

Message from Mrs Horton

In assembly this week we talked about the need to ‘re-set’ full compliance for our school rules with regard to moving around the school at playtimes and lunchtimes. We used the terms ‘Respecting the Rules’ and ‘Showing our Independence’ – drawing on 2 of our school values.

After half term we will not allow toys or slime into school. We have also looked at storage for coats and bags and reminded children of where they need to keep their things so that they don’t get misplaced!

Please support us in this by ensuring your child’s uniform, bag and coat are labelled. (*more info on Page 2*)

The half term concluded with our mid-year assessment point.

After the break, class teachers will have Pupil Progress Reviews with the Assistant Head teachers, Miss Jones and Mr Long, to review the attainment and progress of each child. Parents will receive a Record of Assessment (ROA) on Friday 7th March. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss the ROA and understand your child’s individual targets for the rest of the academic year. Information about booking will be sent via the Arbor app. *More information will come from the office team nearer the time.*

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating World Book Day (get your thinking hats on . . . !) and British Science Week ☺

A big Thank You to FOHP for organising the Valentine’s Day Cake Sale. £56 was raised which will be going towards new playground equipment. House Captains are currently working on that project with the Pastoral Care Team.

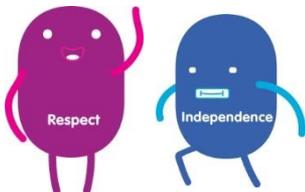
Congratulations to Kaylan in Orange Class, who was our Star Baker ☺

Upcoming events

Mon 24 th Feb	Children return
Wed 26 th Feb	Orange Class Assembly
Tues 4 th Mar	Purple Class Assembly
Tues 4 th Mar	Pink Class to Kentish Town City Farm
Wed 5 th Mar	Lime Class Assembly
Wed 5 th Mar	Blue Class and HP Cabin to Kentish Town City Farm
Thur 6 th Mar	World Book Day!
Thur 6 th Mar	Sophie Izzard Bright Futures in School
Fri 7 th Mar	Records of Attainment sent home to families
w/c 10 th Mar	British Science Week
Mon 10 th Mar	Maamulaha Tag Rugby Competition
Tues 11 th Mar	Parent Consultations a.m – Lower KS2, p.m – Upper KS2, Twilight EYFS, KS1 and Purple Class
Wed 12 th Mar	Parent Consultations a.m EYFS, p.m KS1 Twilight – Lime Orange, Upper KS2
Wed 12 th Mar	Lime Class, Orange Class and Purple Class to Natural History Museum
Thur 13 th Mar	Violet and Cyan Classes to Natural History Museum
Fri 14 th Mar	Red and Green Classes to Natural History Museum
Mon 17 th Mar	Indigo Class to Natural History Museum
Wed 19 th Mar	Violet Class Assembly
Wed 19 th Mar	Cyan Class to Ben Kinsella Workshop
Fri 21 st Mar	Indigo Class to Ben Kinsella Workshop
Mon 24 th Mar	Violet Class to Ben Kinsella Workshop
Wed 26 th Mar	Red Class Assembly
Fri 28 th Mar	Fluoride Varnish team in school

In the Newsletter today:

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We expect children to **Respect the Rules** **Show Independence**

We have been thinking about how to teach children to show independence.
We are re-setting some of the rules.

All adults in school will be clear about the rules and remind children of them!

In assemblies this week we looked at respect and independence in three categories:

Moving around the school

In school we walk
Go out to play, and come back in,
as a class
On the stairs we walk on the left
Children must come to lunch with
their house.

Toys and cards

We had some problems:
Children were bringing more than one toy
Children were bringing toys that are too big
Children were bringing toys into class
Toys get lost, arguments happen about toys,
slime is messy.

NEW Rules for Toys and Cards:

Toys are not allowed.
Slime is not allowed
Cards are currently allowed
but they are *under review...*

Keeping coats and bags safe and tidy

Hang coats and bags outside the HUB for Breakfast Club and After
School Club. Hang coats there for lunch.
Take your coat and bag with you when you go to class in the morning.
Your bag stays on your peg until the end of the day.
Take your packed lunch to the lunch hall on your way to class in the
morning.
To help with this - We will have 'zoned pegs' outside the HUB
All classroom pegs will be relabelled as necessary

Families please help!

