

Message from Mrs Horton

It's another bumper edition with the final instalment of our survey responses – from our most important stakeholders – the children!

Please take a look at their ideas on pages 2 – 9.

As ever we will look at their feedback to help shape our future plans.

We are so very proud of our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs this week. This is an important moment where children can showcase all their knowledge and skills. We are very impressed with all the qualities they showed us throughout the process – including effort, resilience, accuracy, problem-solving, flexible thinking...
... the list goes on! Well done!

We have enjoyed 'Dare To Be Different Day' today. It is a great opportunity to have some fun and raise some money, while really celebrating aspects of everyone's unique personality and interests. I look forward to hearing from the Friends of Hargrave Park about how much money we raised!

I am happy to say that Purple Class have won the prize for creativity – with a very high participation rate, a wide range of super and original hairstyles, and some very fun sporty outfits, pyjama, and odd socks – and odd shoes!! In addition, a special mention must go to the range of rainbow hairstyles from across the school – spectacular!

Nest Friday we will be taking over the astro turf at Whittington Park for our annual Sports Day. A letter went home earlier in the week to families. Please make sure you have read it so that you and your child are ready. We look forward to seeing many of you there if your schedule permits! Family members are welcome to come for part of the day if that suits you better. You can collect your child directly from Whittington Park at the end of the sporting events, or from school as usual at the usual time.

Upcoming events

- Tues 20th May Orange Class to Kenwood House
Cyan Class Ice Skating
Wed 21st May **Cyan Class Assembly**
Lime Class to Kenwood House
Indigo Class Ice Skating
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
Thurs 5th June Sophie Izzard in school – Bright Futures
Mon 9th June Maamulaha Netball Competition
Tues 10th June Year 5 and 6 gymnastics competition
Wed 11th June **Pink Class Assembly**
Tues 17th June **Purple Class Assembly**
Wed 18th June Violet and Indigo Sailing lessons start
Thur 19th June Cyan Class sailing lessons start
Governor morning
Thurs 26th June Sophie Izzard in school – Bright Futures
Wed 2nd July **Orange Class Assembly**
Thurs 3rd July Frinton – Houses to be confirmed
Mon 7th July Frinton – Houses to be confirmed
Tues 15th July Year 6 leavers' assembly
Weds 16th & Thurs 17th July – Summer Exhibition
Thurs 17th July Summer Fair
Fri 18th July Last Day of term – school closes at 2pm

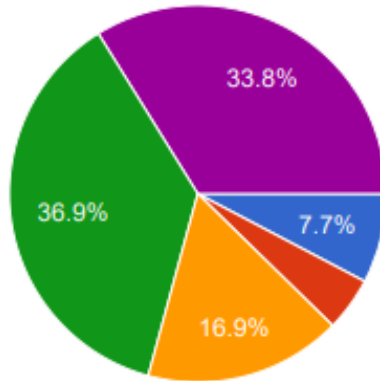
In the Newsletter today:

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Pupil Survey responses

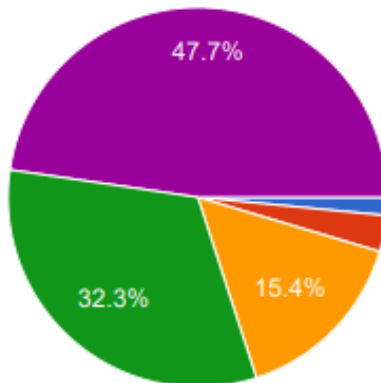
I enjoy coming to school

65 responses



I feel safe at school

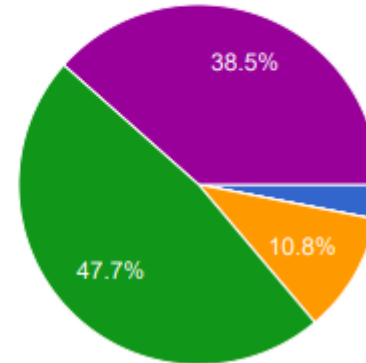
65 responses



Being in school

I understand the school values

65 responses



- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Summary:

71% of pupils enjoy coming to school – with 17% saying they neither agree nor disagree

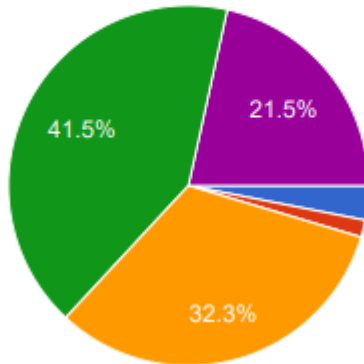
80% of pupils feel safe in school – with 15% saying they neither agree nor disagree

