

Message from Miss Baverstock

On Tuesday we had a visit from Sian Morris – an IQM assessor. She had a tour of the school and spoke with groups of parents, children, different staff members and our chair of governors. We haven't received the official report yet but she was able to tell me that she was happy to recommend that we remain an Inclusion Quality Mark Centre of Excellence. I would like to thank all of our staff members for their dedication to inclusion and all that this means, and to all of the parents who gave time to be part of the process.

Inclusion means high quality relationships, being carefully attuned to the needs of all children and developing resources and strategies to ensure every child can be and feel successful. It means providing opportunities for all children to experience a range of enrichment activities to broaden their horizons and open their eyes to all the world has to offer. It means having a fair, meaningful and consistent behaviour policy. It means recognising the challenges that children face and working with children and their families to overcome these.

When we get the report I will be sure to share some quotes here with you.

It is definitely Winter now! On Monday it will be December and we all know what that means... (can you spot Sparkles hiding in this newsletter?)

Something new is coming – in the week beginning 8th December we will have a Jolly Jumper Exchange – School Council will be telling their class mates all about it...

Upcoming events

- Mon 1st Dec Violet Class to British Museum
- Tue 2nd Dec Roman themed Lego workshops
LKS2 and HP House
- Wed 3rd Dec Lime Class Assembly
- Thur 4th Dec Nursery to Little Angel Theatre
- Fri 5th Dec Pink Class local area visit
- Thur 11th Dec Pink Class and HP Cabin to
Little Angel Theatre
KS2 - Hackney Empire (5pm return)
- Fri 12th Dec Green and Red Classes to
Little Angel Theatre
Winter Fair 3:30 - 5pm
- Mon 15th Dec Reception to Year 6 Cinema Visit
- Tue 16th Dec Christmas lunch and
Christmas Jumper Day
Nursery singalong at 3pm
- Wed 17th Dec Blue Class to Little Angel Theatre
Under 3s singalong at 3pm
- Thu 18th Dec Winter Concerts across the day
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Christmas Activities!**
- Fri 19th Dec Last day of term - 2pm finish
- Mon 5th Jan First day of term - all children return

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FREE
FRIENDS OF HARGRAVE PARK PRESENTS
HARGRAVE PARK SCHOOL'S
Jolly Jumper Exchange
Monday 8 - Friday 12 December

Need a new Festive Jumper?
Got one you've grown out of?
Be green this Christmas with the help of our Jolly Jumper Exchange

Drop off your pre-loved festive jumpers and swap for another, or just pick up a pre-loved jumper this season for free.
Find us on the playground at drop-off and pick-up

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Monday 8 - Friday 12 December
Get Christmas jumper day ready!
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Find us on the playground at drop-off and pick-up each day of the week

SIGN-UP TO YOUR CLASS STALL AND HELP MAKE THE WINTER FAIR A SUCCESS

The Winter Fair is only possible by parents and staff getting stuck in and helping out. This year we are asking you to volunteer from as little as 15 minutes of your time to ease the load while still ensuring the children have a great time. However you volunteer you will be supported by FOHP committee parents and HP staff. Please sign-up to a slot on your class stall.

- ★ Indigo - Food
- ★ Cyan - Elfridges
- ★ Violet - Tombola
- ★ Purple - Gingerbread Men
- ★ Lime - Drinks
- ★ Orange - Snacks
- ★ Red - Pre-Loved Uniform
- ★ Green - Games
- ★ Blue - Games
- ★ Pink - Book
- ★ Nursery - Hamper Raffle

Email friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com or sign-up for a task at <https://signup.com/go/WsjQyaq> if you can help.



Upcoming Event Dates for your Diary

Free: Jolly Jumper Exchange
Mon 8 - Fri 12 December

Winter Fair & Santa's Grotto
Friday 12 December - 3.30-5.00pm

Monday 9 February - 3.30-3.45pm
Valentine Cupcake & Uniform Sale

Through-out March
March Reading Challenge

Monday 27 March - 3.30-3.45pm
Spring Cupcake & Uniform Sale

Coming up
★ Summer Cupcake & Uniform Sale
★ Rainbow Raffle
★ Dare to be Different Day



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How you can help with the winter fair

Before the Fair:

- ★ Donate items for your class hamper, such as festive treats and nice toiletries.
- ★ Give a prize for our tombola, anything from pre-loved toys to books and games.
- ★ Donate gifts for Elfridges so children can choose a present they can give to a loved one.
- ★ Bake Gingerbread Men that can be decorated at the Fair or donate cakes for the snack stall.

On the day between 1-2.30pm

- ★ Help wrap the class hampers from 1pm.
- ★ Set-up the games and tombola stall.
- ★ Decorate Santa's Grotto.

At the Fair between 3.30-5pm:

- ★ Give 15 minutes or more on your class's stall.
- ★ Visit all the stalls and have fun 😊

To find out about organising, helping out or buying tokens in advance please email Mayani at:
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

Doing your 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.