Make sure your child's coat, bag and clothing
are clearly labelled with their name.
Do not allow your child to bring any toys to
school.
Sensory objects are allowed as part of an IP only

Competition time

Islington Reading Road Map Short Story Competition is now taking entries

Open to Key Stage 2

It needs to be your own original story

Up to 750 words

It will be marked on it's creativity, imagination,
use of language.

Most importantly, have fun writing it!

Stories must be submitted by 25th April

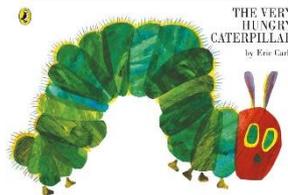
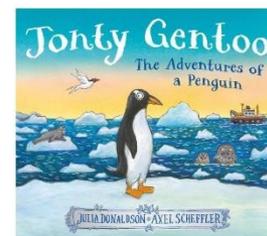
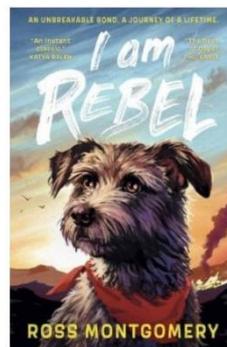
(The Librarian will do this for you)

Winning entries will be printed in a book which
will be included in the Reading Roadmap next
year, with the name of the winners and the
school appearing on the map itself!



Free books to read over half term and all year
round

Did you know you can join local libraries for free
and borrow up to 12 books at once! They stock
the latest books as well as old favourites



Visit a library to sign up or join online.
You can reserve your favourite books and have them
delivered to your closest library

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/libraries/join-islington-libraries/join-now>

You can also access ebooks, magazines and comics
for free

If you are a parent of a child with SEND you are invited to join the Islington parent carer forum - 'a parent-led organisation working with parents and carers, as well as the statutory and voluntary sectors, to improve services for children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs in the borough of Islington.'

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

Find out more and maybe go along to the 'Pizza and Chat' evening for parents and carers.



Pizza & chat

Thursday 27th February
6.30 - 8.30pm
At Ramsay Scout Centre
319 Holloway Road, London, N7 9FU

SEND parent carers evening
Pizza & soft drinks provided
Adult only event

Run by SEND families for SEND families
www.islingtonparentcarerforum.com



What has Dexter been doing...?



On Thursday, Dexter went with the Year 5 and 6 mixed team to the Arsenal football competition, Where Hargrave Park came 5th out of 29 schools!

Dexter was very proud to be their mascot!

 **UK Safer Internet Centre**

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day. Each year UK Safer Internet Centre selects a theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year the theme was **‘Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online’** Children engaged in a range of activities last week, and demonstrated a good understanding of how to protect themselves from scams during our celebration assembly.

This year’s Safer Internet Day also considered the future of scams, answering questions such as:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- What changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

See below link for tips for parents and carers to help children stay safe online.
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Mr Bond managed to acquire tickets for parents and pupils for the upcoming England women's game against Spain on February 26th.

The families who were successful have been informed and will receive tickets after the half term break. Anyone attending, please take some photos on the night and send to the school for us to use in upcoming newsletters!



Hello, We Are Your School Health Team!

You can talk to us about any health issue, including these...

- Bedwetting/ Toileting Problems
- Body Changes/ Personal Hygiene
- Diet and Nutrition
- Dental Health
- Managing Minor Illnesses

We run health and wellbeing clinics in your primary school every 6 weeks. Please fill out a REFERRAL FORM (collect from school reception) or contact us by email/telephone

We are...
 ✓ Confidential
 ✓ Visible
 ✓ Accessible

You can contact us on 020 3316 8021/ whh-tr.IslingtonSchoolNursing@mhs.net where there is a nurse to speak to Mon-Fri 9am- 5pm

Our school nurse, Jonae, will be holding a clinic at Hargrave Park on Tuesday 18th March 2025.

Please see details here for how you can make a referral for you or your child to be seen about any health issues you are concerned about.

Islington School Nursing

You can also speak with Mr Bond if you need assistance in booking a consultation with her.

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!
This week's letter is **M**.

m: Start at the top. Go down, up and over, down, up and over, down, and flick.

M: Down, lift, down and across, up and across, and down.

