

Message from Mrs Horton

It has been a wet and grey end to a short, but very productive half term!

Mid-year assessments have been completed and the priority after the half term break is the important analysis and evaluation of all the data to consider attainment and progress.

In the week beginning the 4th March we invite families to parent/carer consultations with their child's class teacher. We have a choice of appointments across the day to support flexibility for parents as well as workload for teachers. Please do make the most of this opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress.

Further in this newsletter there is detail on what staff will be learning in our INSET day tomorrow. We have a busy timetable planned for all of the school teams. Key priorities are around the development of vocabulary; the use of Makaton (simple signing) and the best strategies to strengthen quality questioning from teaching staff. You will also see some feedback from our newly appointed School Councillors about Online Safety Week here at HP. All classes have been learning about this important element of safeguarding at an age and stage appropriate level. We have had assemblies dedicated to thinking about staying safe online, led by Miss Makima, our Computing Lead. The aim is for children to have a positive relationship with the digital world. Children are engaging with the internet and social media at a younger and younger age. It is important that adults know and understand about this part of their life, so that the right boundaries and safeguards can be put in place.

Parent/Carer Consultations

...save the date, more details will follow...

Tues 5th March

a.m - Lower KS2

p.m - Upper KS2

after school – KS1 & EYFS

Wed 6th March:

a.m - EYFS

p.m - KS1

after school – KS2

Upcoming events

Week beginning 12th February – Half Term Break

Week beginning 19th February

Tues 20th Lime Class to Royal Courts of Justice

Wed 21st Green Class Assembly

Thurs 22nd Sophie Izzard – Bright Start - in school

Thurs 22nd Year 5 & 6 Arsenal Football competition

Thurs 22nd Purple Class to Royal Courts of Justice

Week beginning 26th February

Tues 27th KS1 Road Safety Assembly

Wed 28th Lime Class Assembly

Fri 1st Records of Assessment sent home

Week beginning 4th March

Tues 5th Pink Class visit to Camley Street

Tues 5th Parent Consultations

Wed 6th Parent Consultations

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

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

Wed 20th Indigo Class Assembly

Wed 20th Reception and Year 6 'National Child Measurement Programme'

In the Newsletter today:

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Online Safety and Safer Internet Day

The newly elected school councillors from Key Stage 1 shared their key learning from online safety week and safer internet day.

We watched a video where a boy got scared of something he saw on his iPad. Sometimes I play on roblox with my cousin. My brother knows how to make a game private.
Muad – Red Class

I know I'm safe when I'm playing roblox because I've got a password and I keep it private. Sometimes people online might trick you so be careful who you trust.
Anya – Green Class

We made a poster in the iPad about playing safe online - only play games that your mum and dad say are ok. You can make a private server on roblox and only invite people you know.
Zion - Red Class

Don't share personal information or passwords. Being school council is a great opportunity to share what we know about online safety.
Ayla-Ryann – Blue Class

I like watching cartoons online. It makes me happy.
Yeva – Green Class

I like playing my makeup game. I know I'm safe because I play the game by myself.
Maddison – Blue Class



Childnet is a great place to find support to:

- Start discussions about your child's online life
- Set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use
- Find out where to get more help and support.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>



Head lice



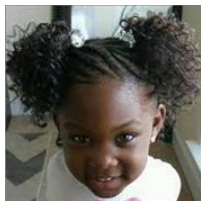
Unfortunately, head lice are a fact of life in primary schools.

Sometimes it feels like a never-ending task to keep them at bay. Remember to check and comb your hair regularly.

The best way to manage it is if they cannot get into your hair in the first place!

Make life harder for them by tying your hair back if you have long hair.

You might like to try a few styles like these – bunches are great!



INSET day – Friday 9th February

There will be no school for the children tomorrow – Friday 9th February, as we have an INSET day for our staff.

Training is so important for us to continue to develop our professional knowledge and skills so we can do our very best for all the children of Hargrave Park. Different teams will have different priorities and it has all been very carefully thought through against the school's 'Learning Improvement Plan'. Here are some examples of what will be happening... Sally-Ann Fraser – our speech therapist – will share effective strategies for teaching new vocabulary, plus a Makaton refresher. Makaton is simple sign language which supports children who are just beginning to communicate to make their needs and wishes known.

The teachers will be developing their 'Teaching Toolkit' by learning about Barak Rosenshine's 'Principles of Instruction'. This is a set of researched-based effective strategies for teaching and learning which make use of everything we know about cognition and the science of learning.

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.

