



Message from Miss Baverstock

I would like to begin by extending huge thanks to all staff members and pupils for their excellent resilience and flexibility throughout this very hot week. It has been a challenge and I am happy to report that pupils and staff have responded with good humour and a sensible approach. Special thanks to Dean for setting up the sprinkler to create a spraying waterfall from the roof to keep the children cool, and to Tracy for efficiently purchasing and distributing many high quality fans.

Monday's trip to Frinton seems like a very long time ago. It was relatively cool and all the children had a great time. The coaches were very luxurious – thank you Friends of Hargrave Park for the contribution towards the hire. The event ran smoothly, we are looking forward to the next one on 7th July.

Plans for the Summer Fair are taking shape – see page 2 for more details and an introduction to how the tokens will work this year.

Next Friday, our School Improvement Partner, Trevor Davies, will be visiting the school. He will visit classrooms and meet with myself and Mrs Horton. We will be reviewing the successes of this academic year and looking ahead to plan future improvements to the teaching and learning here at Hargrave Park. We are always looking at how we can enhance the experience for all of our pupils, ensuring that everyone has the best chance to succeed.

We are approaching the end of term with three weeks left. As ever, we are working hard to sustain a high quality of teaching and learning, maintaining routines until the very last day. This supports the best outcomes for all pupils.

Transition week will be the week beginning 6th July. Children will get a chance to meet their new teacher for September, which means that in our next newsletter, we will be in a position to share the teaching teams for September. Transitions are important to get right – see page 4 – information and advice from Miss Dinshaw and page 9 – parent Workshops from Bright Start about starting Reception..

Wishing you a cool, calm and collected weekend.

Upcoming events

**Week beginning 29th June – Cyan Class Swimming
RSE lessons**

Wed 1st July Indigo and Violet Sailing

Fri 3rd July Year 6 Arsenal trip
Cyan sailing

**Week beginning 6th July – Indigo Class Swimming
RSE lessons**

Transition week

Tue 7th July Frinton 2

Wed 8th July Indigo and Violet Sailing

Thu 9th July Sophie Izzard – Bright Futures – in school

Fri 10th July Cyan sailing

Tue 14th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Wed 15th July Indigo and Violet Sailing

Wed 15th and Thur 16th July – Whole School Exhibition

Thur 16th July Summer fair

Fri 17th July Cyan sailing

Fri 17th July - last day of term - 2pm dismissal.

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Summer Fair - Thursday 16th July 3:30 – 5pm



Get ready for an afternoon packed with **fun, laughter and unforgettable memories** at our annual **School Summer Fair!**

You can expect to find exciting games, a bouncy castle, delicious treats, music, raffles, stalls and so much more. Whether you're aiming to win a prize, enjoy an ice cream in the sunshine, or simply spend time with friends, there's something for everyone!

Our Summer Fair is one of the highlights of the school year, bringing our wonderful school community together while raising valuable funds to support enriching experiences for our children.

NEW INFORMATION... We will be trialling a cashless fair – you will be able to pre-order your tokens and make payments at the office in advance – more information to follow.

This year, we want to celebrate the diversity of our school community by hosting a **"Taste of the World"** Food Stall.

Food is a beautiful way to bring people together, and it would be wonderful to showcase the different flavours of our community at our summer celebration. We invite you to share your family's favourite traditional dish.

If you are interested and are able to contribute, here is how you can help:

The Dish: Any traditional dish you would like to make is perfect! *(as long as it does not contain nuts!)*

Portion Size: You can bring any amount you like—you do not need to feed the whole school!

Allergy Safety: Please provide a brief note listing all ingredients *(our school is strictly nut-free)*

We appreciate any support you can offer—by bringing food, volunteering, or coming along to enjoy.

The fair will benefit from as many parent volunteers as possible on the day. If you would like to contribute a dish or help run or stall, please contact Tracy by emailing parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk by Friday 10th July with the support you can offer and/or the name of the dish you plan to bring.

