

Message from Mrs Horton

Today families will have received a Record of Assessment for their child following our mid-year assessment point, which was just before the half term break. Please do take the time to look at the information and targets prior to attending the individual parent consultations next week.

Strong home-school links are important to support children's learning and progress. This opportunity, to meet face to face with your child's teacher, is invaluable; please do make sure you have signed up for a meeting.

Meetings last for 10 minutes – but a lot can be discussed in a short time. The teacher will talk about your child's learning and progress, discussing their behaviour and attitude to work etc. They may also talk about their attendance and punctuality – as this naturally has an impact on children's progress.

It is also a chance to listen to families. Perhaps there is an important update to share with the teacher, or a concern that needs to be addressed. Senior members of the team will be available too if anything needs further time or consideration. I am very much looking forward to celebrating World Book day on Thursday! I am always so impressed with everyone's creativity to dress up as their favourite character. I am still undecided as to who I will dress up as this year . . . – so I need to get my thinking cap on . . . and quickly!

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Upcoming events

Week beginning 4th March

Tues 5th Pink Class visit to Camley Street
Yellow Class Visit to Camley Street
Tues 5th Parent Consultations
Wed 6th Parent Consultations
UKS2 Parliament Outreach Assembly
Thurs 7th World Book Day

Week beginning 11th March – British Science Week

Mon 11th Cyan Class to Woodberry Wetlands
Mon 11th Maamulaha Tag Rugby Tournament
Mon 11th Cyan and Indigo - Woodberry Wetlands
Mon 11th Red and Green visit to Camley Street
Tues 12th Violet and Purple - Woodberry Wetlands
Tues 12th Blue Class visit to Camley Street
Wed 13th Lime and Orange - Woodberry Wetlands

Week beginning 18th March

Tues 19th Science Ambassadors to Institute of Physics
Wed 20th Reception and Year 6 'National Child Measurement Programme'

Week beginning 25th March

Tues 26th Fluoride Application Day 2
Wed 27th Last Day of term – 2pm finish

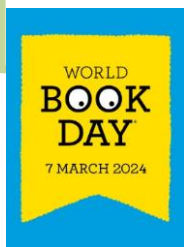
Week beginning 15th April

Mon 15th First Day of Summer Term: All children return

Parent/Carer Consultations

We look forward to seeing you on Tues 5th and Wed 6th March.
If you haven't booked an appointment, please do so.
Each phase has two time slots to choose from:

Tues 5th: LKS2 - am; UKS2 – pm; EYFS and KS1 – twilight
Wed 6th: EYFS - am; KS1 – pm; LKS2 and UKS2 - twilight



Thursday 7th March is World Book Day at Hargrave Park!

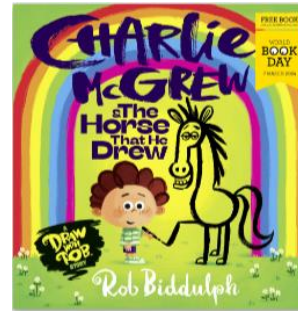
We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone get involved in some form! We have a good tradition of dressing up as our favourite book character from both children and adults alike!

Children will each receive a paper book token on the day. You can find out more info here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>



A few of this year's £1 books!



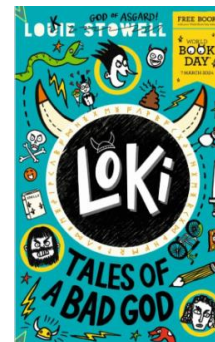
Charlie McGrew & The Horse That He Drew

Charlie McGrew is one creative kid, and when he decides he's going to draw a pet horse, he discovers he must also find ways to keep his new friend happy...



Marv and the Ultimate Superpower

When Marvin puts on his superhero suit he becomes the unstoppable, invincible MARV! Marv can run at super speed, fly through the air, and freeze baddies in their tracks, but all these powers are nothing without kindness...



Loki: Tales of a Bad God

After Norse god Loki played one too many tricks in Asgard, Odin banished him to live on Earth as an eleven-year-old school boy...

Comic Relief - Friday 15th March



We will be marking Comic Relief with a Hargrave Park Joke Competition.

Soon we will share more information with the children. In the meantime, we ask families to get practising all your funniest jokes at home. Children will be performing their jokes in class and the finalists will be performing in assembly, so they will need to speak clearly and with confidence!

Habits of Mind

In assembly this week, the Key Stage 2 children were learning about the habit of 'Taking Responsible Risks'

This means:

- have a go and making mistakes
 - ask questions
- attempt challenges that are safe and sane

Please see links to the videos below.

[responsible risks cartoon](#)

[responsible risks with Bena Callick and Art Costa](#)

Remember: You miss 100% of the shots you don't take!



Payment for After School Club

Hargrave Park After School Club is available to all children from Reception to Year 6.

For the provision to run efficiently, it requires payments to be made regularly.

It has come to light that many parents/carers have built up arrears and are owing money.

Both Islington and Camden councils operate a "No Arrears Policy".

