

Message from Mrs Horton

You will notice a new logo at the top of this newsletter . . !!

In our last newsletter, I shared that the school had been awarded an IQM Quality Mark (green logo) following an accreditation process at the end of last term.

I am pleased to announce that the full report included the recommendation for HP to be recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion (purple logo). We have completed the necessary paperwork and given our commitment to work with schools across the country in this important area of education over the next 3 years.

Being recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion acknowledges the strong culture and ethos of the school and our commitment to meet the varying needs of our students. It also acknowledges the dedication and hard work of our staff: “Hargrave Park School is an exemplary school that embodies the essence of inclusivity and holistic child-centred education”; “ a true beacon of equality”; “A significant contributor to Hargrave Park School’s success is its team of passionate and dedicated staff.”

I am immensely proud to lead our staff team; they do a great job and they can be confident that their hard work makes a real difference to the children in our school.



Upcoming events

w/c 20 th Jan	Orange Class Swimming
Tues 21 st Jan	Lime Class to British Museum
Tues 21 st Jan	Dance Workshops for Reception and KS1
Tues 21 st Jan	Kurling competition
Wed 22 nd Jan	Blue Class Assembly
Wed 22 nd Jan	Purple Class to British Museum
Thur 23 rd Jan	Sophie Izzard from Bright Futures in school
Fri 24 th Jan	FOHP Parents coffee morning – all welcome
w/c 27 th Jan	Lime Class Swimming
Tues 28 th Jan	Cyan Class to Tower of London
Tues 28 th Jan	Orange Class to British Museum
Wed 29 th Jan	Purple Class Assembly
Wed 29 th Jan	Nursery drama workshops
Wed 29 th Jan	Y5/6 dodgeball competition
w/c 3 rd Feb	Online safety week
w/c 3 rd Feb	Children’s Mental Health Week
Mon 3 rd Feb	Indigo Class to Tower of London
Thur 6 th Feb	Under 11’s Arsenal Girls Football
Fri 7 th Feb	HP House to British Museum
Fri 7 th Feb	Violet Class to Tower of London
Mon 10 th Feb	Valentine’s cupcake sale
Tues 11 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tues 11 th Feb	Science Ambassadors to Institute of Physics
Wed 12 th Feb	Y3/4 Golf competition
Thur 13 th Feb	Under 11’s Arsenal Mixed Football
Fri 14 th Feb	INSET DAY 3 – School Closed for children
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st Feb:	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
Mon 24 th Feb	Children return

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Messages from Mr Bond

**Safer
Internet
Day 2025** | **Tuesday**
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



Safer Internet Day
11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day is coming up fast. Although it shouldn't be the only time in the year when we look at online safety, it does provide a national focus and an opportunity for parents to discuss with their children that challenges that they can face.

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is 'Too good to be true?'

Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.
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- 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?

You can find more information and resources about Safer Internet Day here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

Find Your Islington 

Sports and Physical Activity Opportunities across Islington

There are many sports and physical activity options available to children and their families in the borough.

These links will take families to the vast offer available in Islington both in and out of the school holidays, including physical activity offers for girls only activities.

<https://findyour.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=iE8foP4aTNo>



Bright Futures

On Thursday 23rd January, our Bright Futures Link Worker, Sophie Izzard, will be onsite from 9 am-12 noon. If you would like a consultation with her, please email to request this and Mr Bond will be in touch.

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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

Stay connected by joining your Class WhatsApp

We have parent run class WhatsApp groups to facilitate helpful, and respectful, communication between families. If you would like to join your class group please email us the name of your child's class for the link on friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

📱 Please note the groups are independent from the school and the teachers.

Could you be your class rep? Help keep your class family up to date with key dates or all class messages to make sure families do not miss anything important.

Parent & Carer Coffee Morning Friday 24 January, 8.50-9.20



Join us in the school Hub on Friday morning for a chance to have a cuppa and a chat with other parents and carers. We'll meet in reception after drop off before heading up to the Hub together.

Free event. Babies and toddlers are welcome to join.



Raise money for us when you shop online

Help us get 2025 off to a great start for Friends Of Hargrave Park School, by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising.

You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us this year:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-hargrave-park-school/17jp5j/c2s/zYSXMPzI/CE011/facebook/>



Upcoming Event Dates for your Diary

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

Can you lend a hand?

Help us plan the summer fair. If you have ideas for a fun game or activity, we'd love you to get involved.



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 **K**.

k (print): Start at the top, go straight down. Lift your pencil and place it next to the middle. Go into the middle, out from the middle, and flick.

K: Down, lift, out from the middle up, lift, out from the middle down.

