

## Message from Miss Baverstock

Our first educational visit of 2026 took place today with Indigo Class visiting the Houses of Parliament. A good day was had by all. It was eventful – the children witnessed a live debate in the House of Lords and our local MP Jeremy Corbyn made a point of coming to say hello. The new parent volunteer agreement was in place to support clear expectations and a smooth running of the day for all. As ever we are grateful to all parent volunteers who make these high quality visits possible.

This week we have had a big reset of expectations for the new year. This has included the children being reminded about looking after their belongings. Please support this by ensuring your child's coats etc all have names in. We have also spoken about 'keeping the main thing the main thing' – in other words, focusing on positive learning behaviours. We use the Habits of Mind to support us in getting this right. Have a look on page 3 to find out more.

Next week in assembly we will be beginning a series of assemblies about how our brains work, helping us to understand how we learn. We will begin by looking at the habit of mind 'thinking about your thinking' which is all about metacognition.

You may have noticed that Mr Pooley has not been around. He has decided to move on from Hargrave Park due to a number of personal reasons. It was a pleasure to work with him for the short period that he was here and I wish him all the best for whatever comes next.

We have recruited a new pastoral care manager who will be starting here with us in February. I look forward to introducing you to her when the time comes.

Best wishes for a happy and warm weekend.

## Upcoming events

- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Cyan Class Assembly
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Violet Class Assembly  
KS1 Fire Safety Workshops
- Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Sophie Izzard – Bright Futures
- Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Y5/Y6 Dodgeball competition
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Blue Class Assembly
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Orange Class to Royal Courts of Justice
- Week of 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Orange Class Swimming
- Week of 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Online Safety Week
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Purple Class – Royal Courts of Justice
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb KS1 drama workshop  
Violet Class to Parliament
- Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Sophie Izzard – Bright Futures
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Lime Class – Royal Courts of Justice
- Week of 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Lime Class Swimming
- Week of 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children's mental health week
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Cyan Class to Parliament
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term Holiday
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb INSET Day School closed to children
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Children return
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Orange Class Assembly
- Week of 9<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations

## In the Newsletter today:

- P1- Message from Miss Baverstock, dates;
- P2 – Handwriting and Presentation;
- P3 – Habits of Mind; P4 – A message from our library;
- P5 - Friends of Hargrave Park;
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## 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 **C**.

**C**: Round.

**C** : Start at the top, and go round.

### Practice at home!

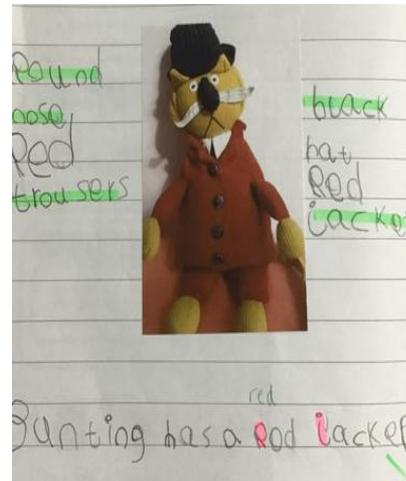
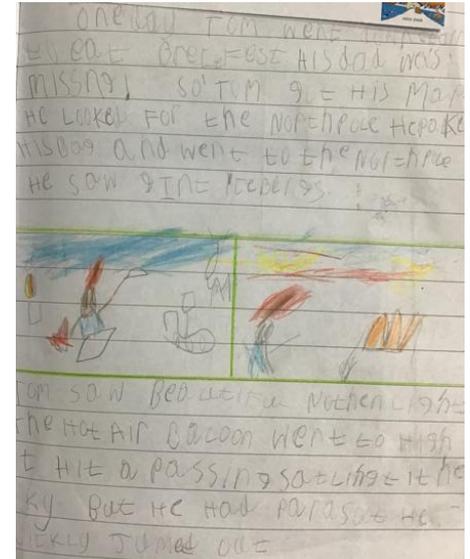
The school uses the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl. Take a look at the videos below for tips on practice at home and fine motor warm-up exercises. Encourage children to verbalise what they are doing to understand their thought processes as they write.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/oxford-owl-videos/handwriting-videos--1/>