85% of pupils understand the school values – with 11% saying they neither agree nor disagree

Teaching and Learning

If I find something difficult staff help me to understand

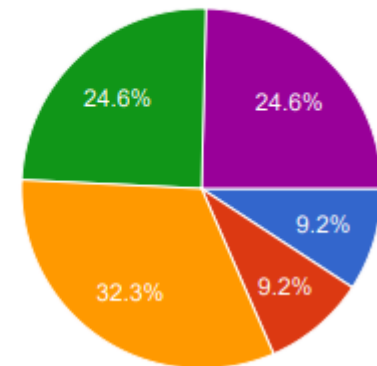
65 responses



● Strongly disagree
● Disagree
● Neutral
● Agree
● Strongly agree

My teacher makes lessons interesting

65 responses



Summary:

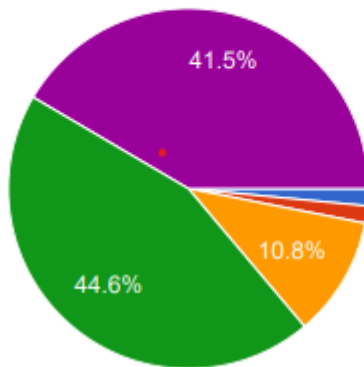
49% of pupils say their teacher makes their lessons interesting – with 32% saying they neither agree nor disagree

63% of pupils say that staff will help them to understand if they find something difficult – with 32% saying they neither agree nor disagree

Behaviour

I understand what behaviours are expected of me in school

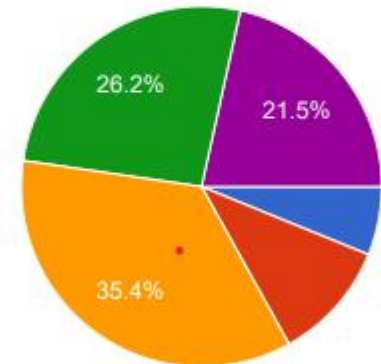
65 responses



● Strongly disagree
● Disagree
● Neutral
● Agree
● Strongly agree

Children's behaviour is managed well at school

65 responses



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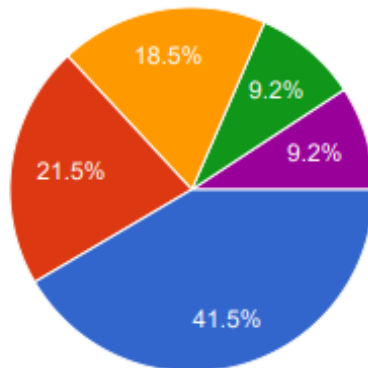
96% of pupils understand what behaviours are expected of them in school – with 11% saying they neither agree nor disagree

48% of pupils say that children's behaviour is managed well in school – with 35% saying they neither agree nor disagree

Safeguarding, pupil voice

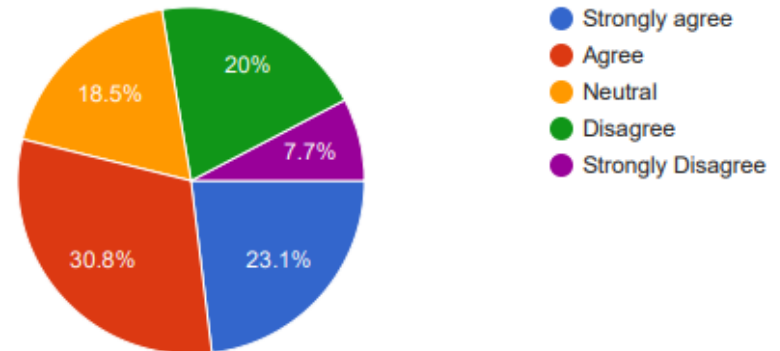
I can name a trusted adult I can talk to if I am worried about something

65 responses



We have lots of things to play with at breaktimes and lunchtimes

65 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

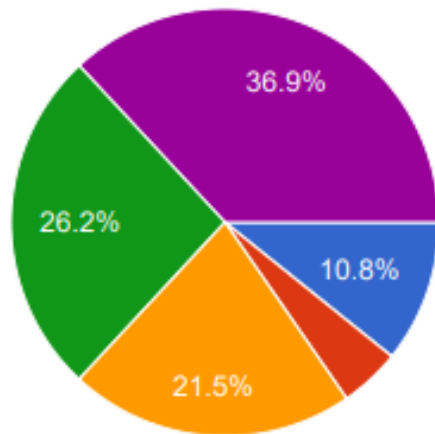
Summary:

63% of pupils say they can name a trusted adult to talk to if worried – with 19% saying 'neutral'
54% of pupils say that they have lots of things to play with at break and lunchtime – with 19% saying 'neutral'.