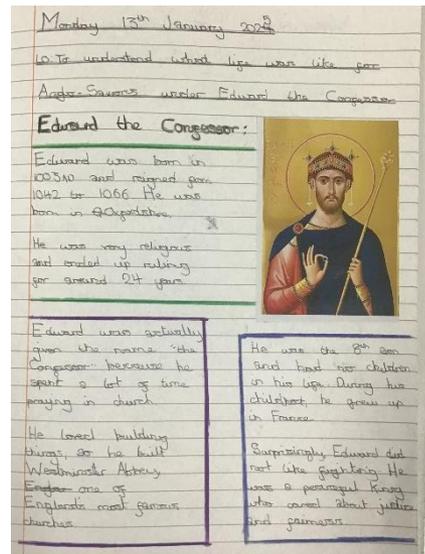
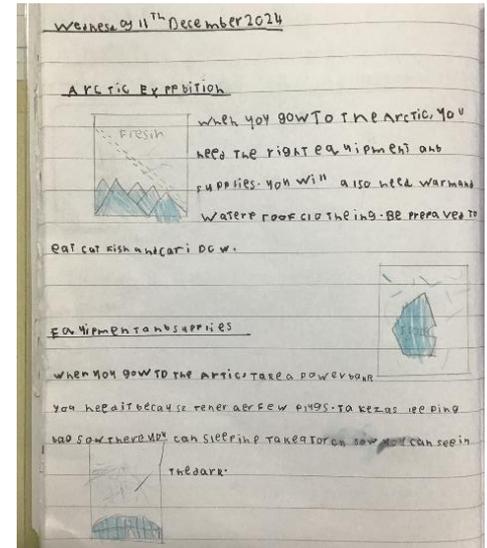
Practice at home!

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/>

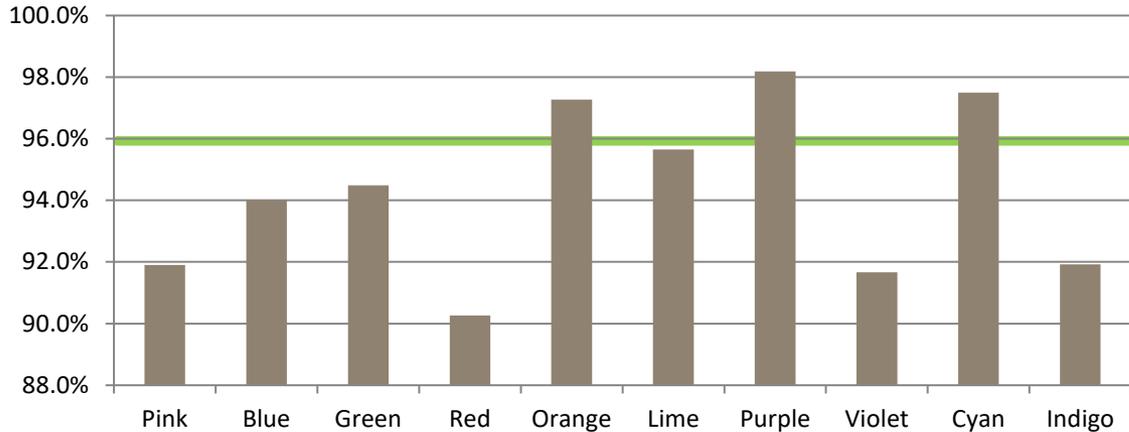
Practising Presentation!

Tilly-May in Year 3 has been working hard this academic year on uniform letter formation. She has made so much progress already and Hargrave Park are very proud of her!



Josie in Year 6 has considered how to present her learning on Edward the Confessor. The inviting piece of work, with simple colour lines, definitely catches the eye!

W/C 10/01/25 – 16/01/25



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Purple class
They achieved 98.2%
attendance this week.
Purple class will be rewarded
with a prize for their great
efforts.

Absences

If your child is unwell and unable to
attend school please make sure you call
020 7272 3989 option 1 and record your
absence message before 8.30am

Or email

parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk

Absences should be called in each day
your child is off

Medication in School

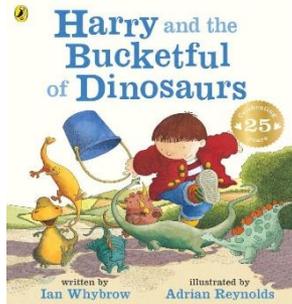
Please ensure your child has their
asthma pump and spacer in school.
Children may need them more in the
cold and damp weather.

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.

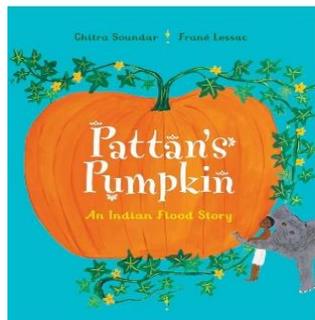
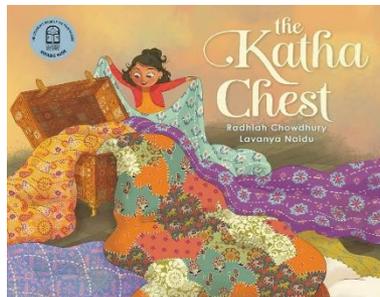
**All medication must be handed in to
the school office.**

We have lots of story/non-fiction books to borrow that tie in with this terms topics:

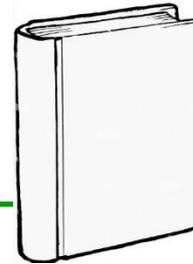


Harry cleans the toy dinosaurs he found in his Gran's flat, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one day, they go missing! Luckily, lost property has found them. Can he prove that the dinosaurs are his? Recommended for EYFS

Six-year-old Asiya loves to go to Nanu's house. Best among all of Nanu's treasures is the big old chest filled with quilts that tell the stories of the women in Asiya's family.

