

Message from Miss Baverstock

Parent consultations are an excellent opportunity to foster home-school partnerships and work together for the best outcomes for all children.

Most parents make the most of this opportunity and it was great to see so many of you here.

However, a large number of parents did not attend this week, we are keen to understand why. Further communication will be sent out shortly.

This week we have welcomed our interim SENCO, Dina Dinshaw. We look forward to working with her as part of our Hargrave Park team. I know a number of you have already met her and will make her feel welcome.

On Monday we are welcoming a new member of the Pastoral Care Team, Miss Lloyd. She will work closely with Mr Pooley and Ms Channer in the HUB, as well as across lunchtimes and after school club. We will be taking this opportunity to have a 'reset' of After School Club, so watch this space. I would like to thank all the members of staff who have worked additional hours in after school club to make staffing possible while we have been waiting for Miss Lloyd to join us.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful weekend.



Upcoming events

- w/c 13th Oct Violet Class swimming each day
- Mon 13th Oct Red Class and HP cabin – N19 Trip
- Tues 14th Oct Green Class – N19 Trip
- Y3 and Y4 Boys Football Tournament
- Wed 15th Oct Purple Class Assembly
- Blue Class – N19 Trip
- w/c 20th Oct Year 6 to Cardfields
- Purple Class swimming each day
- Year 5 – Bikeability
- Wed 22nd Oct Red Class Assembly
- Thur 23rd Oct Reception – Vision and Hearing screening
- Spooky and Sparkly Disco!
- 5pm – 6:30pm

w/c 27th Oct Half term holiday – school closed

- Mon 3rd Nov INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tues 4th Nov Children Return to school
- Wed 12th Nov Green Class Assembly
- Wed 26th Nov Indigo Class Assembly
- Wed 3rd Dec Orange Class Assembly

In the Newsletter today:

- P1- Message from Miss Baverstock, dates;
- P2, 3 and 4 – Black History Month
- P5 –A message from our library – BHM Special!
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- P6 - Handwriting and Presentation;
- P7 – Attendance matters;
- P8 and 9 – Friends of Hargrave Park;