For every new person who shops through easyfundraising for us we will get £2 at no extra cost to you!

Friday 12 December, 3.30-5pm

This year's winter fair will take place after school on Friday 12 December in the Middle Hall, Hubs and Lunch Room. If your child is at afterschool club you can purchase tokens in advance for them to spend at the fair.



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 **a**.

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

a : Start at the top. Go all the way round, up to the top, down and flick.

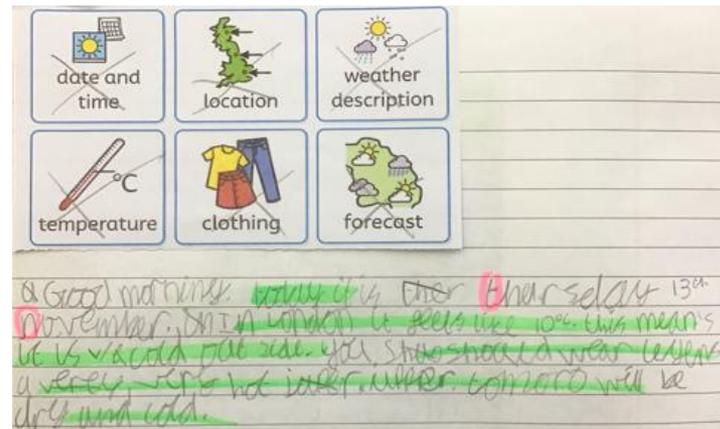
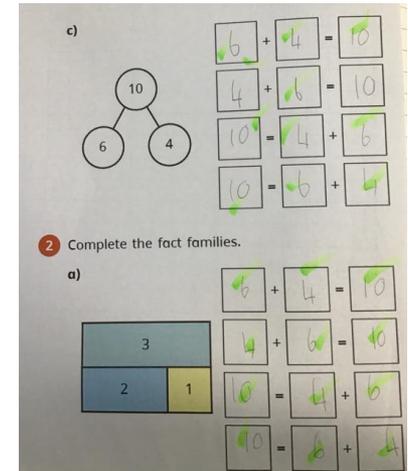
Practice at home!

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!

Penelope (Green Class, right) and Gracie (Red Class, below) have both been working hard on their presentation and number formation. Penelope has precisely and accurately formed each digit, while Gracie has started to join her writing with consistent diagonal strokes. Gracie has also accurately formed numbers with an ordinal indicator. Well done to both of them!





We have been transported to the Mediterranean with our Library displays on Ancient Greeks and Romans

The children have been able to handle ancient/replica objects



We have a selection of the most popular Reading Roadmap stories to enjoy in the library space.

As well as time-tabled library time, the children are able to visit and read during their Friday lunchbreak if they wish.

Can you find a book on dinosaurs?

We have a large range of non-fiction reference books for the children to explore and enjoy. We encourage the children to navigate this area by learning (through detective game play) how to use the worldwide 'Dewey' filing system via words, pictures, colours and numbers

Dinosaurs		567
Earth		550
Environment		333



Theatre Visits

Thur 4th Dec
a.m Nursery to Little Angel Theatre
To see 'Me...'

Thur 11th Dec
a.m Pink Class and HP Cabin to
Little Angel theatre
To see 'Me...'

p.m KS2 to Hackney Empire
To see 'Cinderella'
NB KS2 will return at approx 5pm
Have a sneak preview here...

Fri 12th Dec
Green Class and Red Class to Little
Angel Theatre
To see 'The Storm Whale'

Wed 17th Dec
Blue Class to Little Angel Theatre
To see 'The Storm Whale'

Winter concerts

Tuesday 16th Dec 3pm
Nursery families invited to
Christmas sing-along in the
Nursery

Wednesday 17th Dec 3pm
Under 3s families invited
Christmas sing-along in the
Toddler Room

Thursday 18th Dec
Winter concerts  
Middle Hall
Families invited
9:15 – Pink Class
10am – Lower KS2
2:15pm – Key Stage 1
3pm – Upper KS2

Winter fun!



Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December
Children will enjoy a traditional
Christmas dinner at lunch time,
wearing Christmas jumpers
and pulling Christmas
crackers!