## Practicing Presentation!

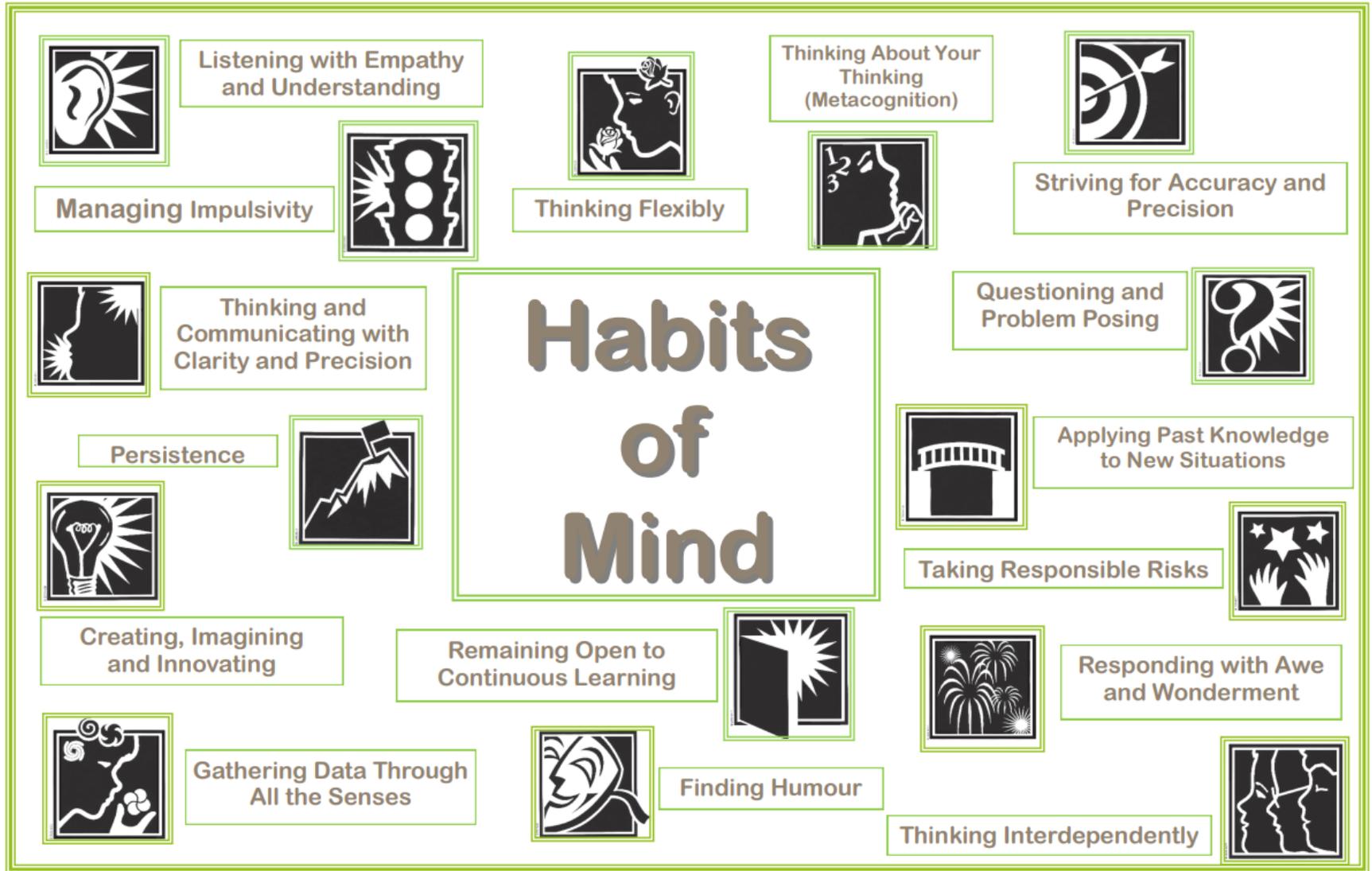
Buddy (Green Class, right) and Ryan (Blue Class, below) have both been working hard in the presentation of their recent work.

Buddy has published his narrative and thought carefully about where to place his illustrations.



Ryan has been working hard on his letter formation and has neatly written his captions on the lines.

Well done to both of them!



**Class reading sessions this term will take place on the following days:-**

**Thursdays**

**Indigo, Violet, Cyan, Orange, Purple and Lime**

**Fridays**

**Blue, Green, Red, HP House, HP Cabin, Nursery and Pink**

**For years 1 – 6, please remember to bring in your library books for those sessions, so they can be swapped for a new book.**

**Thank you**

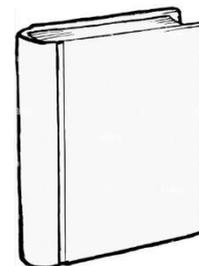


**Congratulations to Shams in Year 3 who has been shortlisted for the BBC 500 words competition! Well done to all who submitted stories, certificates have been issued. We hope to hear whether Shams has made it to the final during February.**



**Design a book cover is back!**

**We are looking for entries from all classes, two book covers will be chosen from each age group and displayed on the walls of the library. The children will have been told the details in their class sessions. Deadline is the 13<sup>th</sup> February (just before half term). We can't wait to receive some beautiful book covers!**



Our Parent and Staff Association

## Friends of Hargrave Park School

 Want to get in touch? Email us at: [friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com)

### **LEND A HAND**

FOHP doesn't work without your help and support

Friends of Hargrave Park aim to build a supportive school community while raising money for supplies and activities to compliment our children's school experience. But without the involvement of HP parents, carers, family and staff none of our activities would be possible.