Safeguarding, pupil voice

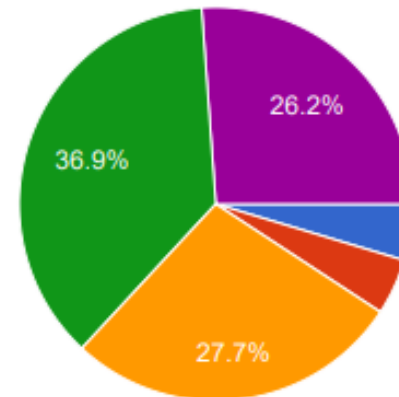
Hargrave Park School treats everyone fairly

65 responses



The school listens to pupils and their ideas

65 responses



- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Summary:

63% of pupils say they Hargrave Park School treats everyone fairly – with 22% saying 'neutral'
63% of pupils say that school listens to pupils and their ideas – with 28% saying 'neutral'.

The best things I like about Hargrave Park are... 65 responses

Friends –12 mentions

‘I get to see my friends 5 days a week’

Teachers –11 mentions

‘the teachers are very nice’

Playground and equipment – 9 mentions
‘break box’

Sports/football – 9 mentions
‘sports competitions’

The Hub/adults to talk to – 7 mentions
‘adults I can talk to outside of class’

Fun – 4 mentions
‘it is a lot of fun’

Learning – 5 mentions
‘it has interesting topics for the term’

Playtime – 3 mentions

Trips/tournaments – 3 mentions

Inclusion – 2 mentions

Choir/singing – 2 mentions

Fairness – 2 mentions

Plus: the building, the library, school council, being healthy, writing, the food, summer activities

The best things I like about my classroom are... 65 responses

The teacher

8 mentions

‘the teachers help me’

Reading/books/book corner

8 mentions

‘I like the book corner’

The calm corner – 6 mentions

‘it calms me down’

Friends – 5 mentions

‘sitting by my friends’

Having spaces – 5 mentions

‘we have our own space’

Resources – 5 mentions

‘there are so many resources
in the class and it helps a lot’

Learning – 4 mentions

‘my learning’

The size of the classroom – 4 mentions

‘how spacious it is’

**Everything!
4 mentions**

3 mentions for: working walls, displays, fun,

2 mentions for: being safe, being bright, toys, chromebooks

Plus: whiteboards, water, writing, respect, art, maths, my workstation,
activities, the interactive whiteboard

What do you think could make the school better? 65 responses

I don't know / nothing - 29 mentions

'it's perfect'

New football goals/equipment – 21 mentions

'more things in the playground'

Better food – 9 mentions

'nice food'

Swings – 8 mentions

'add some swings'

**More time outside
4 mentions**

A new football pitch - 4 mentions

More clubs

4 mentions

'having longer break'

More staff - 4 mentions

**'dance club at
lunchtime'**

3 mentions for: gymnastics area, playground structures, adding fun lessons, more activities, more sports/tournaments

2 mentions for: card changes, football kits, library at lunch, stop bullying

Plus: kind people, more friends, better school council, squish toys, boys and girls separate races at sports day, no broken things, more writing, more trips, more respect, more healthy decisions, helpful and understanding teachers, fairness, a tiny wooden hut, books, no uniform, make it smaller, a bigger playground, no uniform, books, more learning, sort out problems, let us sit with our friends, more learning, more detail in the building, elevators for wheelchairs.

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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

Every parent and carer of a child at the school, as well as staff, are automatically a member of Friends of Hargrave Park School.

Run by a committee of parent volunteers, we organise events and activities that aim to build the school community and raise funds to help enhance all Hargrave children's experience of school life.

Getting involved in the summer fair or becoming a class rep is a great way to get to know other families while supporting the school.

To get involved email the team on
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

We need you to lend a hand for the

SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 17 July 3.30-5.00

The Hargrave Park Summer Fair is one of our favourite afternoons in the diary. Filled with games, food, prizes and fun it's a great way to spend time with friends and celebrate the year. But it is only possible with teamwork and we need (grand) parents and staff to lend a hand by getting involved in thinking of new games, or helping on the day by volunteering from as little as 15 minutes.

What can you do to make the fair a success?