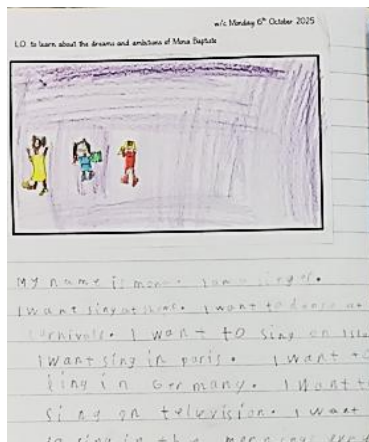
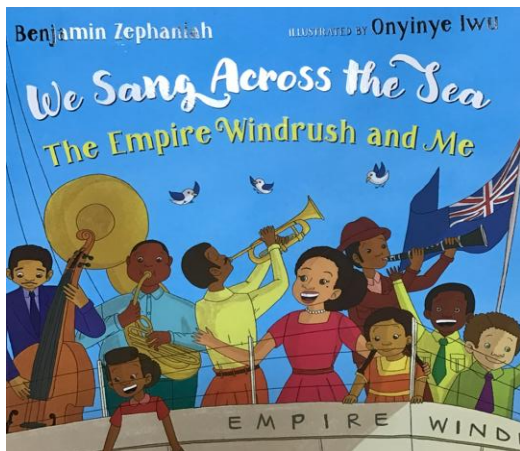
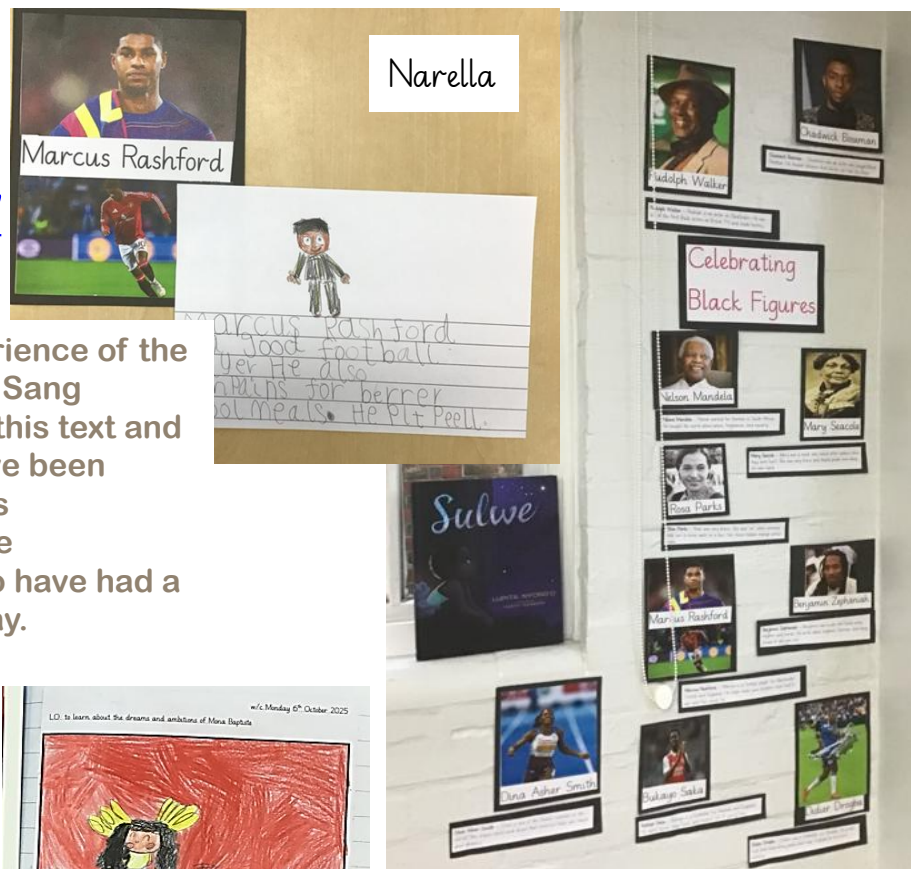
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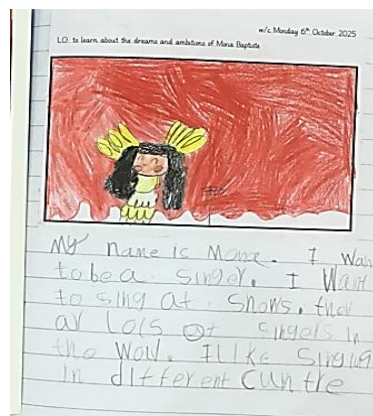
<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'

Pupils in Key Stage 1 have had an introduction to the experience of the Windrush generation using Benjamin Zephaniah's text 'We Sang Across the Sea.' The children have explored the poetry of this text and the experiences of the main character, Mona. Children have been supported to think back to their study of Floella Benjamin's text 'Coming to England' last year. There will continue to be opportunity to learn about and celebrate Black people who have had a significant impact throughout history or in our culture today.