#### *How could you help or get involved?*

#### **Handmade**

From making cupcakes for a sale or creating a new game for the fair we need your skills

#### **Hands On**

Help out on a stall such as the cake sale or at the fair. Or host a family social on our behalf

#### **Hands Up**

Become a class rep or part of the committee and have your say on what we activities we do

### The money we raise...

★ Subsidises the annual trip to Frinton-On-Sea



★ Provided the music equipment for the Creative Arts Space

★ Provided new play equipment and games for breaktime



Raise free donations when you shop online

Through Easyfundraising you can raise money for Friends of Hargrave Park School when you shop at online at no extra cost to you. There are over 8,000 retailers to shop with and an app when shopping on your phone.

Thank you those who are already raising money for us by shopping online with Easyfundraising.

Scan the QR code or visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Friends of Hargrave Park





## Flu community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics.



**Winter season is upon us, and with colder weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread.**

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today. The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

**Stay Well:**

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

**Protect Others:**

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

**Stop the Spread:**

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.



For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/contact>

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

### *Important message from Islington Public Health:*

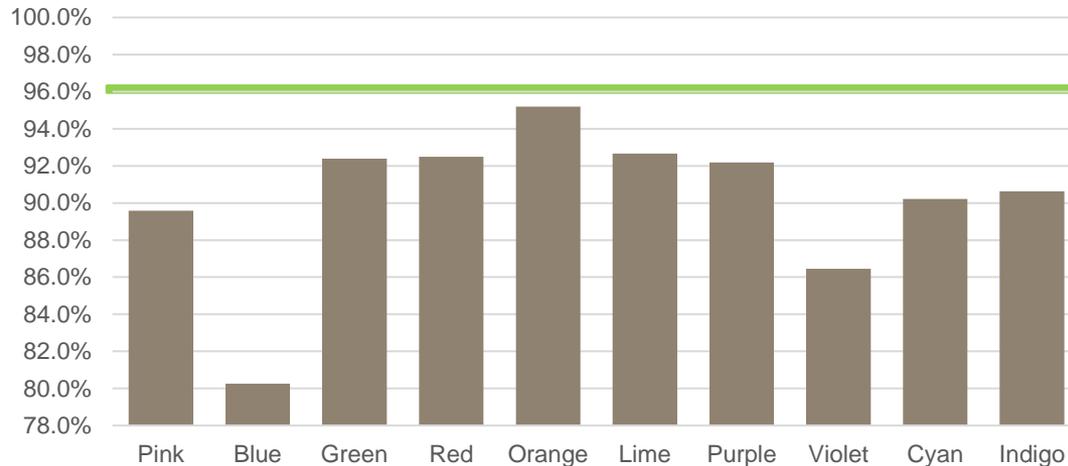
Flu cases are rising quickly, especially amongst children. Flu can make children very unwell, and there are already cases of Islington children being admitted to hospital with flu this winter.

This year's flu vaccine is very effective at preventing hospital attendance in children. As well as protecting your child, the vaccine also reduces the chance of children passing on the flu to vulnerable loved ones.

If you will be seeing family and friends over the festive period, please consider getting your child vaccinated as soon as possible. Your child can get the painless, nasal spray flu vaccine for free – see upcoming sessions to get vaccinated at [Catch-up-Clinics, Islington](#)

# Attendance Matters

W/C 05/01/26 – 08/01/26



## Best Class Attendance

Well done to Orange class  
They have achieved 95.2% attendance  
this week

Please remember that the following are not acceptable reasons to be absent from school and will go down as an unauthorised absence:

- holidays during term time
- parental illness
- Birthdays
- going shopping
- visiting family
- not wanting to go to school

Not providing a reason for your child's absence will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

It is important that all absences are reported. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please call 020 7272 3989 option 1 and record your absence message before 8.30am

Or email

[parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk)

Absences should be called in each day your child is off

Late arrival at school after the registers are closed are also recorded as unauthorised absences

## Your child can attend school with...

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

## 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**

Hargrave Park School takes a whole school approach to maintaining excellent attendance and it is the joint responsibility of parents/carers, pupils and all staff members to ensure that children are attending school as they should be.

We aim to work with families to make sure that any problems or circumstances which may lead to poor attendance are given the right attention and appropriate support.

Parents and Carers have a legal duty to ensure regular school attendance.

### How can you help your child?

- Ensure you contact the school each day your child is absent – any unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised
- Please ensure you are prepared for school each day – organize your child's school uniform and school bag the night before
- Ensure your child has a good bedtime routine.
- Ensure your child attends school on time every day.
- Show your child that you think school is very important – stay well informed with school life by reading the fortnightly newsletters, website, or Piota App
- Attend any meetings to which you are invited
- Let the school know if there are any problems or changes to your circumstances that might impact on your child's attendance.
- If you receive a letter from school or the Local Authority about your child's attendance, don't ignore it! Failure to engage and cooperate could have serious legal consequences.