

Message from Mrs Horton

Finally we have some sunshine!

The forecast looks very promising for the weekend which is great! Last week we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Jeremy Corbyn. I gave him a short tour of the school where he had the chance to talk with staff and children in class. He also spoke with a group of children, including school councillors, who had prepared some questions. It was a great opportunity to find out about being a politician – and what he both liked about his job, as well as the challenges!

Next week our Year 6 children will take their statutory end of primary school assessments – SATs. They have been very well prepared by the staff working with them to ensure that they can do their very best. On the behalf of the school I would like to extend my thanks to the Year 6 staff team. We have all been very impressed with the way that the children have really ‘leant in’ and engaged with the preparation work needed. They have all shown plenty of ambition and resilience. I have all confidence that they will do themselves proud next week. Good Luck to all of them.

Please do take care to read about the upcoming ‘Dare to be Different’ day on Friday 17th May. Posters are up around school and children have been thinking about the day as part of assembly. It sounds like a great way to fundraise for Frinton! My thanks to Mayani and the Friends of Hargrave Park for the idea. I am sure next Friday will look very DIFFERENT at HP! Please also note the confirmed date of the Summer Fair. We hope to see everyone there! – as well as the sunshine . . . 😊



School uniform is looking better! Well done.

Next thing – PE kits.

Please make sure your child has a Hargrave Park PE kit: white t-shirt and green shorts.

Also, as the weather gets warmer, jumpers tend to get left lying around - please make sure clothes have names in!



Upcoming events

Week beginning 13th May

Mon 13th – Thurs 16th – Year 6 SATs tests

Tues 14th Red Class Local Area Visit

Wed 15th Green Class Local Area Visit

Thurs 16th Blue Class Local Area Visit

Thurs 16th Year 6 trip to Waterlow Park

Fri 17th ‘Dare to be Different’ fundraising day

Week beginning 20th May

Mon 20th Indigo Class to Science Museum

Cyan Class to Science Museum

Tues 21st Y5 and Y6 Cricket Competition

Wed 22nd Red Class Assembly

Fri 24th Sports Day!

Week beginning Mon 27th May – Half term holiday

Week beginning 3rd June

Mon 3rd Children return to school

Tues 4th Lime Class to Kenwood House

Purple Class to Kenwood House

Wed 5th Orange Class to Kenwood House

Violet Class Sailing begins

Thurs 6th Cyan Class Sailing begins

Indigo Class Sailing begins

Week beginning 10th June

Healthy Eating week, Y1 Phonics Screening,

Y4 Multiplication check

Mon 10th Maamulaha Netball Tournament

Fri 14th Y2 London Fire Brigade Workshop

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Handwriting and Presentation @ HP

At Hargrave Park, we want children to be proud of their work as this feeling is linked with having confidence in themselves as independent, ambitious learners.

The language of letter formation!

Did you know we use set language to support letter formation? This week's letter is **A**.

A: down, lift, down, lift and across!

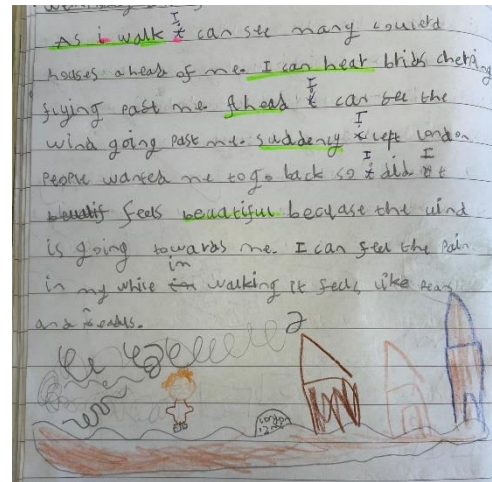
a: start at the top, go all the way round, up to the top, down and flick!

Practice at home!