- ☀ Volunteer to man a stall for 15 minutes
- ☀ Donate prizes for the Tombola or Raffle ☀
- ☀ Bring a dish for the Food Share stall

RAFFLE PRIZES

We are need prizes for the Summer Raffle. Can you donate a prize or know some one or company who would like to support us?

Find and like us on Instagram

We're on Instagram, providing useful school diary reminders and news about our events. Please give us a follow and let us know what other information would be useful to you.

📷 @friendsofhargravepark 🚩



**Upcoming Event
Dates for your Diary**

Friday 16 May
Dare to be Different Day

Monday 9 June, 3.30 - 3.45
Sunshine Cupcake Sale

Thursday 17 July, 3.30-5.00pm
Summer Fair



**Raise free donations
when you shop online**

Scan the QR code
or visit
easyfundraising.org.uk
and search for
Friends of
Hargrave Park



We are so fortunate to be able to borrow artefacts from Islington Libraries extensive artefact collection. The pupils can handle and view important objects (that would often be behind glass in a museum) in the classrooms and library.

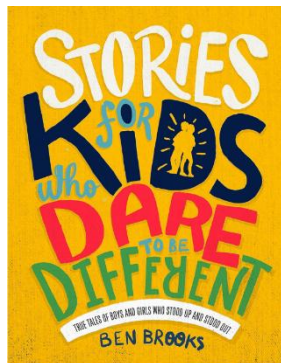
This term we have had items on display from the 2012 Olympics and recently World War II, including a replica army uniform, an original fire warden helmet, ration book and even WWII tinned food! As well as many supporting books and posters which help to bring the topics to life.



Thank you to the pupils, parents/guardians who have searched out and returned the school's library books. We expect the children to look after and return the books weekly, in order to swap them for another exciting book they can enjoy.

Dare to be different day in the library

We have embraced individuality and looked closer at some individuals who have dared to be different from an early age



One of the books we have read through together with inspiring individuals includes a scientist and Nobel prize winner, a women's rights activist in Saudia Arabia, a young boy who brought solar power to Sierra Leone, a skateboarder in Brazil, planning to be the first female skateboarder to win the Olympic gold.

Every class has time tabled sessions with the library to hear a story. Classes in the library can explore and choose a book that they can either take home or enjoy in the library. We also offer lunchtime reading on a Friday for those who want to have a quiet half hour.

Opportunities to spend time in the Library



A message from our SENDCO: Miss D'Orsi

Children's Occupational Therapy (OT) Drop-In Clinics at the Northern Health Centre



Wittington Health offers Children's Occupational Therapy (OT) drop-in clinics. The drop-in clinic provides parents and carers with the opportunity to speak with an OT about any concerns you may have regarding your child's development, sensory needs and self-help skills.

The sessions offered to parents and carers are for 20 minutes and are provided on a first come first serve basis. A referral is not needed to attend the OT drop-in clinic.

If you are interested in meeting face to face with an OT to talk about concerns regarding your child, telephone 0203 316 1892 to find out the dates of the next children's OT drop in clinic and to secure a slot. On the day of the clinic, make sure to arrive early to attend your slot and to avoid any disappointment.



The aim of the children's drop-in clinic is to offer advice and support to help parents and carers work with their child to achieve functional goals which include developing dressing skills, scissor skills, handwriting skills, cutlery skills etc.

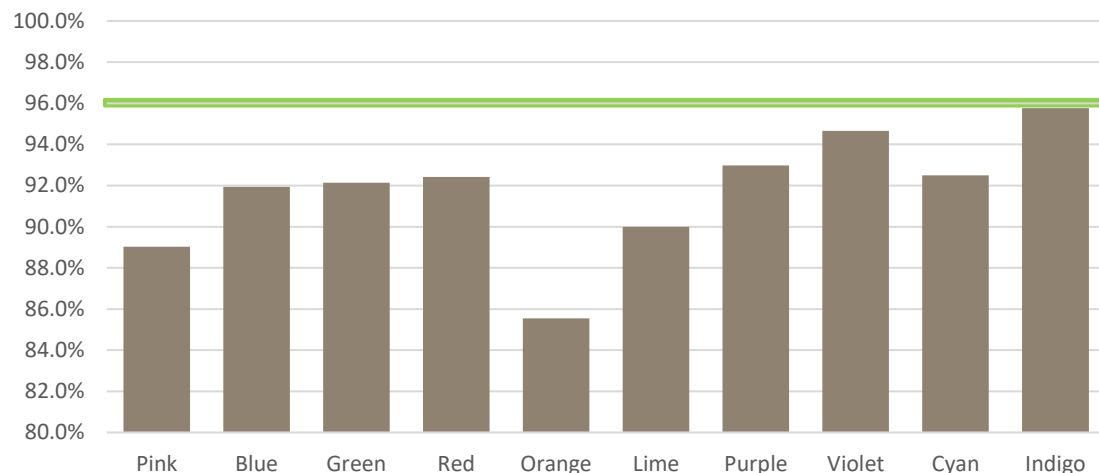
If you attend an OT drop-in clinic, please let the school SENDCo know about the outcome of your session with the children's OT.