Thank you for helping us make this year's Summer School Fair unforgettable!



Frinton-on-sea



Paddington and Mowgli will go to Frinton on
Tues 7th July
See page 3 for more details

Whole School Theme and Exhibition

We will again be creating a collection of the children's work for families to visit at the end of term.

The working title of this year's whole school theme is:
'Hargrave Park: Past, Present, Future'.

The exhibition will be open to families on 15th and 16th July.

Cooking together

Enjoy some fun and simple cooking with your little one! These activities are important for spending time together and help develop skills such as focus, following instructions, and fine and gross motor skills, as well as encouraging children to try new foods and textures. They also support your child's communication, creativity and early learning while enjoying quality time together.

Homemade playdough

Mix 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt, 2 cups of warm water and 2 tablespoons of oil.

Put 30 seconds in the microwave and then knead it until smooth.



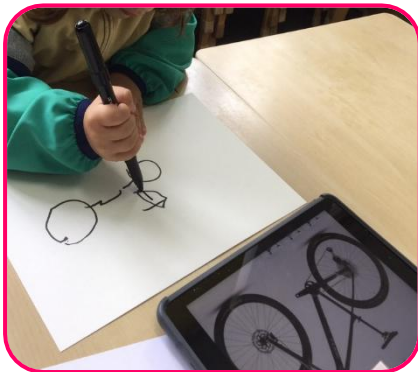
Easy banana pancakes

Mash 1 ripe banana, mix it with 1 egg, and cook small spoonfuls in a lightly oiled frying pan until golden on both sides



Under 3's art work

Under 3s have been talking with practitioners about how they travel to school. They explored drawing different types of transport, developing their fine motor skills, pencil control and hand-eye coordination while learning to observe and copy simple models.



Extra Boost (SEND)

The free sessions help children build confidence, attention, communication and social skills through play in a calm environment, while parents can learn strategies to support their child's development and connect with other families.



Extra Boost (SEND)

For parents with children aged 0-5 with additional needs

Extra boost is a specialist group activity for under 5s with additional needs and who benefit from a quieter space where their individual needs can be met.

Sessions will help your child to:

- Feel comfortable playing and exploring in a small group
- Build attention during play
- Experience taking turns when playing

Sessions will help you to:

- Learn more about how your child communicates and further support your child's communication development
- Share any concerns and experiences with the practitioners and other parents
- Interact with your child in a calm environment

For more information, please contact:

brightstartcentral@islington.gov.uk

020 7527 8465

Family Hubs, Start for Life

Wednesday's
13:30pm – 15:00pm

Ambler Children's
Centre, N4 2QX.

A message from our SENDCO: Mrs Dinshaw

Transition



- Transition to secondary school
- Transition to new year groups
- Activities you can do at home
- Getting your child ready for secondary school
- Books that might be helpful



TRANSITION!

It can be a worrying time for parents and children when they start to think about Transition to a new school or year group. There are lots of things we do in school to try and make it easier, but there are also things you can do at home too.

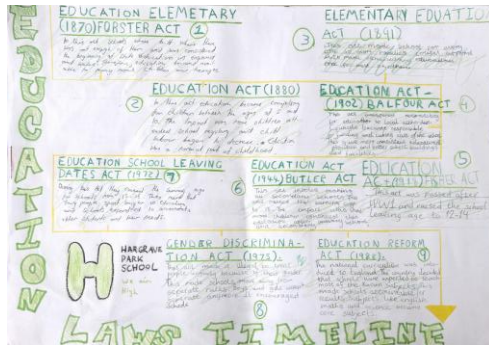
What we do in school - Transition to a new year group

- The children will be told who their new teacher is as soon as we have made all the arrangements.
- They will already know the teachers, unless it is a new member of staff.
- We have a transition week from the 6th to the 10th of July. Classes will move up to meet their new teacher and spend time with them.
- Pupils going to Secondary schools will have already visited their new school or will be visiting.

