

Message from Mrs Horton

Working in partnership with families is so important. It was great to see so many of you last week at Parent Consultations. Thank you to all who completed the recent survey. We will analyse your responses and share some of the key messages and actions in due course. The children have also completed a survey – the key findings of which we will also share.

I continue to be very proud of the children at Hargrave Park as they make the most of a range of opportunities. As ever, there are many class visits, enrichment activities, sports competitions and other activities to join in with – including house competitions and reading club at lunch time. Next week we will send teams to gymnastics and orienteering competitions!

The Acceptable Use Policy will be sent to families on Monday. It is an important document which explains how families can support their child to have safe and happy online experiences. See more information on p2.

Families of children in Reception and Year 1 will have a chance to come and see some phonics teaching in action over the next couple of weeks. Come along to gain an insight into how reading is taught and equip yourself with the skills to support your child in this important part of their early learning journey. See page 3 to find out more.

The next newsletter will be on the last day of term. It will come round quickly so if you want to get your child booked in to some holiday activities, now is the time. Mr Bond has shared some information about Islington's offer on Page 7.

Upcoming events

- Mon 24th Mar Violet Class to Ben Kinsella Workshop
Tues 25th Mar Y1 Parents – Phonics Workshop
Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Competition
Wed 26th Mar **Red Class Assembly**
Fri 28th Mar Fluoride Varnish team in school
Green and Red– Road Safety Workshop
Y4 – Y6 Orienteering Competition
Mon 31st Mar Spring Cupcake Sale
Tues 1st April Reception parents – Phonics Workshop
Fri 4th April Last Day of term – 2pm finish
Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April – Easter Holidays
Tue 22nd April all children return to school
Tue 29th April UKS2 Cricket Competition
Wed 30th April **Green Class Assembly**
Thur 1st May Sophie Izzard – Bright Futures in school
Wed 7th May **Blue Class Assembly**
Fri 16th May Dare to be Different Day
Tues 20th May Orange Class to Kenwood House
Wed 21st May **Cyan Class Assembly**
Lime Class to Kenwood House
Thur 22nd May Purple Class to Kenwood House
Fri 23rd May Sports Day
Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May – half term break
Mon 2nd June Children return to school

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Acceptable Use Policies - AUPs

As a community, we have a responsibility to work together to make sure that our children use technology safely and responsibly.

We have Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) for different members of our school community. We use the model policies from LGfL – London Grid for Learning.

During Online Safety Week, the children read, understood and agreed to their AUP
On Monday, the AUP for families will be sent out.

Please read and understand this policy so that you can support your children to work safely in the digital world at home and at school, build healthy habits and make good choices online.

Here are some example statements from the Acceptable Use Policy for families:

'I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to parentsafe.lgfl.net/ for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc.'

'When I visit the school premises, I will keep any online technology in my pocket wherever possible.'

Digital Family Agreement



The London Grid for Learning recommends creating a Digital Family Agreement

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

Upcoming phonic workshops for families

Tuesday 25th March 9:30am – Year 1 parents and carers
Tuesday 1st April 9:30am– Reception parents and carers

Come along to see how we teach phonics and gain tips for how you can support your child learn to read at home.

Everyone who attends will be given a set of Little Wandle flashcards to use at home. If you would like to attend either workshop please confirm your attendance by emailing the parents@hargravepark email address.



Phonics vocabulary:

Phoneme - smallest unit of sound in a word e.g. 'c' is a phoneme in the word 'cat.'

Diagraph - two letters making one sound e.g. 't' and 'h' come together to make 'th' in the word 'three'

Trigraph - three letters making one sound e.g. 'a' 'i' and 'r' come together to make 'air' in the word 'chair.'

Grapheme - written letters e.g. I can see the grapheme 'a' when reading the word 'apple'

Online Little Wandle resources for families

Little Wandle have recently developed the online resources for families on their website. Here you will be able to hear how to pronounce each phoneme and diagraph, how we teach blending and how we teach alien words in Year 1. There are also videos of the weekly Nursery Rhymes taught in our Nursery as part of the foundations to phonics curriculum.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics>

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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

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Scan the QR Code to raise money when you shop

ONLINE SUMMER FAIR MEETING

Come along to our online intro meeting and find out all about the fundraising we do and help us plan the this year's Summer Fair. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts to help bring the fun to the fair.

ONLINE FRIENDS MEETING

Tuesday 25 March
8.15-8.45pm

Meet online from home

Dinner and family life welcome



Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zgj-kzyj-uxy>



Upcoming Event Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25 March, 8.15-8.45pm
Online intro call to the Summer Fair

Monday 31 March, 3.30pm
Spring Cupcake Sale

Friday 4 April, 2.15pm
End of Term Potluck Picnic

Friday 16 May
Dare to be Different Day

Thursday 17 July, 3.30-5.00pm
Summer Fair

Coming up
★ Friends Quiz Night
★ School Lottery
★ Sunshine Cupcake Sale

HARGRAVE PARK SCHOOL

SPRING TIME CUPCAKE SALE

Monday 31 March 3.30pm
In the playground

Bake your best cupcakes, biscuits or pre-sliced traybake and be in with a chance to be crowned 'Star Baker' by judges Mrs Horton and Miss Baverstock

Deliver your bakes to the playground at 3.20pm, or drop them off in the morning at reception, to be included in the judging.