Where:
First Floor Reception
Northern Health Centre
580 Holloway Road
London

When:
Various dates
Please telephone 0203 316 1892 to ask about dates and times and to secure a slot

Attendance Matters

W/C 09/05/25 – 15/05/25



Best Class Attendance this week goes to...

Indigo class
They have achieved **95.8%** attendance this week.

Did you know there are now 13 pupils who still have 100% attendance – that means they have attended school every day since September

There are also 97 pupils who have attendance between 96% and 99%

We have had 173 pupils arrive late for school since September!

The total number of minutes late or missed minutes of learning is now a staggering
27,960

That is roughly 466 hours or equivalent to 72 school days!

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. All calls should be recorded before 8.45am

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 **R**.

r: Start at the top. Go straight down, back up and over, and flick.

R: Down, lift, and round till you stop, out from the middle, and down.

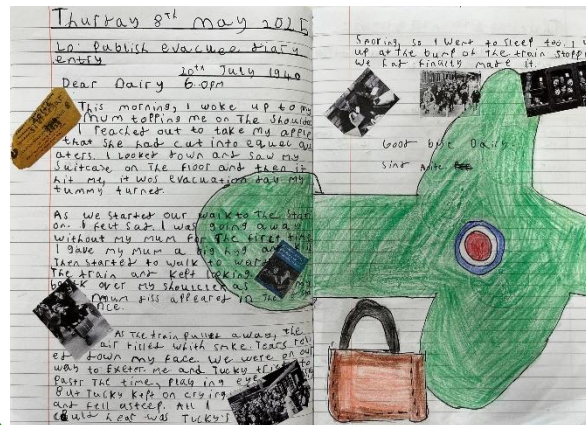
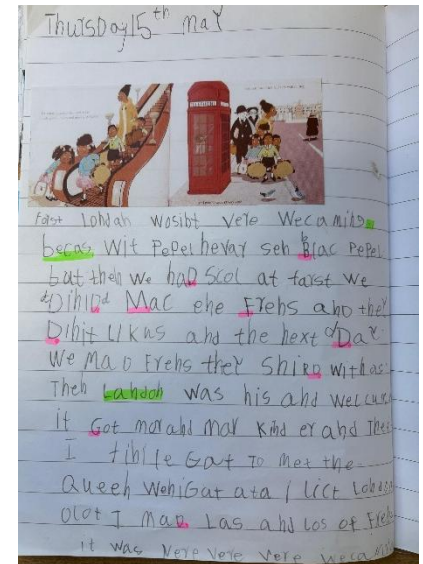
Practice at home!

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!

Zola in Blue Class, right, has produced some excellent writing on Floella Benjamin. She has formed her letters beautifully and written almost a whole page! What great ambition being shown by one of our Year 1 pupils!



Aoife, left, Purple Class, has been working hard on her writing. She has completed an extended piece of writing and taken time to add illustrations and colour for a final piece to be proud of!



Sports Day

Friday 23rd May

Please remember:

Your child needs to:

- wear PE kit to school on that day
- bring a packed lunch including water
- be suitably dressed as we will be outside while we are there: we recommend a sun hat and sun cream applied at home; your child will need their school jumper and perhaps a waterproof coat.

Families:

Please bring your child to school as normal.
If you would like to come along to support your child, please meet us at Whittington Park.

Timings:

Events will begin at approx 9.45am
Events will finish at approximately 2pm



Summer Term Events

Frinton-on-sea

We will once again visit Frinton in two groups.
Two houses will go on Thursday 3rd July,
the other two houses on Monday 7th July.
More details to follow soon.

Summer Fair

Save the date – Thursday 17th July

The Friends of Hargrave Park are already planning the Summer Fair, thinking about new stalls and games to include. Please see the Friends Of Hargrave Park page to find out how you can get involved.

Whole School Theme and Exhibition

Building on our growing tradition of Summer Exhibitions, we will again be creating another spectacular collection of the children's work for families to visit at the end of term.
This year the whole school theme will be 'Patterns in Nature'.
The exhibition will be open to families on 16th and 17th July.