Danielle



Zola

Friday 10th October

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

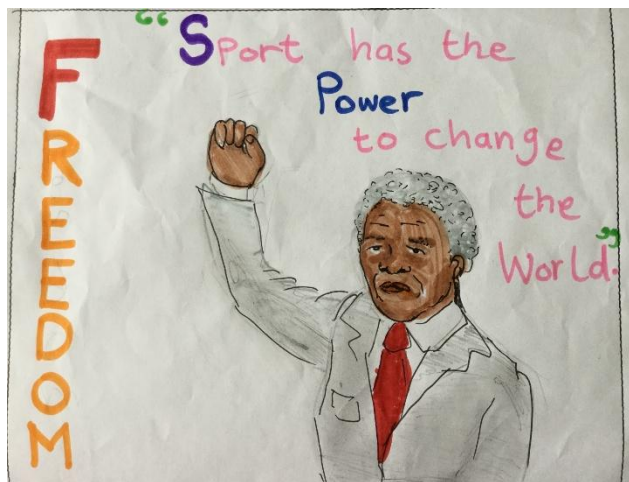
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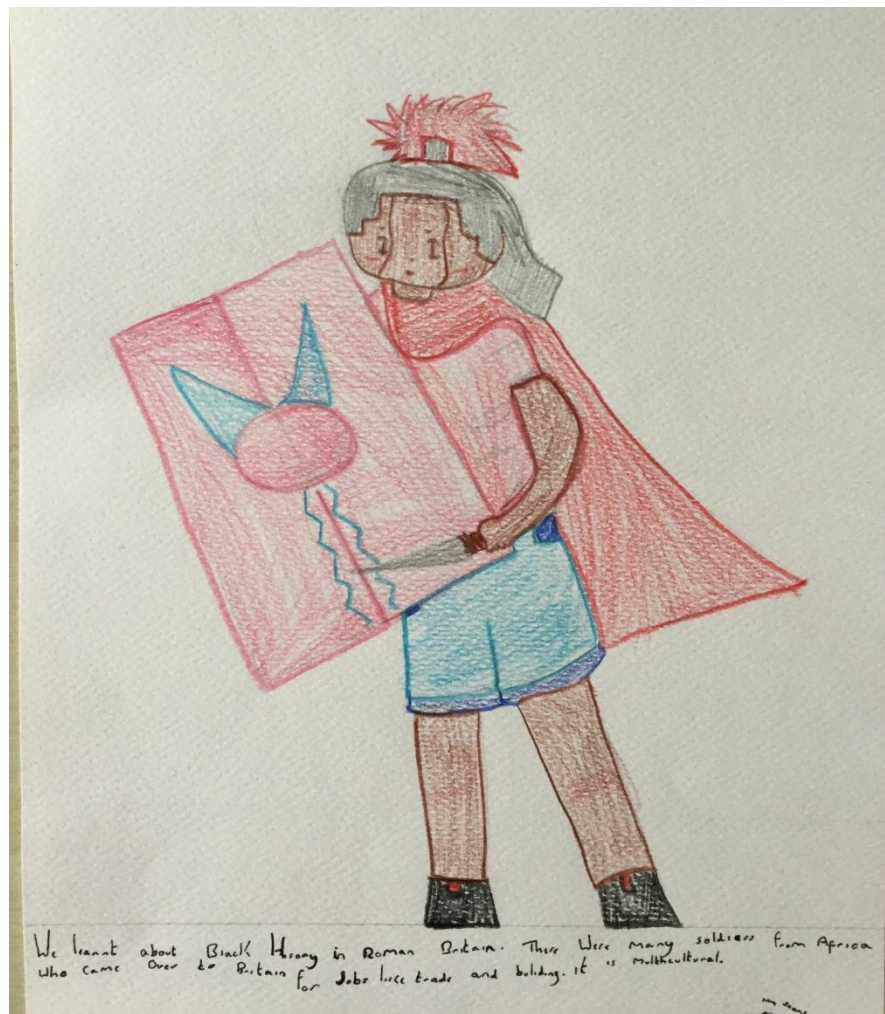
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Lower Key Stage 2 have been learning about Black history in Roman Britain – this links to their theme after half term. The book 'Black and British' by David Olusoga has been a key text. Another focus has been Black sporting heroes.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/sporting-heroes/>