Absolutely NO NUTS
Please label your cupcakes clearly

Cupcakes £1 each

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FRIENDS OF HARGRAVE PARK
END OF TERM SOCIAL

Free Event potluck picnic in the park

Friday 4 April 2.15-3.30pm

Come and celebrate the end of term at our picnic in Dartmouth Park (just off Bickerton Road). Bring a picnic blanket, dish or snacks to share with other Hargrave Park families, or come as you are.

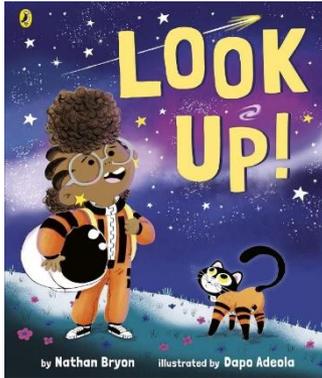
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Last week we celebrated 'science week'. Here are some of the books we enjoyed together in the library and are available for the children to enjoy at home

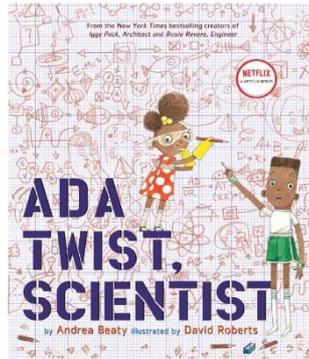
Recommended for Reception



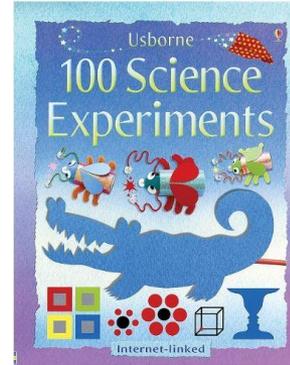
A great introduction to science and space, look up into the night sky!

Even when her fact-finding missions and elaborate scientific experiments don't go as planned, Ada learns to think her way through and find solutions

Recommended for KS1



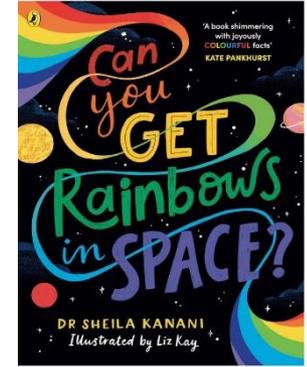
Please remember to return our library books so other children can enjoy them too. There are **184** overdue books that we are waiting to have returned. Thank you.



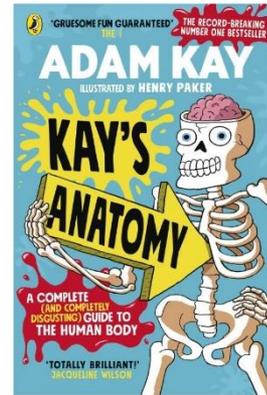
Recommended for LKS2

A step by step guide showing young scientists how to make crystals, electrical circuits, paper planes and more using everyday household materials

Why is blood red?
Why are carrots orange? Who invented the light bulb? What is ultra violet light?

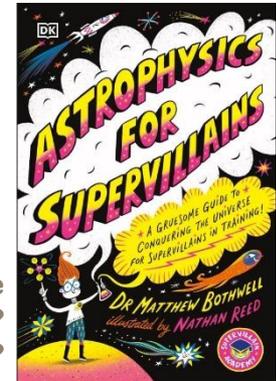


Recommended for UKS2



Have you ever really thought properly about your body? It's extraordinary, fascinating but also pretty weird!

Could you crash the moon into the earth? If the sun explodes, would we all get vapourised? What's the weather like on Mercury?





Incredible Years' is a parenting programme led by CAMHS and Early Help.
Find out more here: findyour.islington.gov.uk/islington/directory/service.page
Or you can speak with Mr Bond and he can refer you directly.

Incredible Years Parenting Groups

A course for parents who want to learn how to get the best behaviour out of their children

Incredible Years Toddler:
Parents of children aged 1-3

Incredible Years Early Childhood:
Parents of children aged 3-6

Incredible Years School Age:
Parents of children aged 6-10

Incredible Years Groups are for parents and carers who want to:

- * Improve their child's behaviour
- * Learn more about what behaviours are normal for children
- * Meet other parents
- * Learn parenting skills
- * Feel more confident as a parent
- * Feel less stressed about parenting

"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"

"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"

"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"

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

Who is the group run by?