Toddler Room Buggy Storage

A gentle reminder that the space in the reception area is designated for the storage of buggies and items belonging to children in the Toddler Room. All buggies left here must be folded to be stored in the space. This ensures there is enough space for all. Please also be mindful of placing and storing items with care, so as not to damage other people's belongings. Items left in this space are left at the owner's risk. Hargrave Park do not take responsibility for any damage to belongings. Scooters and bikes of children in Nursery and older are to be left in the scooter park in the playground.

Habits of mind

Through recent assemblies, the children have been refreshing their knowledge and understanding of the Habits of Mind. These are a set of sixteen learning behaviours which help children to be successful in learning and life in general! Here are two to give you an idea:

Listening with Empathy and Understanding

Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas; make an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions



Managing Impulsivity

Take your time! Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.

Walking to school matters!

Having noticed an increasing number of Nursery children coming to school in buggies we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of walking to Nursery if possible. Walking this journey may mean setting off a little earlier but gives children the chance to strengthen growing legs and develop coordination and balance. It can also provide time to talk about what you can see along the way, developing speech and language skills. Using a scooter can also provide an alternative to coming to Nursery in a buggy.


Links to further information:

<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/features/article/eyfs-activities-birth-to-three-walking>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/balance-coordination/zsg8mbk>

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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

We are a small, fun, friendly group of parents organising events and activities to build the school community and, raise funds for the benefit of Hargrave Park children to enhance their experience of school life.

We are run by a committee of parent volunteers - anyone can get involved. Please consider being part of the committee or a class rep next year as we'd love to have more families involved.

Email Mayani on friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

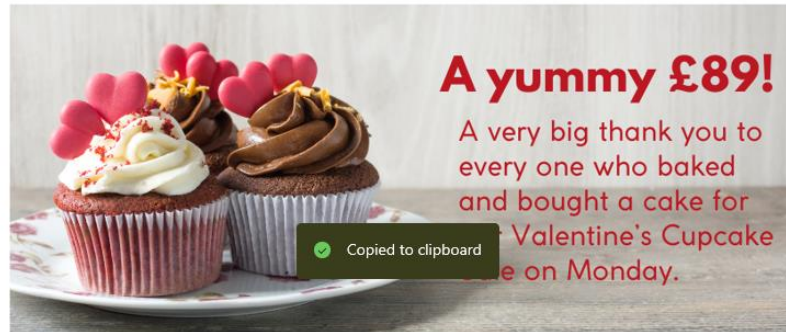


If you would like to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle please let us know. Tickets will go on sale around mid-March with all proceeds going towards new school music equipment and coaches to Frinton.

Would you like to host an event?

If you have an idea for an event you would like to run for the Friends of Hargrave Park please let us know. We are looking for new ideas that will provide the chance for families to get together or will raise money for the school.

You may want to host a quiz night, games afternoon or a coffee morning. Just let us know.



A yummy £89!

A very big thank you to every one who baked and bought a cake for Valentine's Cupcake e on Monday.



Join Your Class WhatsApp

We have created WhatsApp groups to support communication between parents, carers and the Friends for class groups. If you would like to join your group please email us with the colour class your child is in and we'll send you the link. (Please note these groups are independent from the school and teachers.)

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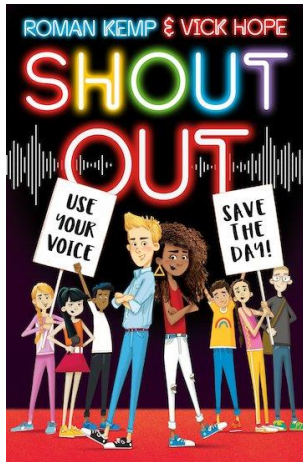


Children's Mental Health Week

Book recommendations

(These books can be found in the school library)

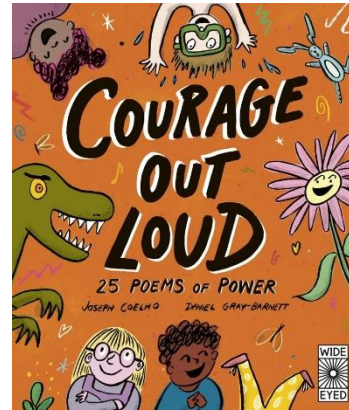
Looking for a new book to borrow?



'Shout Out' has themes of speaking out and standing up for what you believe in running through it.