The school uses the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl. Take a look at the videos below for tips on practice at home and fine motor warm-up exercises. Encourage children to verbalise what they are doing to understand their thought processes as they write.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/oxford-owl-videos/handwriting-videos--1/>

Positive Presentation!



Zhion in KS1 is forming his letters correctly, using ascenders and descenders, and is even beginning to join! He starts writing from the beginning of each line and uses a purple pen to make edits! He finishes his descriptive writing with a colourful picture – well done Zhion!



Amelia-Lilly in LKS2 has perfectly formed letters and is joining mostly consistent. She has made stylistic choices to where her writing and images will go, enhancing her presentation further. A good example of what it means to take pride in our appearance!

A visit from our Local MP – Jeremy Corbyn!

Last Friday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Jeremy Corbyn.

He is a very positive person. When we asked him questions, he asked us questions back!

- *Jasmine*

It felt amazing because I have never met an MP before.

- *Yunus*

He loves the variety of things he gets to do in his job, and he likes helping people in need.

- *Kayden*

He is very good at speaking and confident with what he does. He wants to make London have a better environment and the ocean have less rubbish.

- *Hridhaan*



He likes to talk a lot! He said that he wanted to be a farmer when he was younger.

- *Holly*

When I asked him a question, he asked me a question back and I didn't know what to say!

- *Leon*



He cares for other people. He visited Jamaica for two years when he was younger and helped children.

- *Jessie*

I felt like he wanted to talk to us. He had a lot to say and asked us lots of questions.

- *Josie*

He seems like a nice guy and I'm glad he's our MP. I'm glad to see him finding humour in such a difficult job!

- *Joel*

He is grateful to be an MP because he gets to meet lots of new people – like us!

- *Rayah*

I think he is an incredible person to meet and to work with. He has inspired me to become a better person!

- *Marcelo*



It was very intriguing to see his point of view and how he does his job.

- *Sabrina*

He is happy to be an MP because it's a really important job to help people and protect the environment.

- *Karim*

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE PRIZES

We are on the hunt for summer fair raffle prizes. If you, or someone you know, can donate a prize please get in touch. We would also love some volunteers to help ask local businesses to support our fair with a prize or donation.

WHICH DARE WILL YOU DO?

We are so excited for our brand new fundraising event on Friday 17 May. Children and staff have been dared to be different for the day by choosing one or more of our dares, which are:

- Wear your uniform back to front
- Have crazy hair or wear a hat
- Wear a sports tea, shirt or hoodie
- Wear colourful or odd socks
- Wear pyjamas to school
- Wear a superhero cape

RULES
50p per dare or
all dares £2



COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Be part of the group who plan the events to raise money for the school and bring Hargrave Park families together.

Interested? Or want to know more before you decide?

Email friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF HARGRAVE PARK PRESENTS

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

FRIDAY 17 MAY

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- HAVE CRAZY HAIR OR WEAR A HAT
- WEAR A SPORTS TEAM SHIRT OR A HOODIE
- WEAR COLOURFUL OR ODD SOCKS
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HARGRAVE PARK SCHOOL SUMMER CUPCAKE SALE

Cupcakes £1 each

Monday 20 May 3.30pm
In the playground

Bake you best cupcakes, or pre-sliced traybake and be in with a chance to be crowned 'Star Baker' by judges Mrs Horton and Miss Baverstock

Deliver your bakes to the playground at 3.20pm, or drop them off to reception in the morning.