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Tiana-Maye

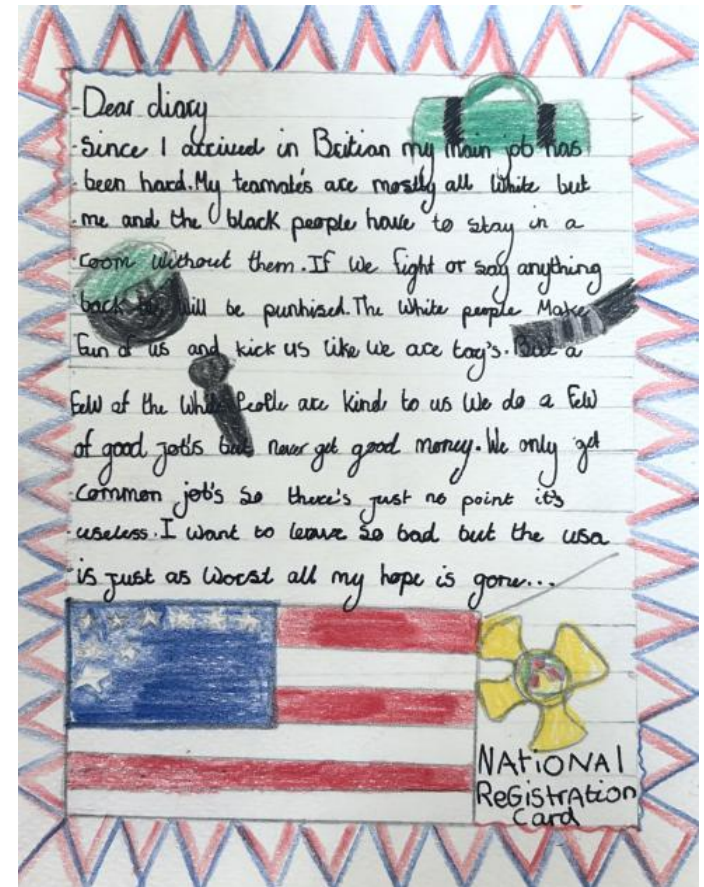
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Standing Firm in Power and Pride

Upper Key Stage 2 have focused on World War 2 – again from Black and British by David Olusoga. This builds on from the Windrush learning Y6 did last year. They will also be learning about inspirational women: whose achievements embody the 2025 theme: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/inspirational-women/>



Sasha



Amelia

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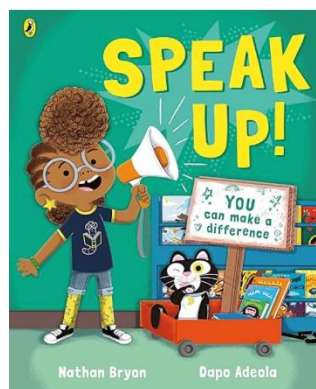
Celebrating black history month, we have many aspirational books to explore in our library, free to borrow and take home.

Recommended for Reception and KS1

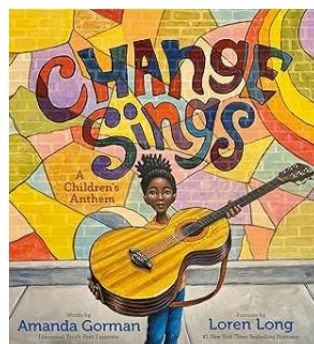
A true story about moving home and making friends. A positive book full of determination and hope.



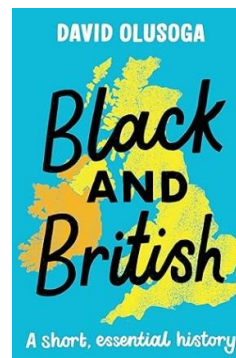
Rocket is heartbroken when she discovers her library will be closing down. Can she use what she's learnt from Rosa Parks and speak up to save the day?



This lyrical picture book has an empowering and joyful message

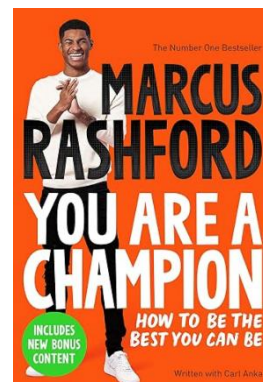
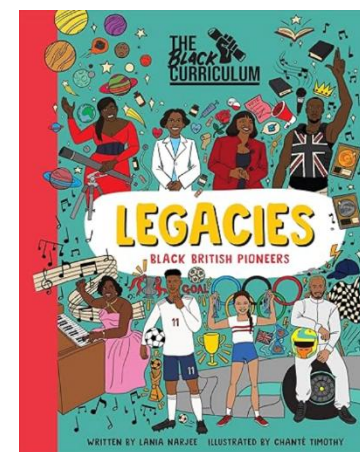


Recommended for KS2



"this is our national story, this is British history, it belongs to all of us."

Inspiring stories of iconic figures from Black British History, ranging from scientists and politicians, to sports stars and musicians.



