

## Message from Mrs Horton

Today we have been visited by Nana Akwa - assessing our Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) application. This is the final stage in a long project that has been coordinated across the last two years or so. It has been a collaborative process so thank you very much to all members of the school community who contributed. Nana visited a range of spaces across the school and spoke with children, families, governors and a range of staff members. Special thanks to Miss Baverstock for her excellent leadership. She has put in a great deal of hard work and careful consideration to enhance the inclusive provision for all of our children.

Later in the newsletter you will see photos of the playground science share that was led by Science Ambassadors last week. It proved very popular! Our new Science Ambassadors are now in place and they visited Gillespie on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Embracing Difference event. A big thank you to Miss Cottington for coordinating.

Work is under way behind the scenes for the Winter Fair. Thank you to all the Friends of Hargrave Park for your continued dedication to our community. As ever, in order to ensure a successful Winter Fair we need help from all families!

Families can help by buying raffle tickets, bringing a contribution for the tombola and class hampers, or by donating a raffle prize.

We will be collecting for these in the playground and in classrooms from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – there is more information about Christmas on pages 2, 9 and 10.

Less fun, but very important - please take note of the message on page 8 from our Police Community Support Officer regarding parking near the school.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

## Upcoming events

### Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Fire Safety Workshop
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lime Class to Clip 'n' Climb
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Green Class Assembly</b>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Class to Clip 'n' Climb
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Purple Class to Clip 'n' Climb Flu Vaccine Reception – Y6

### Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Indigo Class Assembly</b>
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sophie Izzard from Bright Futures in school
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Boccia competition Nursery to Little Angel Theatre a.m. Red and Green to Little Angel Theatre p.m

### Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Year 6 Cricket
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 to Hackney Empire – 5pm return
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pink and Blue to Little Angel Theatre a.m

### Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	3pm Nursery families Christmas singalong
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 – 5pm Winter Fair
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	3pm Under 3s families Christmas singalong
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	Winter concerts: 9:15 – Pink and Blue Class 1:30 – Green and Red Class 2:15 – Lower KS2 3pm – Upper KS2

More info on Christmas events – see pages 9 and 10

### In the Newsletter today:

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Our Parent and Staff Association

## Friends of Hargrave Park School



Want to get in touch? Email us at:  
[friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com)



### HELP ADD THE SPARKLE TO OUR WINTER FAIR

Join us for an afternoon of festive fun and this year's Winter Fair on Tuesday 17 December from 3.30pm.

#### BE PART OF THE WINTER FAIR TEAM

Could you help to decorate the Santa's Grotto and set-up the stalls between 1 and 3 pm or help at the fair between 3.30pm-5.00pm? We would love more people join us on the day. Email [friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com)

#### DONATE TO THE TOMBOLA, ELFRIDGES AND YOUR CLASS HAMPERS

Collection for the Tombola, class hampers and Elfridges, will begin from Tuesday 3 December. There will be boxes on the playground at drop-off and pick-up for your items.

The class hampers are donated as part of the raffle and usually include yummy treats for families to enjoy over the holidays. Tombola prizes could be anything from pre-loved toys and books, unwanted gifts and food items.

Elfridges is our gift wrap stand where children can choose a present for a loved one and have it wrapped at the fair.

#### Joint Class Teacher Presents

Online GiftRounds have been created for each class teacher and assistant for those families who would like to contribute to a joint gift this year. Links have been shared on each class WhatsApp groups or you can email [friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com) with your class name and we will send you the link for your class teachers.



### Upcoming Event Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17 December 3.30-5.00  
Winter Fair & Santa's Grotto

Friday 24 January 8.50-9.30  
Parent & Carer Coffee Morning

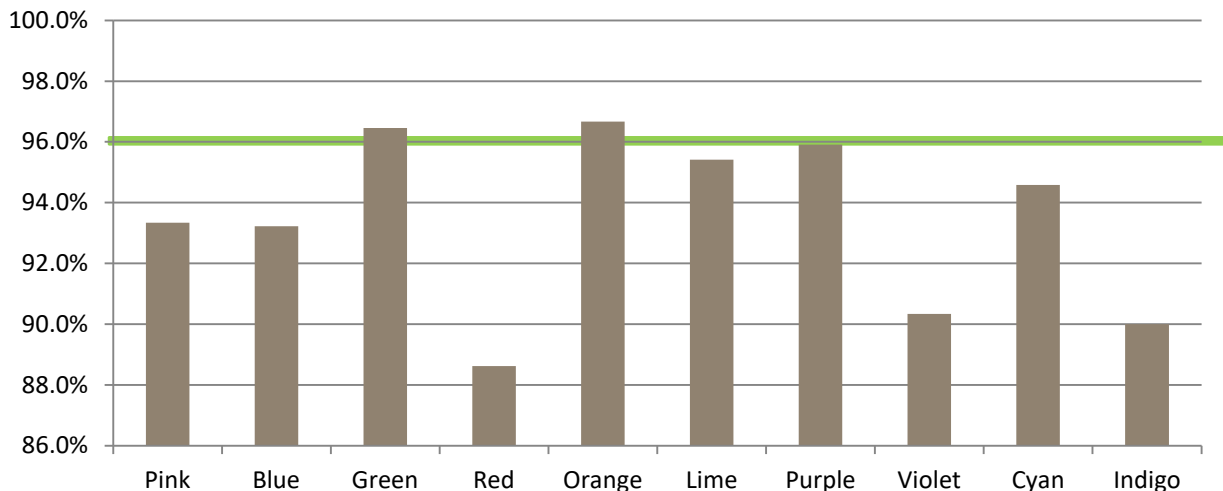
Monday 10 February  
Valentine's Cupcake Sale