The group is run by either a Family Support Practitioner or Family Engagement Worker and a CAMHS Clinician from Islington CAMHS. Both facilitators are experienced in running groups and helping families.

How can I find out more?

To register your interest you can contact talk to a Family Engagement Worker at your local children's centre stating the group you are interested in. The timetable is also on the Family Information Service website.

Bright Start Central Toddler 1 - 3 years

Tuesday mornings from 1st April – 22nd July
New River Green Children Centre
Brightstartcentral@islington.gov.uk
020 7527 8465

Amanda Lydon (Family Engagement Worker)
Jill Cheever (CAMHS Clinician)
jillian.cheever@nhs.net

Bright Start South Toddler 1 – 3 years

Thursday mornings from 27th March - 10th July
Bemerton Children Centre
Brightstartsouth@islington.gov.uk
0207 527 4089

Pauline Williams (Family Engagement Worker)
Anne-Marie Reid (CAMHS Clinician)
anne-marie.reid3@nhs.net

Bright Start North Early Childhood 3 – 6 years

Friday mornings from 28th March - 18th July
Amblor Children's Centre
Brightstartnorth@islington.gov.uk
020 7527 8441

Yusuf Gurbuz (Family Engagement Worker)
Maria-Clara Vejarano-Brill
(CAMHS Clinician)
m.vejarano-brill@nhs.net

Bright Futures 5-19

School Age group 6-10 years old
Tuesday mornings 25th March – 15th July
Pooles Park Primary School
Lucy Pollock (Family Outreach Worker)
Jess Swainsbury (CAMHS Clinician)
jessica.swainsbury@nhs.net



Fun things for your child to do in the Easter holidays



Click here to find out about Islington's Spring
Holiday Programme

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/lunch-bunch>

This programme gives young people the chance to enjoy a wide range of FREE activities with a healthy lunch. Activities will take place between Monday 7th April- Thursday 17th April 2025.

Mr Bond can support in referring your child.

The programme is FREE for Islington residents who are:

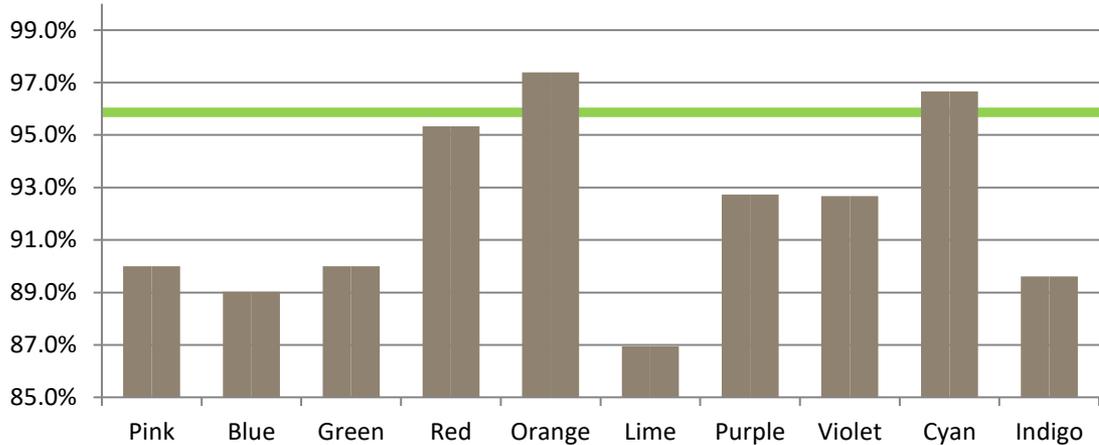
- school-aged children from Reception to Year 11
- and
- qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM)
- can be referred by a social worker, family support worker or other professional.

Activities include:

Basketball, puppet-making, 'all sports', roller skating, 'Holiday Hubs', Little Angel Theatre performances...

Attendance Matters

W/C 14/03/25 – 20/03/25



Best Class Attendance and a very special congratulations goes to...

Orange class

Orange class have had the highest class attendance for 7 consecutive weeks!

Well done to Orange class. They have achieved 97.8% attendance this week.

Can they do it again next week?

Did you know there are 25 pupils who still have 100% attendance – that means they have attended school every day since September

There are also 83 pupils who have attendance between 96% and 99%

We have had 157 pupils arrive late for school since September!
The total of minutes late is a staggering **22,184** lost minutes of learning.

Please ensure your child is in school and ready to learn on time

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 **O**.

O: Start at the top, and go 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/>

Practicing Presentation!

Yunus (right) in Purple Class has taken great care and creativity in presenting his vocabulary work in Reading this week.

Liban (below), in Orange Class, was keen to share the full details of his sugary science experiment!
Take a look below!