The most important thing is to talk to your child. Find out how they are feeling, if they have any particular worries or concerns, What are they looking forward to, etc.
Do they have any older siblings or relations who could put their mind at rest?

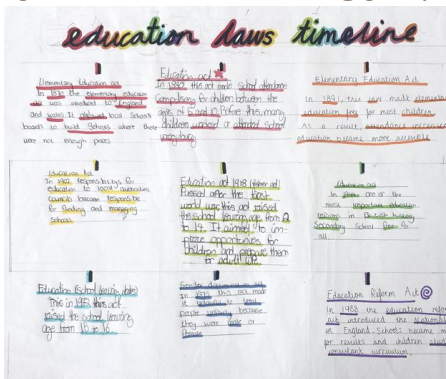


Building Belonging



History in UKS2

As part of our whole school theme on Hargrave Park, UKS2 have been researching how education laws have evolved throughout time. Themes being explored include why there are separate “girls” and “boys” signs to the staircases on the playground and how access to education differed vastly between wealthier and poorer families. Children will also be reflecting on why advocating for inclusion is still important today even though equality laws are now seemingly in place.



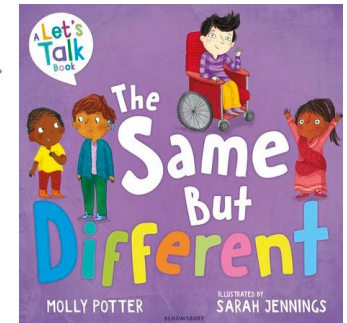
Talking about diversity at home

Discuss Stereotypes

If your child uses a stereotype, challenge it initially by asking them where they heard it. Help them understand how stereotypes can be harmful. The most obvious and easiest place to start is with gender stereotypes. Do all boys like football? Do all girls like pink? Talk about how stereotypes can make you believe you should behave in certain ways.

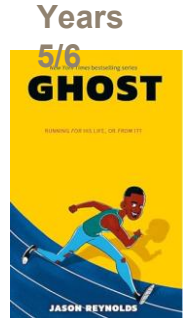
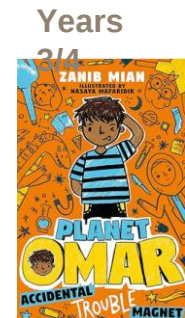
Discuss how a person might feel if they didn't obey these 'unwritten rules.' Explain that not everyone thinks of themselves as simply male or female.

- Taken from the text, 'The Same but Different'



KS2 texts

We place emphasis on our curriculum sending the right messages from all aspects of inclusion, which helps build children's understanding of the world around them. This is a piece of work which always needs refining in a changing world. One way we do this is through studying a range of texts which include diverse characters. Importantly, we aim to choose authors who write with different perspectives and backgrounds. This term's class texts are:



With Frinton trips underway, we have many books about the seaside, plus a seagull to examine closely. (hopefully not that up-close at Frinton!)



Congratulations to Charlotte and Khadar for winning the Reading Road Map short story competition! Their stories will be published in a book and their names will be added to the official Road Map in September. A huge achievement!

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 **I**.

I: Start at the top. Go straight down, and flick.

L: Down, and across.

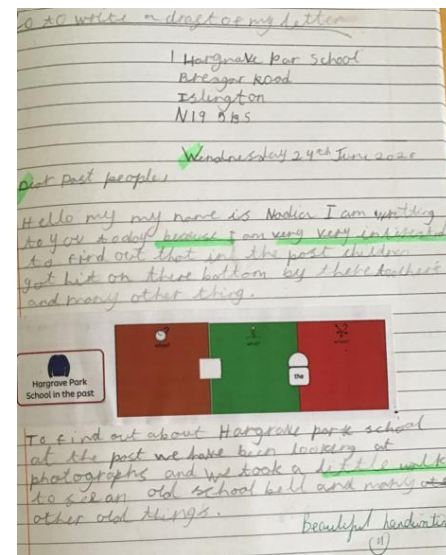
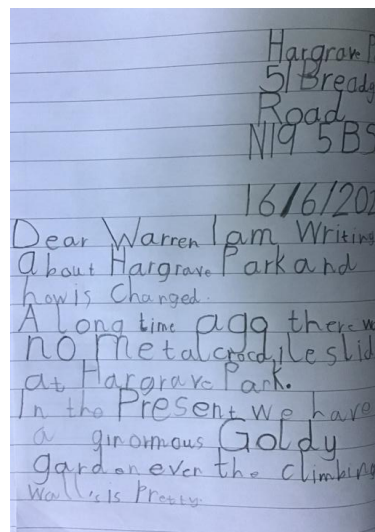
Practice at home!