Thursday 17 July  
Summer Fair

Coming up  
★ Friends Quiz Night  
★ School Lottery  
★ Dare to be Different Day



## W/C 15/11/24 – 21/11/24



### Best Class Attendance

Well done to Orange class. They achieved 96.7% attendance this week. Orange class will be rewarded with a prize for their great efforts.

### Medication in School

Please ensure your child has their asthma pump and spacer in school. Children may need them more in the cold and damp weather.

If your child has prescribed medication that they may need in school eg asthma pump, epi-pen, buccolam or antibiotics a medical form must be completed on the Piota app.

You may be asked to complete a medical care plan and provide supporting documents.

**All medication must be handed in to the school office.**

# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



## A message from our SENDCO: Miss D'Orsi

### How can we help children to develop early language skills? We can use 'Adult-Child Interactions'

**Adult-Child Interactions** refers to ways in which adults can interact with children to support the development of language acquisition. These types of interactions may seem very simple, however, they have been found to be very important in helping children develop language skills. **The more frequently these types of interactions occur, the more children are able to learn through these types of interactions.**



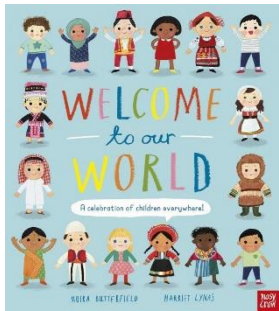
#### What can we do in adult-child interactions?

- **Sit face to face with the child** – this shows you are interested and want to play; being face to face also helps with understanding and learning about non-verbal communication

**Examples of non-verbal communication:** eye gaze – looking at what is most interesting; facial expressions – showing surprise, excitement etc., body language – showing levels of interest, gesture – pointing to items

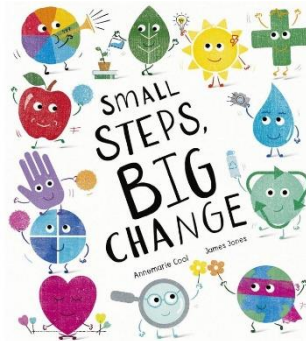
- **Let the child choose the toy** – we all learn more when we are interested in an activity; offer your child a choice of 2 to 3 activities at least one of which you know they enjoy
- **Share personal space** – get down to your child's level and share space with them
- **Follow what the child wants to do with the toys** – children like to be able to experiment and explore, if you allow them to lead and you follow their ideas, they are more likely to engage in playing with you
- **Wait for the child to start the interaction** – children with language difficulties may take a longer time to respond to what we are saying to them, give the child time to start the interaction, wait for their non-verbal or verbal communication
- **Show you are listening** by looking at them, copying what they say, adding to what they say and answering them
- **Give your child time to respond to what you are saying** – children need time to process language as they are learning to match the words you are saying to an object or event, understand the meanings of the words, think of what they want to say next, find the right words and put the words in the right order, and put the right sounds in in each word
- **Talk about what the child is doing** – describe aloud what they are doing as part of your interaction; as you do this you are providing the child with the right words to match whatever they are playing with and interested in
- **Don't ask too many questions** – instead turn your questions into comments
- **Joint action** - interact together with joint physical actions
- **Give specific praise by commenting on what the child has done** - praise is important in building self-esteem, building relationships and in enjoying activities. These simple techniques go far in helping children to develop language skills.

Our library is amazing!  
We have a large selection of non-fiction books to choose from. What would you like to learn about today?



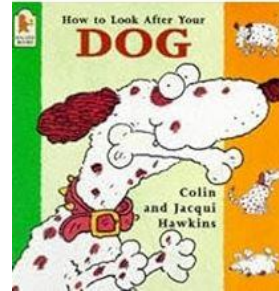
Young children can learn all about what people in other countries eat, wear and play, and how they speak and celebrate.

From making puppets out of old socks, to spreading kindness and protecting our oceans, small ways we can all make a difference.

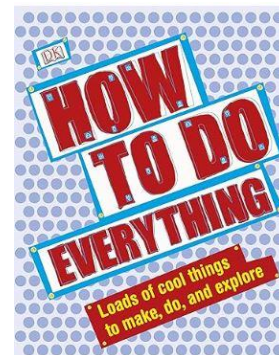


Recommended for EYFS and Year 1

## Recommended for both KS1 and KS2

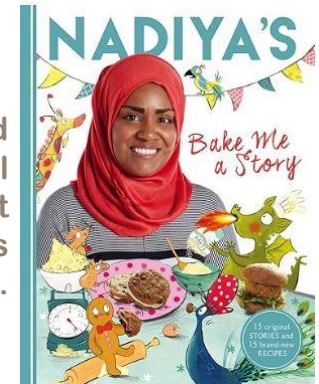


We have books on how to look after a wide variety of pets including this one on dogs. With tips on feeding and training with funny illustrations.



