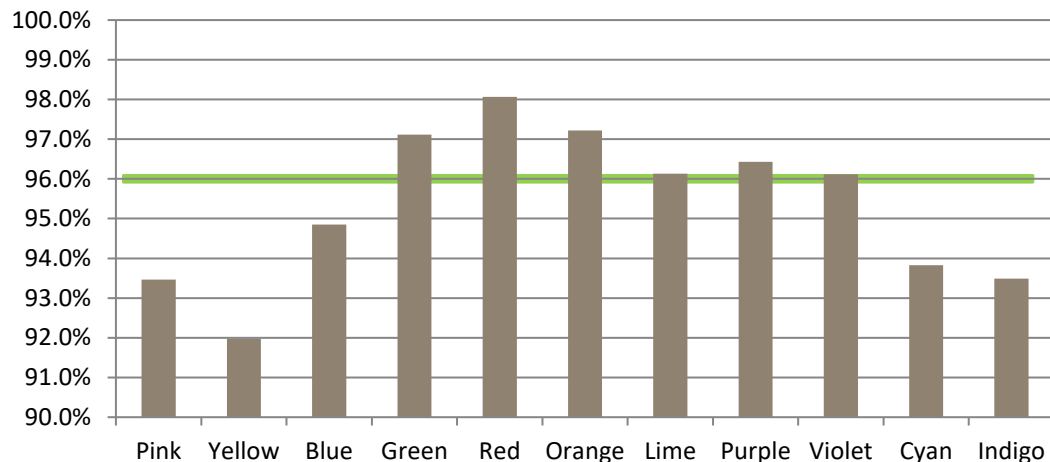
The behaviour does not directly involve anyone from our school community, but we are able to report our concerns to our governors, our Safer Schools Officer and local councillors.

If you have witnessed any anti-social behaviour near the school that has caused you concern, please do let us know so we can gather a full picture of concerns before sending our reports to the relevant authorities. This will enable us to work more fully in partnership to seek solutions and agree on actions.

Everyone in our community has the right to feel safe and happy.

Attendance Matters

W/C 8/12/23 – 14/12/23



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Red class for achieving the highest attendance last week, achieving 98.1%
Red class will be rewarded with a prize for their great efforts.

Orange class were second with 97.2%

At Hargrave Park School we believe that good attendance is vital for children's :

Learning and progress, Academic achievement, Mental Health and wellbeing, and personal, social and emotional development

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