Marcus Rashford has long been involved in celebrating Black History Month. He is a champion on and off the pitch. We have a number of his books in the library, including this brilliant book.
"I want to show you how you can be a champion in almost anything you put your mind to".

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 **X**.

X: Down and across, lift, down and across.

X: Start at the top. Go down to the bottom. Lift your pencil to the top, and down across the other way.

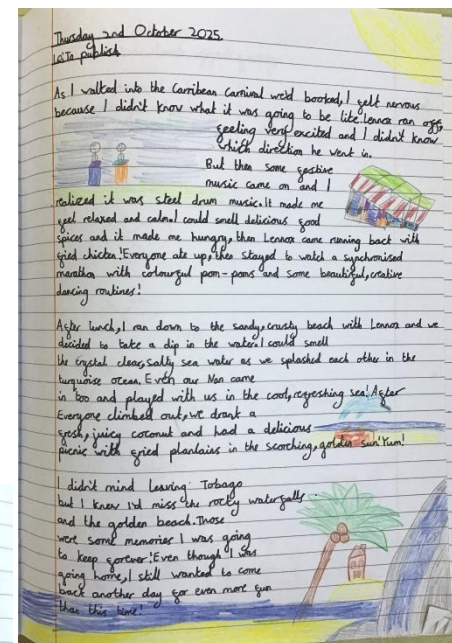
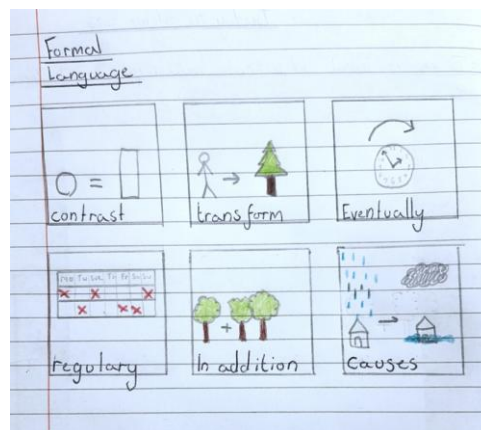
Practice at home!

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!

Anya (Lime Class, right) and Ella S (Indigo Class, below) have been working hard on the presentation of their work. Ella's work shows a clear, well-organised layout with neat diagrams, while Anya's publishing demonstrates careful handwriting and lovely illustrations.

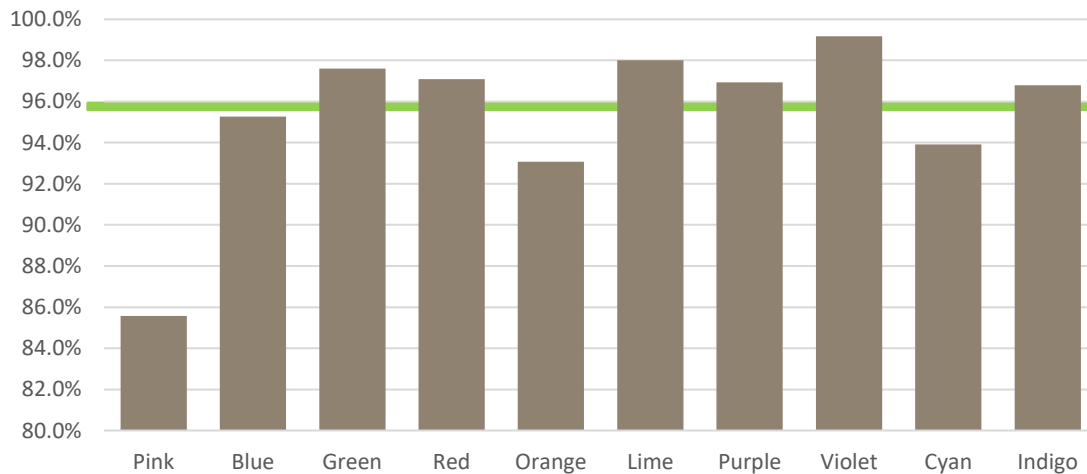


Attendance Matters

Most children arrive at school **ON TIME!** Well Done 😊

However, a number of children are regularly late. We make a record of when children arrive – so far this academic year, a total of **3,474** minutes of learning has been lost to lateness.