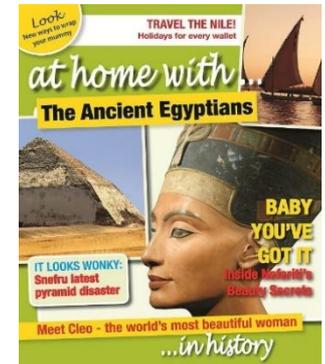


A colourful story based on the traditional flood myth from the Irular tribe in Southern India
Recommended for KS1

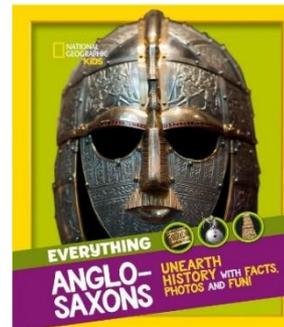


There is still time to enter the Library 'design a book cover' competition! Entry now closes 24th January.

At home with... uses a magazine approach to learning about homes, clothing, pastimes, food and drink, ways of getting around - and the must-have possessions of the day. Recommended for LKS2



We have a replica of the helmet on the front of the book below, along with many other objects that the children can handle in the library.



Hundreds of interesting facts, maps and diagrams. Including photos of the hoard of treasure found by a metal detectorist!
Recommended for UKS2

Archway Children's Library has just re-opened after a make over. They are holding a fun day tomorrow Saturday 18th January.



Wider use of Arbor: After School Club and parent consultations

Thank you to all families who have used the new system of booking After School Club through the Arbor platform. Parents/carers are now required to pay up-front for a half-termly booking. This helps us to manage pupil numbers and ensure that After School Club is staffed appropriately. It also supports families to not accumulate debt.

Once After School Club is full, Arbor will not allow more bookings for that day. We will not be able to accept pupils into After School Club on an ad-hoc basis due to staffing capacity.

If your child is registered for After School Club, you will still be charged if they don't attend one of their allocated days. The school ensures appropriate staffing based on places booked. If you have booked a place, it will have been staffed accordingly and therefore must be paid, whether used or not.

The booking system for parent consultations in March will also be through Arbor. We will remind you about that nearer the time and provide a 'how to' guide.

PE kit

During cold weather, children can wear school jumpers and/or dark grey joggers as part of their PE kit for lessons outside.



Socks are not allowed in gymnastics lessons. This reflects the borough policy of bare feet for gymnastics and supports children to be safe and to have greater control and stability during lessons – promoting strength, flexibility and balance.

Gymnastics = A black and white icon of a sock with a red circle and a diagonal slash through it, indicating that socks are not allowed.

Toys, cards, fidget toys and sensory objects

As you know, independence is one of our school values. We therefore allow children to bring a small toy or a small selection of cards in to school so they can learn to manage their belongings independently.

Any toy must be able to easily fit into a pocket or bag, and any cards – eg Pokemon cards – must be a small selection that could easily fit into a coat pocket (no huge folders please!)

This helps learn to manage their behaviour with toys – keeping them safe and sticking to the rules about using them at breaktimes only. With cards, children learn to navigate 'fair swaps' and what to do when a problem happens – eg you have made a swap but then change your mind!

Any 'fidget toys' will be classed as 'toys' and only be allowed at breaktime, unless they are a 'sensory object' provided by the school as a specific strategy to support learning for that child as outlined on their IP.



Incredible Years Parenting Group

For parents of primary school children aged 6-10 years

Thursdays 9.30am -12.15am (9.45am start)

January 23rd-May 15th 2024

(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)

Newington Green Primary School

Matthias Rd, Mayville Estate, London N16 8NP

Michal Ruzansky, Clinical Psychologist, Islington CAMHS
Tashi-Ann Page; Educational Support Practitioner, Bright Futures, Islington

❖ For further information, please contact

Bright Futures on 020 7527 4343 tashi-ann.page@islington.gov.uk

Islington CAMHS on 020 3316 1824, michal.ruzansky@nhs.net

Incredible Year Groups are a great way to support your parenting.
They help parents to:

- Develop parenting skills and knowledge
- Improve relationships and communication with their children, through quality time, child directed activities, praise and rewards
- Understand more about child development
- Understand challenging behaviour and set appropriate limits
- Meet other parents, share skills and ideas and build friendships

"I have learned so much from sharing with the group and hearing about their experiences"

"I am feeling much more confident as a parent. I know how to react to specific situations. My child is behaving better. It was life changing for me"

"Oh my! What changes haven't I seen?! It has become a joy to be a parent again and to enjoy my children the best way"

"This course is not a lesson on what as a parent we are doing wrong – more so an insight as to how we can improve"

You can find out more here:

[The Incredible Years Parenting Groups Service in Islington | Waiting Room](#)

If you are interested, please contact Mr Bond. He will send you the Expression of Interest form.