Cinema Visit

Mon 15th Dec Reception to Year 6 -Holloway Odeon Cinema visit

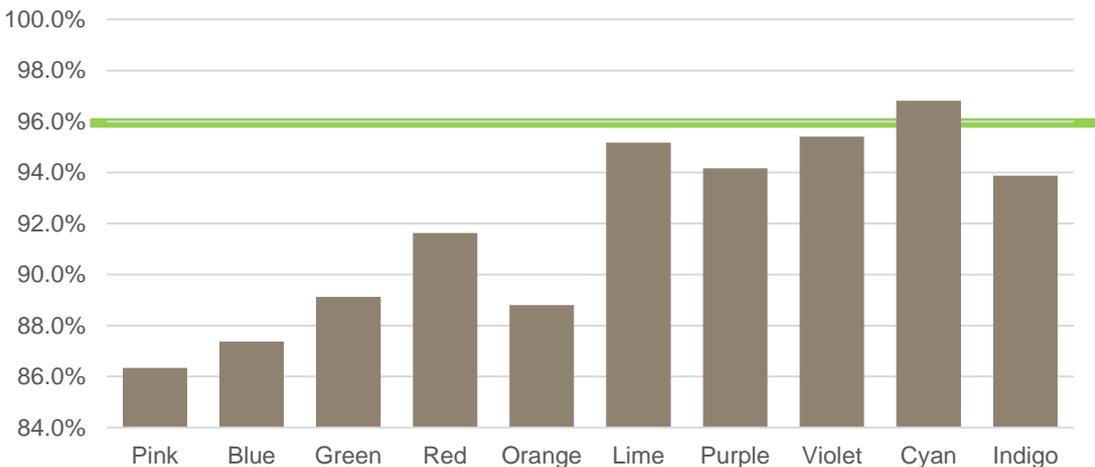
Zootropolis 2 [watch the trailer here!](#)

Winter Fair
Friday 12th Dec
3:30-5pm



Attendance Matters

W/C 21/11/25 – 27/11/25



Best Class Attendance this week goes to...

Cyan class
They have achieved 96.8% attendance this week.

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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

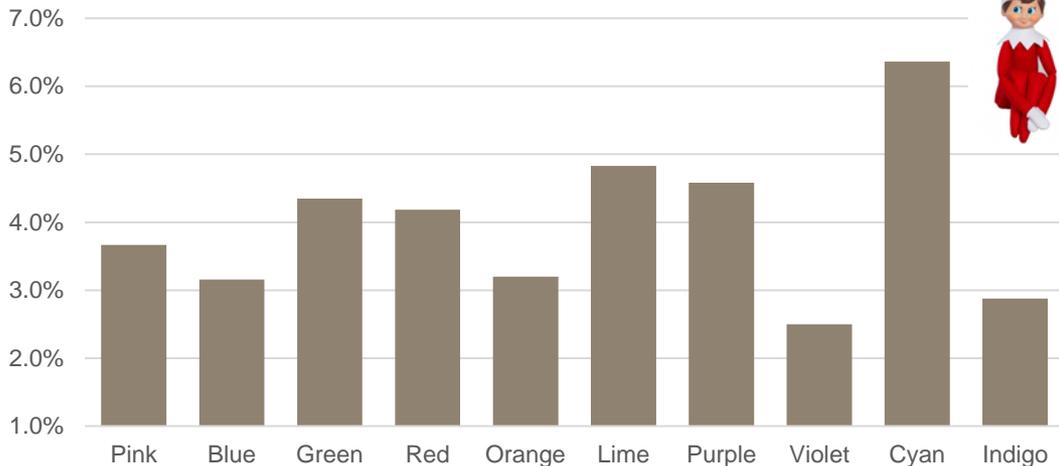
Regular attendance helps children to:

- 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

Punctuality Matters

W/C 21/11/25 – 27/11/25



Best Punctuality this week goes to...

Violet class

They were ready and on time to learn 97.5% of the time

We have already had **140** pupils arrive late for school in the first 12 weeks of this academic year!

That is a total of **9,595** missed minutes of learning

Prepare the Night Before

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

Involve the whole Family

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

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

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.

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

Supporting your child's attendance

Your child can attend school with...

Toothache
Earache
Headache
Sore throat
Conjunctivitis
Glandular Fever
Head lice
Molluscum Contagiosum (viral skin condition)
Ringworm
Threadworm
Warts and Verrucae
Cough/Cold – If your child has asthma, remember they may need their blue inhaler more often
Hand, Foot and Mouth

A raised
temperature
is over
37.5

If your child has been diagnosed with the following:

Chicken pox – Child can return to school once all spots have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting – can return to school **48 hours from the last episode** of diarrhoea or vomiting

Influenza (flu) – Children should return to school as soon as they have recovered

German Measles (Rubella) – Keep off of school for 6 days from onset of rash

Impetigo – Keep off of school until lesions are crusted/healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

Measles – Keep child off of school for 4 days from the onset of rash

Mumps – Keep off of school for 5 days from onset of swollen glands

Scabies – Child can return after first treatment

Whooping cough – 5 days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment has been given.

Doctors notes will be required for all of the above

Appointments to
be made after
school

Bumped Heads

If your child has bumped their head, you will only be called if your child complains of feeling sick, dizziness and/or headache otherwise a message will be sent home via email informing you

Please make sure that all contact details are up to date via the Arbor App in case your child is not well enough to stay in school.