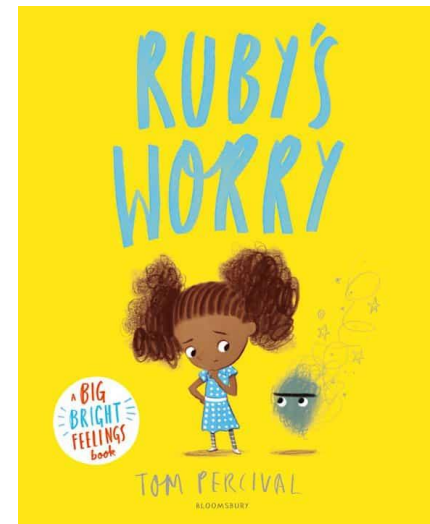
"You can make a difference to the future of our society, of our culture, of our country...I hope young people realise that not only does their voice matter, that they can use it in any way that they want" says co-author Vick Hope

Recommended for UKS2



Ruby's Worry is an important book to share with young people. It teaches them about sharing their troubles rather than letting them spiral out of control!

Recommended for EYFS and
KS1



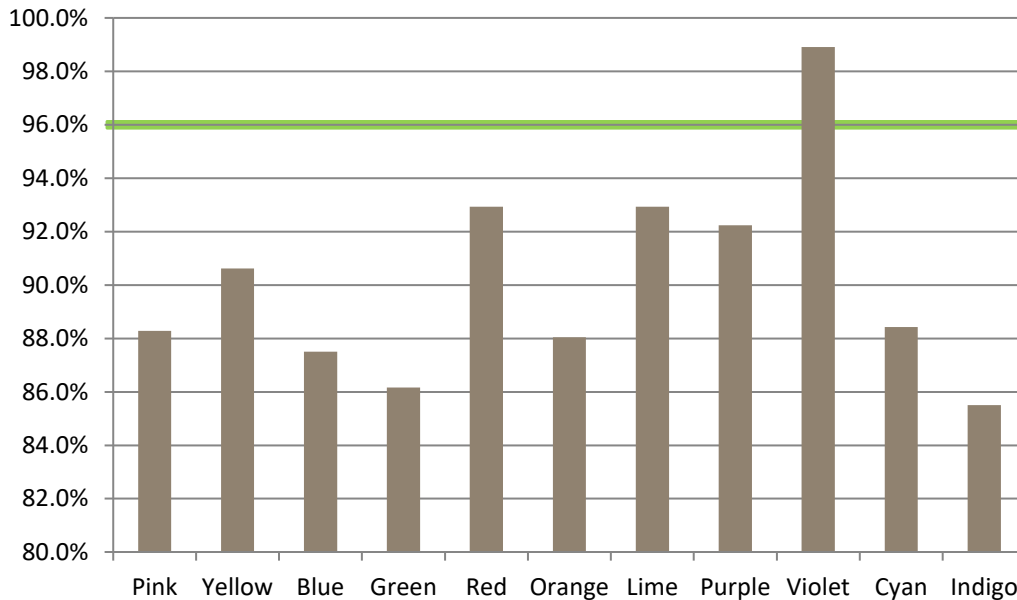
Please take the time to look for any overdue library books.

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

Library



W/C 02/02/24 – 07/02/24



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Violet class for achieving the highest attendance this week, achieving 98.9%

Violet 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

Bright Futures and Bright Start Events

Adult Community Learning



FREE half-term Family Learning event for families with children aged 5-19:

Wednesday 14th February 2024

10.30am – 4.30pm

Andover Community Centre, 55-57 Corker Walk, N7 7RY

Join us for a free valentine themed family learning event. Learn new skills, increase confidence, be inspired, and enhance your family relations.

Snacks/refreshments will be provided. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch if you wish to join us all day!

Perfect pom-pom pets: 10.30am – 12pm

Learn how to make your own fun and unique characters using pom-poms. You can create anything; your imagination is your limit!

Pop-up book making: 1pm – 2.30pm

Create a simple story using basic pop ups to bring your story to life in 3-D dimensions.

Jewellery making: 3pm – 4.30pm

Make your own personalised bracelets using memory wire for adults and elastic for younger participants.

To book a place, please text Amanda on 07740 516 626



Special Events for
Dads and Male Carers
With children aged 0-5 years

Saturday 2024 sessions. 10am – 12noon:

- Jan 27th – New River Green Children’s Centre
- Feb 10th – Willow Children’s Centre
- Feb 24th – Bemerton Children’s Centre
- March 9th – Willow Children’s Centre
- March 23rd – Islington Ecology Centre
- April 6th – Bemerton Children’s Centre

Free refreshments for you and your child.

Free event for all Islington Dads and male carers.

No booking required, just turn up on the dates!

Themed activities on each date.

For more information:

brightstartcentral@islington.gov.uk

020 7527 8465

- gain confidence exploring the outdoors,
- take part in nature activities,
- learn about the natural world,
- get ideas for outdoor play and learning,
- Meet other Dads, Uncles, Grandads, and male carers from the local area

Family Hubs, Start for Life

