

Message from Mrs Horton

My thanks again to Friends of Hargrave Park for the highly successful 'Dare to be Different' day. The children and staff really enjoyed making a range of 'dares' for the day. It provided lots of scope for children and adults to choose. There was fantastic engagement from everyone.

Thanks to staff and families for making today's Sports Day such a success. The weather 'behaved' itself; not too hot and no rain! – which was lucky after all of the dreadful weather we have experienced over the last few weeks My favourite part of the day is the 'Tug of War!' It is always very dramatic! It is certainly ALWAYS loud!

I would like to send a big Well Done to our year 6 children for their resilience and ambition as they completed their SATs last week. Despite our best efforts to keep everyone on an even keel emotionally and being attuned to any nerves, some children really do find it difficult to not feel overwhelmed, even when they have been well prepared. We were impressed with all of them for trying their very best and persisting.

After half term we are very excited for our whole school theme 'Life on the Thames'. All classes will enjoy their learning, I am sure. We have some good trips in the planning stage and plenty of creative outcomes to celebrate at the end of the year.

I would like to wish all of our children and families a relaxing and very happy half term break. See you in June!

School uniform

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep children in full school uniform. It fosters a sense of pride, belonging and community.

Here is the school uniform web page:

[Hargrave Park – school uniform](#)

And Rough Cut Casuals where you can purchase uniform:

[Rough Cut Casuals – Hargrave Park](#)



Upcoming events

Week beginning Mon 27th May – Half term holiday

Week beginning 3rd June

Mon 3 rd	Children return to school
Tues 4 th	Lime Class to Kenwood House Purple Class to Kenwood House
Wed 5 th	Orange Class to Kenwood House Violet Class Sailing begins
Thurs 6 th	Cyan Class Sailing begins Indigo Class Sailing begins

Week beginning 10th June

Healthy Eating week, Y1 Phonics Screening,
Y4 Multiplication check

Mon 10 th	Maamulaha Netball Tournament
Tue 11 th	Science Ambassadors - Great Science Share

Week beginning 17th June

Mon 17 th	Violet Class – Uber Boat Trip Cyan Class - Uber Boat Trip
Tues 18 th	Orange Class – Uber Boat Trip Purple Class - Uber Boat Trip
Wed 19 th	Cyan Class Assembly Indigo Class – Uber Boat Trip Lime Class - Uber Boat Trip

Week beginning 24th June

Climate Change for Kids – visits to Whittington Park

Wed 26 th	Year 6 Junior Citizenship event
Thur 27 th	KS1 – Thames Explorer Workshops

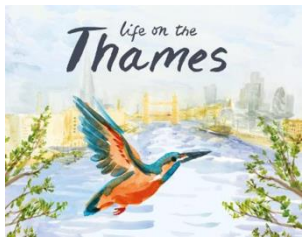
Week beginning 1st July

Key Stage 1 and EYFS Uber Boat trips
Cyan Class Swimming all week

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What wildlife does the Thames provide a home for?



Whole School Theme and Exhibition 'Life on the Thames'

We are busy preparing for the whole school theme which will begin after the half term break.

This year the theme will be 'Life on the Thames'.

How many Thames bridges can you name?



Plans are already underway for boat trips on the Thames, bridge building workshops led by a team from Tower Bridge, in school workshops from the Thames Explorer Trust
To celebrate all the meaningful, high quality outcomes which the children will create, we will be putting on another whole school exhibition – just as we did last year for 'Connecting Continents'.

The 'Life on the Thames' exhibition will be open to families on 18th and 19th July.

Where does the river Thames start?



Do you know any famous paintings of the Thames?



Where does it go?

Where does it end?



How does the river Thames connect us to the rest of the world?

Why did London grow around the Thames?

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 **B**.

B: down, lift and round to you stop and round to you stop!

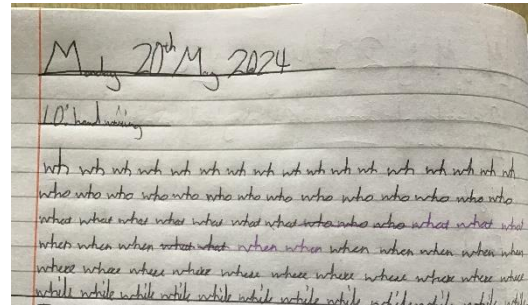
b: start at the top. Go straight down, back up and all the way round.