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/>

Practising Presentation!

Nadia in Red Class, right, and Anas in Blue Class, below, have both been working hard on their presentation when writing letters. Nadia has ensured that the size of her writing has remained consistent throughout this piece. She has also consistently used diagonal strokes to join her letters together.



Like Nadia, Anas set out his letter appropriately, ensuring that the address is set out first on the top right hand side. His writing has also remained on the lines and he has worked hard to form all letters correctly.

Well done to both!

Social Media Ban for Children Under the Age of 16: Information for Families

You have likely heard about the government's landmark legislation to restrict social media access for children under the age of 16.

As we navigate this major cultural shift together, I wanted to outline what this means for our families and how we can best support our children through it.

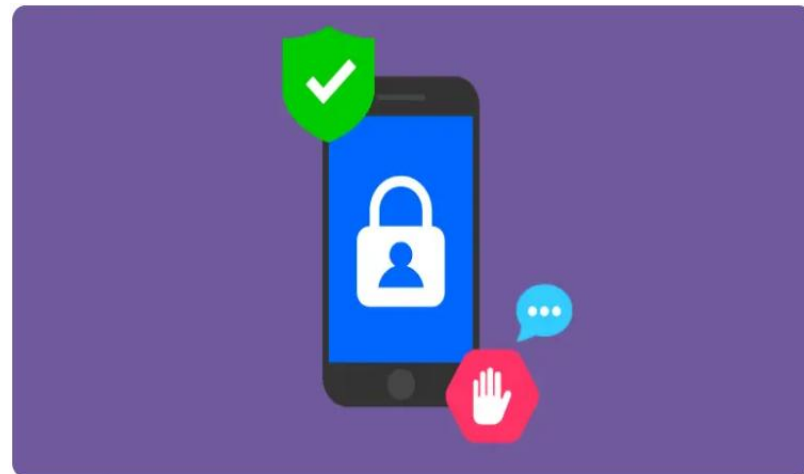
By spring 2027, social media companies will be legally required to block access for anyone under 16. and will apply to TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, and X. We will be updating our policy and education in due course. We already warn families of the risk of these platforms and current age restrictions (many 13+) and the school has policy and best practice on classroom use too.

Where can you get more advice and support?

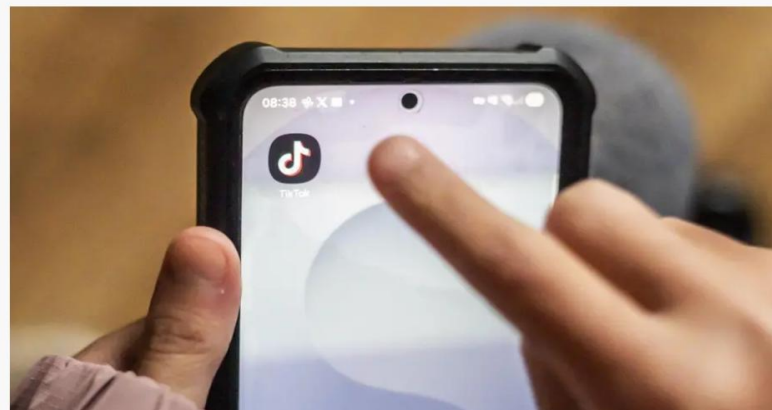
Further info can be found from the BBC Under-16s social media ban: What parents need to know
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp3xy3gq79eo>

and Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/uk-social-media-ban-and-new-online-safety-measures>



Under-16s social media ban: What parents need to know



Friday 26th June



Frinton 2026



Paddington and **Mowgli** will go to Frinton
on Tuesday 7th July.