This policy is supported by the full governing body of the school.

If your account is in arrears you will shortly be receiving a letter with details of the amount owing.

We encourage you to clear any arrears as swiftly as possible.

Hargrave Park Expectations

Over the coming weeks we will be having a big re-set of expectations.

School Uniform

Top

Hargrave Park Logo Polo Shirt
Hargrave Park Green Sweatshirt
Hargrave Park Grey Jumper
Hargrave Park Fleece
Green Summer Dress



Bottoms

Grey full length school trousers
Grey knee length skirt
Gingham Green Summer Dress
Grey school shorts



Shoes

Plain all black footwear, no logos, designs or embellishment this includes the soles
Black Sandals can be worn in the summer this must have a back
No boots or wellingtons



Socks/Tights

Plain grey socks
White ankle socks may be worn with Summer dresses only
Tights must be plain grey



Baggage

Hargrave Park Book bag
Hargrave Park Rucksack

Hair Accessories

Plain green or grey only

Jewellery

Earrings – Plain sleepers or studs
Watch for the purpose of telling the time
No other jewellery to be worn

PE Kit

White Hargrave Park School T-shirt
Hargrave Park PE Shorts
PE Bag
Suitable trainers, no logos, designs or embellishment

Packed lunches need to be healthy – the school council have been learning about this with Marjon Willers from Islington's healthy eating team.

Did you know there is a law about what schools can and can't serve for school dinners?

School Council had some ideas about how to make packed lunches fair compared to the rules for school dinners.

Events and competitions for healthy food



We can put up posters in the dinner hall.

We can take photos of the healthiest packed lunches.

Wearing uniform is an important way to foster a sense of belonging. So children need to come to school in uniform every day: children wearing a jumper that is not a HP jumper will be provided with a spare one to wear.

Children must have their **Hargrave Park PE kit** in school - ideally every day, and definitely on their regular PE days.

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.



friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com



The Islington Reading Road Map Short Story Competition!

The following criteria will be used to select the winning entries:

- Creativity
- Imagination
- Use of language
- Originality



Competition requirements

- A maximum of 500 words (all entries will be judged regardless of length)
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will NOT be taken into account. Winning stories will be re-typed with the correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Submissions can include characters from a story the child has read about on one of the current Reading Road Map titles, or simply a character from their imagination.
- The story must be original.



The Islington Reading Road Map Short Story Competition



- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

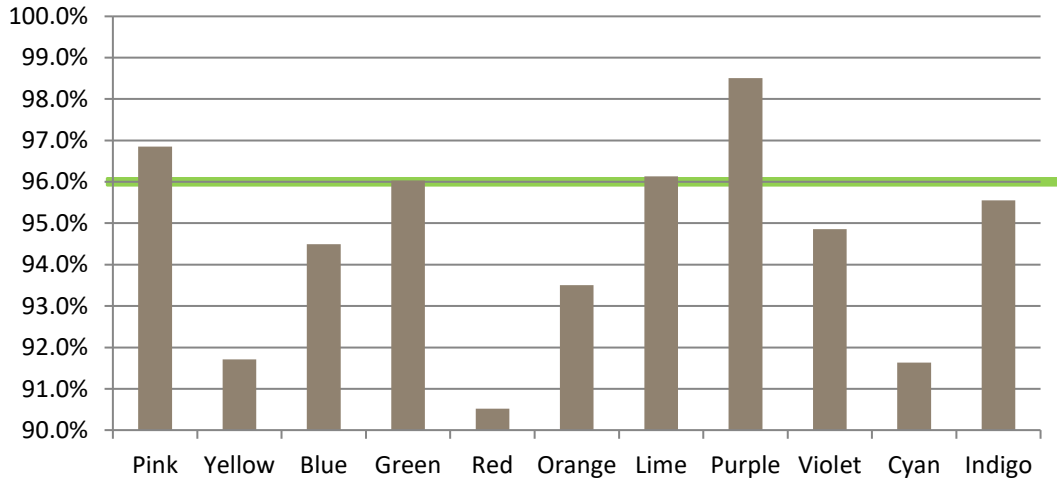
That book will appear on next year's Islington Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to els@islington.gov.uk OR you can hand your story into your local Islington Public Library. OR your teacher can have them sent to us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends 29th of March. Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.
- You can include drawings but they won't count towards the judging



W/C 23/02/24 – 29/02/24



We have seen a big improvement in attendance this past week, with all classes achieving over 90% attendance. Well done to everyone for trying their best to come in to school every day! Let's work now to get closer to our 96% target...

Best Class Attendance

Well done to Purple class for achieving the highest attendance this week, achieving 98.5%
Purple class will be rewarded with a prize for their great efforts.

Medication in School

Your child does not need to be kept at home, just because they are taking medication.

If your child needs to take prescribed medication during the school day, please complete the medical consent form which can be found on the Piota app and hand the medication into the school office.

Email your appointment letters to:
parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk
If your child is ill, please call the office
on 020 7272 3989 choose option 1 to
report your child's absence
before 8.30am