Practice at home!

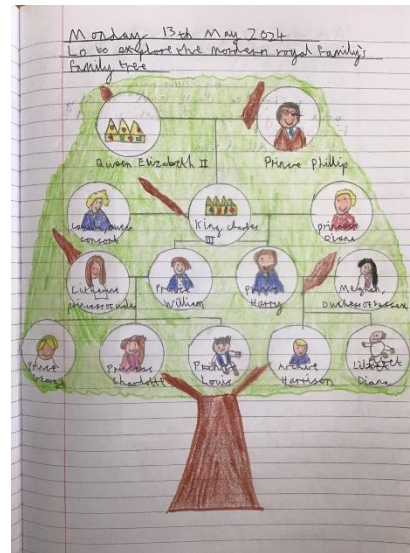
The school uses the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl. Take a look at the videos below for tips on practice at home and fine motor warm-up exercises. Encourage children to verbalise what they are doing to understand their thought processes as they write.

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

Positive Presentation!



Rodas in Year 3 has been working hard at joining her handwriting with accuracy and precision. She is proof that practice makes perfect!



Albert in Year 3 has produced a stunning piece of work. He has taken his time to carefully plan his design, used a ruler for precision and a resource for perfectly formed circles. Albert should feel very proud of this piece of work!

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School



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

Every parent and carer of a child at the school, as well as staff, are automatically a member of Friends of Hargrave Park School.

Run by a committee of parent volunteers, we organise events and activities that aim to build the school community and raise funds to help enhance all Hargrave children's experience of school life.

Being part of the committee or becoming a class rep is a great way to get to know other families in the school as we'd love to have more families involved.

Email Mayani on
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com



Save the Date

SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 18 July 3.30-5.00

This year's summer fair takes place on the playground on Thursday 18 July after school. We are busy planning how to make this year's fair a success but key to all our fairs are the parents who volunteer to help set-up, run a stall for half an hour or pack-up.

If you would like to be part of the Summer Fair team please email friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com to get involved. It is a fantastic way to get to know more families and feel like you're part of something super special. We would love to have two or more parent volunteers from each class to help make it a success.

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE PRIZES

We need prizes for the summer raffle. 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. Without your help we cannot guarantee we will have a summer raffle this year.



Wow! You guys are simply the best.

By taking part in Dare to be Different the school raised a fabulous £255.74!

From colourful braids to odd socks, football kits to pyjamas the walk to school last Friday looked very different indeed. And the joy spilling out of the class rooms at pick up was delightful.

Thank you to all the children, their parents, and the staff who dared to be different for the day.

Every penny raised will go towards enriching all Hargrave Park children's experience of school life.





Online safety



The most common online safety issue we address at school is when people have been unkind on social media.

Social platforms have age restrictions. One reason for this is that group chats can easily become difficult to navigate.

Did you know...

Snapchat, Tiktok and Instagram all have age restrictions of 13+

It is hard to balance this with the benefits that social media offer – such as staying connected with friends, and of course your child may feel very strongly that they want these apps and it can be hard to say no!

Here are links to some advice for families:

[NSPCC - social-media](#)

[NSPCC - tiktok](#)

[NSPCC - chat-apps](#)

A message from our SENDCO: Miss D'Orsi

Many children who have SEN have difficulties with communication and language. Have you ever thought about the stages that children go through when they develop language and speaking skills?

You may be surprised by the stages of speech and language acquisition:

Attention and Listening

Play

Understanding

Talking

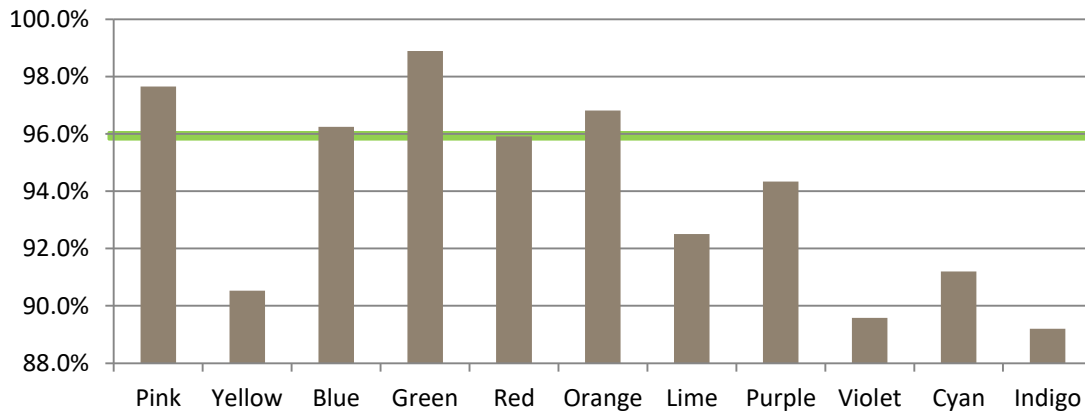
Speech Sounds (Pronunciation)

The development of attention and listening skills are fundamental in helping children to build their skills further.