Letters have been sent out to Paddington and
Mowgli families with all the details.

Here are the timings:

Children arrive during breakfast club – 8-
8:30am, or promptly at 8:40am – beginning of
soft start

We will depart at 9am and arrive back at
Hargrave Park at approximately 5pm.

The office team will keep parents updated
with any revised arrival times.

The children who remain in school will have
an opportunity to enjoy house activities
across the day, preparing for the Whole
School Exhibition.



STARTING RECEPTION

Workshop for Parents / Carers with advice and
practical tips for children starting reception



The Family Hubs Universal
Therapies Team, Health
Visiting service & Early Years
Foundation Stage Team
will provide advice on:

- Growing Independence
 - Building Communication & Relationships
- Physical Development
 - Healthy Routines

Thursday 2nd July 1:30 – 2:30pm
ONLINE – MS Teams



[Click here to register](#)

Thursday 16th July 1:30 – 2:30pm
ONLINE – MS Teams

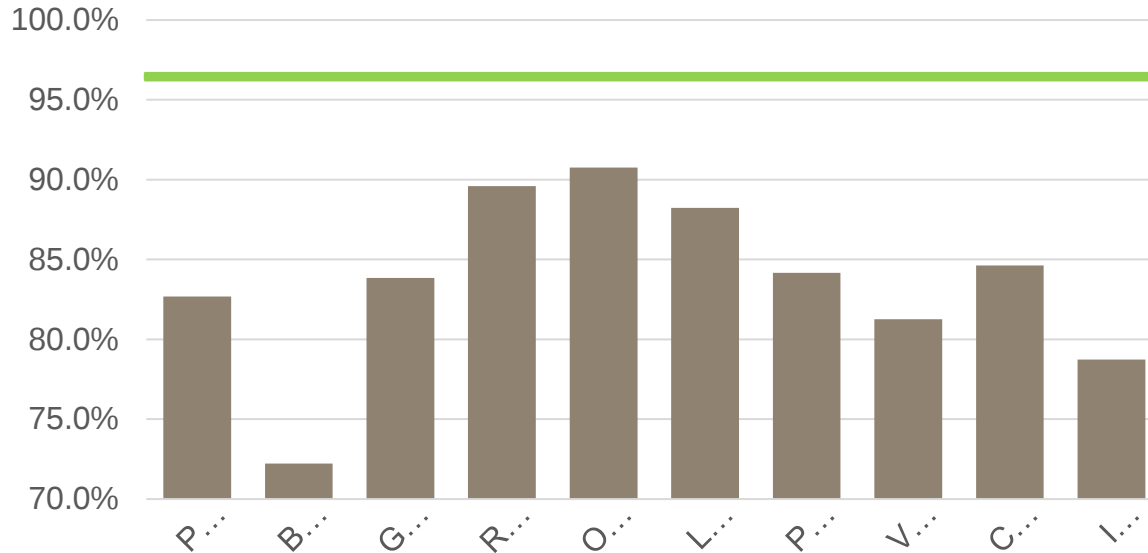


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Attendance Matters

W/C 19/06/26 – 25/06/26



We have seen a big improvement in attendance so far this term.

Did you know that Hargrave Park has an attendance target of 96%?

There are currently 107 children reaching this target and above

Best Class Attendance

The heat has had a big impact on attendance this week.

Well done to Orange class for their perseverance.

They achieved 90.8% attendance this week

Congratulations to all of those children
Keep up the good work!

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 Inset Day
(no school for students)

 Bank Holiday

 School Holidays

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