Full of hundreds of facts and pictures from how to put up a tent, flip a pancake, spot stars, fix a puncture.

**Don't forget to return your borrowed books to the library so others can enjoy them. Thank you**



Storybook and cookbook, with all savoury and sweet recipes and stories written by Nadiya.

Library





**Our Science ambassadors  
have really enjoyed their  
weekly STEM Club with Meg  
Begley.**

**They held a celebration event in  
the playground last Thursday  
so that all children could come  
and try out some of the fun  
experiments they have been  
working on.**





### Road safety and parking

We received a message from Mihaela Sonstrop, a Police Community Support Officer from Junction Safer Neighbourhood Team, regarding parents parking vehicles at the junction of Bredgar Road and Dartmouth Park Hill. She has asked us to share it with families:

We have been informed that the junction into Bredgar Road from Dartmouth Park Hill is getting blocked by parked cars from parents picking up their children. This is a safety issue: there is reduced visibility for other car users, leading to a number of collisions; children are less visible to drivers.

Please park safely and considerately when collecting your child.

If you wish to discuss anything or raise any concerns, we are happy to listen and take action. You can:

- send the teacher a message on Tapestry or Seesaw
- speak to a member of staff in the playground in the morning or afternoon
- speak to the teacher at home time
- email [parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk)

If you would like to raise a concern at the end of the day, please talk to a member of the leadership team on the playground or wait for the teacher to dismiss all children safely.

If you have a concern about the behaviour of a child who is not your own, please speak to a member of staff about it. Do not approach other parents or other people's children directly.

### Head lice



We have been made aware of a number of cases of head lice in school.

Firstly, don't worry!

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Follow this link for the best advice on how to tackle this irritating fact of life...

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

### After school club booking arrangements

If you register your child for After School Club, you will be charged even if your child doesn't attend. This is because the school ensures appropriate staffing based on places booked. If you have booked a place, it has been staffed accordingly and therefore must be paid for, whether used or not.

If you wish to remove your child from the register, you must inform us by email.





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Little Angel Theatre: a.m Nursery – Rosie Robin and the Christmas Post p.m. Red and Green – Singing Mermaid
<p>Raffle tickets for sale in playground, collection boxes for tombola and raffle prizes in playground, contributions for class hampers to class teachers.</p>				
9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day	12 <sup>th</sup> p.m KS2 to Hackney Empire Dick Whittington and his Cat - return approx 5pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Little Angel Theatre a.m Pink Class and Blue Class – Rosie Robin and the Christmas Post
<p>Raffle tickets for sale in playground, collection boxes for tombola and raffle prizes in playground, contributions for class hampers to class teachers.</p>				
16 <sup>th</sup> 3pm Nursery families Christmas sing-along	17 <sup>th</sup> 3:30-5pm Winter Fair	18 <sup>th</sup> a.m. R - Y6 Holloway Odeon To see Moana 2 <a href="https://youtu.be/qkgkUCqEum4">https://youtu.be/qkgkUCqEum4</a> 3pm: Under 3s families Christmas sing-along - toddler room.	19 <sup>th</sup> Winter concerts Middle Hall - Families invited 9:15 – Pink and Blue Class 1:30pm – Green and Red Class 2:15pm – LKS2 3pm – UKS2	20 <sup>th</sup> Last Day of term 2pm finish

## Theatre Visits

**Fri 6th Dec**

Little Angel Theatre

a.m Nursery – Rosie Robin and the  
Christmas Post  
p.m. Red and Green – The Singing  
Mermaid

**Thur 12th Dec**

Dick Whittington and his Cat  
Hackney Empire

p.m KS2

NB KS2 will return at approx 5pm

**Fri 13th Dec**

Little Angel Theatre

a.m Pink Class and Blue Class – Rosie  
Robin and the Christmas Post

## Cinema Visit

**Wed 18th Dec**

Reception to year 6  
Holloway Odeon  
To see Moana 2

## Winter concerts

**Mon 16th Dec at 3pm**

Nursery families invited  
Christmas sing-along in the  
Nursery

**Wed 18th Dec at 3pm**

Under 3s families invited  
Christmas sing-along in the  
toddler room.



**Thurs 19th Dec**

Winter concerts

Middle Hall

Families invited



9:15 – Pink and Blue Class

1:30pm – Green and Red  
Class

2:15pm – Lower KS2

3pm – Upper KS2



# Winter fun!



## Christmas Dinner

## Christmas Jumper Day

**Wed 11th December**

Children will enjoy a traditional  
Christmas dinner at lunch  
time, wearing Christmas  
jumpers and pulling Christmas  
crackers!



## Winter Fair

**Tues 17th Dec**

3:30-5pm

See page 2 for more details  
about how you can support  
this event to be successful