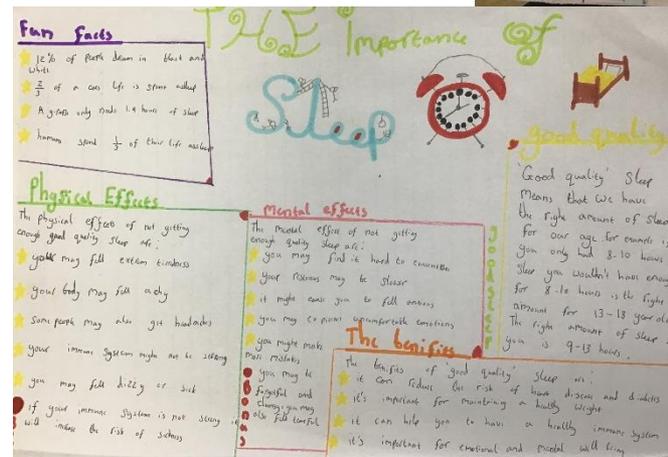
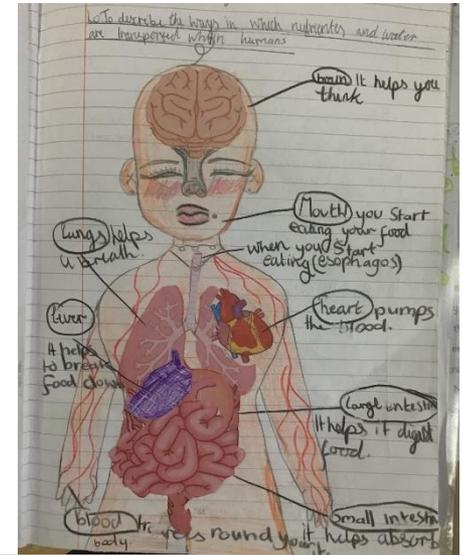
Practice at home!

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/>

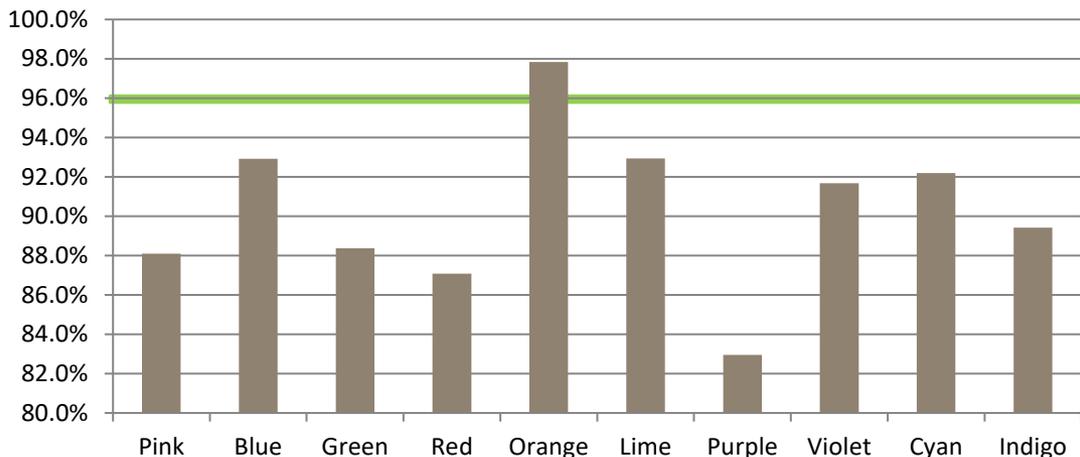
Practicing Presentation!

Violet Class have been learning how to keep our bodies healthy in Science over the last few weeks below. Look at the striking diagram from Layla (right) and colourful poster on sleep from Nancy (below)!



Attendance Matters

W/C 07/02/25 – 12/02/25



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Orange class. They achieved
97.8% attendance this week.
They will be rewarded with a prize for their
great efforts.

Reminder:

If your child has had Diarrhoea and/or vomiting they can return to school **48 hours after the last episode** of diarrhoea or vomiting

Cold or flu – Children should return to school as soon as they feel well enough

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GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS
HIGHER QUALITY OF SUCCESS

Even when you're very **small**,
good attendance makes a
BIG difference!

"Children in the Early Years have little chance of catching up their peers if their attendance is bad.
If they fail to succeed early on in their school careers they are likely to get further behind, disillusionment with education sets in and they become excluded or begin to truant."

Charlie Taylor,
Government's expert advisor
on attendance and behaviour

Regular attendance helps children to:

- Make friends and learn social skills
- Feel settled and happy
- Enjoy their learning
- Benefit from good routines
- Get ready for school

Help your child to succeed in the early years, at school and in adult life

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.



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