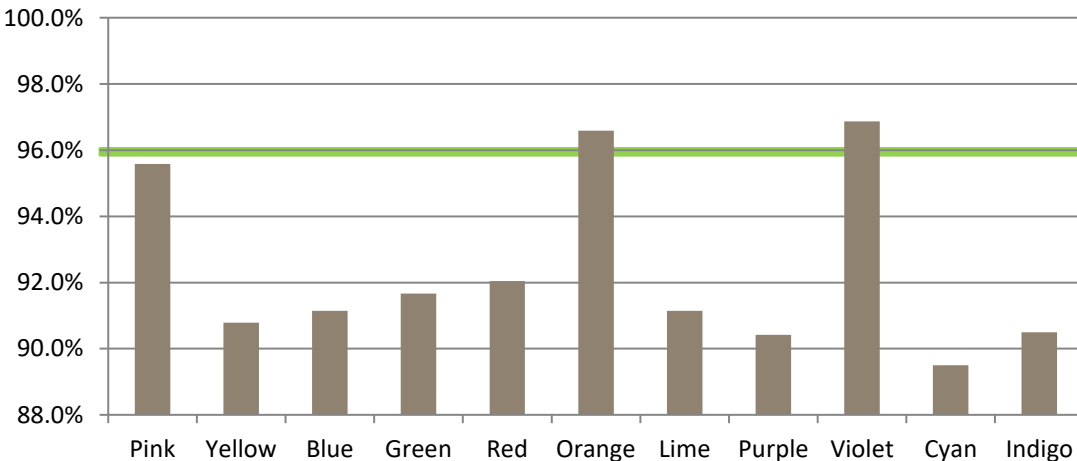
Please label your cupcakes clearly
Absolutely NO NUTS
thank you

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We have seen a big improvement in attendance.
Well done to everyone for trying their best to come in to
school every day!

W/C 03/05/24 - 09/05/24



Best Class Attendance

Best Class Punctuality

Well done to Violet class for
achieving 96.9% attendance this
week

Well done to purple class for
being on time and ready to
learn 97.8% of the time

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

Did you know?

Since September 2023 81
children have always been
in school on time

- 9 children have
100%
Attendance and
Punctuality since
September 2023

89 children have
96-99% attendance

Summer Term Events



Sports Day



Friday 24th May – two weeks today!

More will follow but here is some key information:

Your child needs to:

- wear their PE kit to school on that day
- bring a packed lunch including water
- be suitably dressed as we will be outside while we are there: we recommend a sun hat and sun cream applied at home; your child will need their school jumper and perhaps a waterproof coat.

Families:

- please bring your child to school as normal
- if you would like to come along and support your child, please meet us at Whittington Park

Timings:

events will begin at approx 9.45am
events will finish at approximately 2pm

Frinton-on-sea

We will once again visit Frinton in two groups. Two houses will go on Wednesday 10th July, the other two houses on Tuesday 16th July.

More details to follow soon.

Summer Fair

Save the date – Thursday 18th July

The Friends of Hargrave Park are already planning the Summer Fair, thinking about new stalls and games to include. It is bound to be fun! Bex will open the fair by leading the children in song. It was such a treat last year, so that will definitely be something to look forward to.

Whole School Theme and Exhibition

Following the success of our 'Connecting Continents' exhibition last year, we will be creating another exhibition this summer. This year the whole school theme will be 'Life on the Thames'.

The exhibition will be open to families on 18th and 19th July.



Online safety



The online world is very real and an integral part of modern life.

We need to equip our children and young people to navigate it safely and with confidence.

It can be hard to keep up to date with all the new games and apps, so how can we tell if a game or an app is appropriate for our child?

The NSPCC provide good guidance about guidance about apps and their suitability:

NSPCC

[NSPCC- keeping children safe online – app age ratings](#)

Our views around internet use may not always match those of our children...

The BBC provide some really good advice about how to manage your child's online world without clashing!

[BBC bitesize articles](#)



A message from our SENDCO: Miss D'Orsi

Did you know that there are a wide variety of Special Educational Needs – SEN?

SEN includes different types of barriers to learning. Children with SEN have differences in the way they learn and develop and may require different provision to be made to help them learn.

There are four broad areas of SEN:

- (1) Communication and Interaction
- (2) Cognition and Learning
- (3) Social Emotional Mental Health
- (4) Sensory and/or Physical Needs

In these broad categories there are a wide variety of SEN that children may experience.

At Hargrave Park we help all children to meet their learning needs and to reach their full potential.