The development of attention and listening helps children to process language and make sense of the world around them.

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 17/05/24 - 24/05/24



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Green class for
achieving 98.9% attendance this
week

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

Best Class Punctuality

Well done to Yellow class for
being on time and ready to
learn 100% of the time

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

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.

Healthy lifestyles

We are working hard in school to promote healthy eating.

For example: we work closely with Caterlink to provide a range of healthy and enjoyable food every day in school dinners; we have reviewed our snack baskets and we have provided clear guidelines for healthy choices for packed lunches.

It can sometimes be a challenge to support our young people to make healthy choices.

Please see details of a workshop run by the Brandon Centre which works with families to help children and young people develop a healthy relationship with food.



**Families, Food & Feelings
Parenting Workshop**

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children aged 5-17 who live in, are registered with a GP or attend school in Islington or Camden. This workshop is suitable for parents of children or teens who are above a healthy weight.

Date: 4th June 2024
Time: 10:00-12:00
Online

Friendly facilitators provide strategies and insight to help parents feel confident in:

- Making mealtimes enjoyable
- Setting healthy boundaries
- Encouraging children and young people to eat more fruit and vegetables
- Modelling healthy behaviours
- Understanding emotional eating
- Helping children and young people to have a healthy relationship with food and more...

Register through this link:

[Register for the Families, Food and Feelings Parent Workshop](#)

Email brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net for more information.

There are many activities on offer in the local area over the half term. Here are two that you might like to try...

ArchwayLibrary
ReadLearnConnect

HALF TERM CRAFT EVENT



Kick off the Euros 24 and make your own table football game and/or a flag to support your team during the competition!

Friday 31 May, 2.30-4pm

A family event suitable for children of all ages.

Archway Library
Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, N19 5PH
020 7527 7820



**MAY HALF TERM
YOUTH PROJECT**  **BOOK
NOW**

Tues 28th
to
Fri 30th May
11am - 4pm
(ages 8-17)

**BOOK
NOW**

01 All skill levels
Beginners or advanced,
all are welcome to join

02 Sessions
Starting in the basin, and
progressing onto the canal

03 Equipment
Everything you need is provided.
Please wear loose fitting layers
of clothing and deck shoes or
trainers.

Full day - £10

bookable in advance.
Morning or afternoon
sessions.
First come first served
at the gate.
IF spaces are available

please email
darren@islingtonboatclub.com

Concessions - POA

**ISLINGTON
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REGENTS CANAL CITY ROAD BASIN

<https://bookwhen.com/youthclub#focus=ev-svv3-20240528110000>

CONTACT @ islingtonboatclub.com ☎ 020 7253 0778 @ bookings@islingtonboatclub.com
Companies House 01743087 Charity Commission 287680

[Half term Kayaking Booking Link](#)

Follow this link for more... [Things to do in Islington](#)

would you like to be a families for life community champion?

we're looking for
inspirational volunteers
to encourage families
in islington to get
active and eat well

training
provided



families for life programmes offer free
healthy eating and active play activities
for families with children aged 2 to 11

You can
become a
Families for Life
Community Champion
if you are:

- Passionate about improving the health of your community
- An Islington Parent with child at an Islington primary or secondary school

Available to volunteer a
few hours per week

what do families for life community champions do?

- They are volunteers who help families access services in Islington, particularly Families for Life programmes
- Support families to feel good and live well
- Talk to families about healthy lifestyles, mental health, and wellbeing at the school gate and school events

what are the benefits of being a community champion?

- Flexibility to fit volunteering around your routine
- Access to free training and ongoing support
- Learn about health and wellbeing
- Meet new people
- Improve your communication skills
- Boost your confidence

**if this sounds like you and you're interested in being part of our
champions team, please contact:**

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