W/C 03/10/25 – 09/10/25



Best Class Attendance goes to...

Violet class
They have achieved **99.2%** attendance this week.

Top Tips for getting to school **ON TIME!**

Prepare the Night Before

Lay out your clothes, pack your school bag, and put your PE kit in your bag to reduce morning tasks.

Have a Consistent Bedtime

Establish a regular bedtime to get adequate sleep and wake up feeling refreshed and ready for the day.

Set Alarms

Use an alarm clock to help wake you up at the right time and act as a reminder to keep moving through your morning routine.

Avoid Distractions

Stay focused on getting ready to leave for school and avoid getting sidetracked by screens or other distractions.

Be Ready Early

Aim to finish your morning tasks a few minutes before you need to leave

Involve the whole Family

Make being on time a family commitment and work together to establish a routine that everyone can follow.

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

Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

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



Friends of Hargrave Park School is our parent staff association that aims to enhance the education of our children by fostering cooperation between parents and staff, and building a supportive community for all at Hargrave Park School. Join the committee or become a class rep by emailing the team on friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

Calling all parent volunteers

Sparkly & Spooky Disco

Our next disco will be on Thursday 23 October, 5.00 - 6.30pm. To ensure that it can go ahead we need parents to volunteer on the day from decorating to helping out on the craft table. Can you help to:

- Decorate the hall: 3.45-4.30
- Serve refreshments: 5.00-6.30
- Help with crafts: 5.30-6.30
- Tidy away 6.30-7.00

Email friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com if you can help.

Please note the disco is for years 1 - 5. Nursery and reception will have a disco in their class on the Thursday and year 6 will have a disco at Cardfields.

Cupcake & Uniform Sale Raised £105

Thank you to everyone who bought and donated cakes and pre-loved uniform last week. Together you raised a fantastic £105 🥳 Massive congratulations to Elena for winning the HP Star Baker wooden spoon for her beautiful autumn owl cupcakes and tasty biscuits.



We are on Instagram sharing key information about school and our activity. Give @friendsofhargravepark a follow and stay connected between newsletters.



Upcoming Event Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9 October - 4.45-5.15pm
Annual General Meeting (in school)

Thursday 23 October - 5.00-6.30pm
Sparkly and Spooky Disco (Y1 - Y5)

Monday 17 November - 3.30-3.45pm
Winter Cupcake & Uniform Sale

Jolly Jumper Exchange
Dates to be confirmed

Winter Fair & Santa's Grotto - 3.30pm
Date to be confirmed

Coming up
★ Valentine's Cupcake & Uniform Sale
★ March Reading Challenge
★ Dare to be Different Day





Can you help with our winter fair?

The festive season feels a long way off but we need to start getting ready for one of the highlight's in the Hargrave Park calendar – our school's Winter Fair.

We are currently recruiting for all kinds of support for our Fair. If you could help us we would love for to hear from you. No matter how small you think your contribution would be it will make a big difference to the fair's success.

The types of things you could get involved in are:

- ❄️ Bake a batch of gingerbread men
- ❄️ Wrap a class hamper or two
- ❄️ Bring cupcakes or traybakes
- ❄️ Donate a raffle prize
- ❄️ Contact local businesses to ask if they would like to sponsor the fair or donate prizes
- ❄️ Create a fun festive fair game or craft
- ❄️ Help wrap presents at Elfridges on the day
- ❄️ Volunteer on a stall
- ❄️ Encourage families to come along

To find out about organising, sponsoring or helping out at the fair please email Mayani at:
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

During the fair we invite a very special guest to meet the children. Tucked behind Elfridges and taking a well earned rest Santa joins us for the afternoon to meet as many children as he can. But we've lost his number and was hoping a parent or grandparent might have it and could pass a message on from us. If you could help please could you contact us by email

✉ friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

Already thinking of Christmas shopping? Raise free donations for us when you shop online

Visit easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Friends of Hargrave Park or scan the QR code here. Thank you to those who are already raising money by shopping online with Easyfundraising.

