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Message from Miss Baverstock

During the INSET day on Monday, Teachers, TAs, LSAs and the Pastoral Care Team met together to explore, reflect and build on the ways we work to foster a sense of belonging which supports pupils to thrive in all aspects of school life.

We had a particular focus on managing behaviour and 'Assessment for Learning' putting the importance of that sense of belonging at the heart of what we do. Both aspects of school life flourish when teaching teams are attuned to the needs of each individual and respond appropriately, within a consistent and coherent school approach, ensuring that all pupils feel seen, heard, understood and cared for.

On 17th November, we have an assessor visiting from the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM). This is an annual visit to maintain our IQM 'Centre of Excellence' status which we are very proud of. They will be speaking with a range of stakeholders including staff, pupils, parents and of course governors. We really value the input of families and I am recruiting parents and carers to speak with the assessor on that day about everything we do here at Hargrave Park in the name of Inclusion. Please email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk if you are interested in taking part.

Before the holidays we had our traditional Spooky and Sparkly Disco! It was a great success – huge thanks to Mayani and the team of parents who organised and volunteered to help on the night. Thanks also go to all the staff members who came along and took part. These things take a lot of work and team effort. It once again ran smoothly and was a memorable and happy occasion for the children.

Upcoming events

Mon 9th Nov	Maamulaha football
Wed 11th Nov	**Red Class Assembly**
Week beginning 16th November	
	Anti-Bullying Week
	Purple Class Swimming
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day
	Spanish Dance Workshop UKS2
Thur 19th Nov	Bright futures clinic
Week beginning 23rd November	
	Violet Class Swimming
Mon 23rd Nov	Orange Class – Kew Gardens
Tue 24th Nov	Purple Class – Kew Gardens
Wed 25th Nov	**Indigo Class Assembly**
Thur 26th Nov	Lime Class – Kew Gardens
Wed 2nd Dec	**Lime Class Assembly**
Fri 4th Dec	Red Class: Little Angels Theatre
Wed 9th Dec	Pink Class: Little Angels Theatre
Thu 10th Dec	Blue and HP Cabin to Little Angels Theatre
Fri 11th Dec	Nursery: Little Angels Theatre
Mon 14th dec	YR to Y6 to Odeon
Tue 15th Dec	Christmas lunch
Wed 16th Dec	Winter Concerts
Thu 17th Dec	Winter Fair

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In LKS2, we explored the work of three artists: **Sonia Boyce, Lubaina Himid and Chris Ofili.**

Some pupils' thoughts:

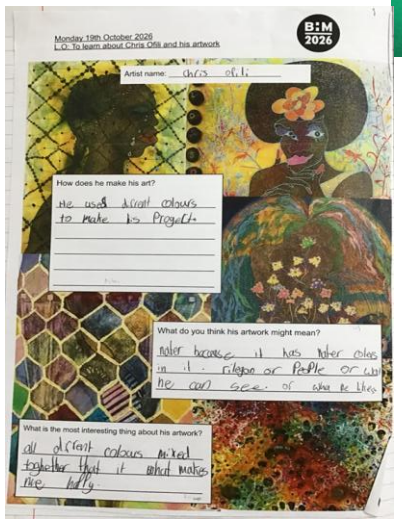
'I am curious because he uses lots of different materials

'I feel inspired to create my own painting using these patterns.'













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In Years 5 and 6, children reviewed authors currently studied at Hargrave Park and explored whether it represented a diverse perspective.



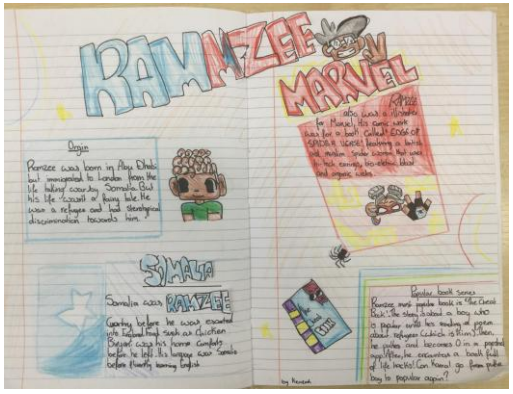


"Books are diverse when they include characters from different backgrounds."

"Reading different stories helps us understand other people's lives and experiences."



"Diverse authors are important, but characters and storylines should also be more diverse by having characters from different backgrounds or characters that face and overcome discrimination, like Planet Omar."



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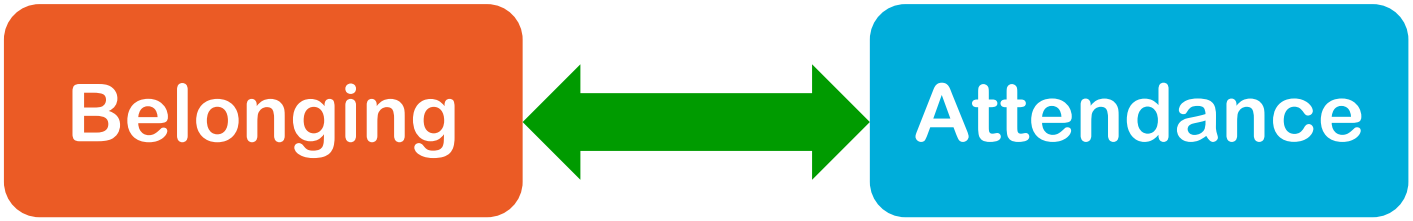
Improving school attendance

Remember…
Research shows that children who attend regularly:

- **Achieve well in school**
- **Find it easier to maintain friendships**
- **Have more opportunity for social events**

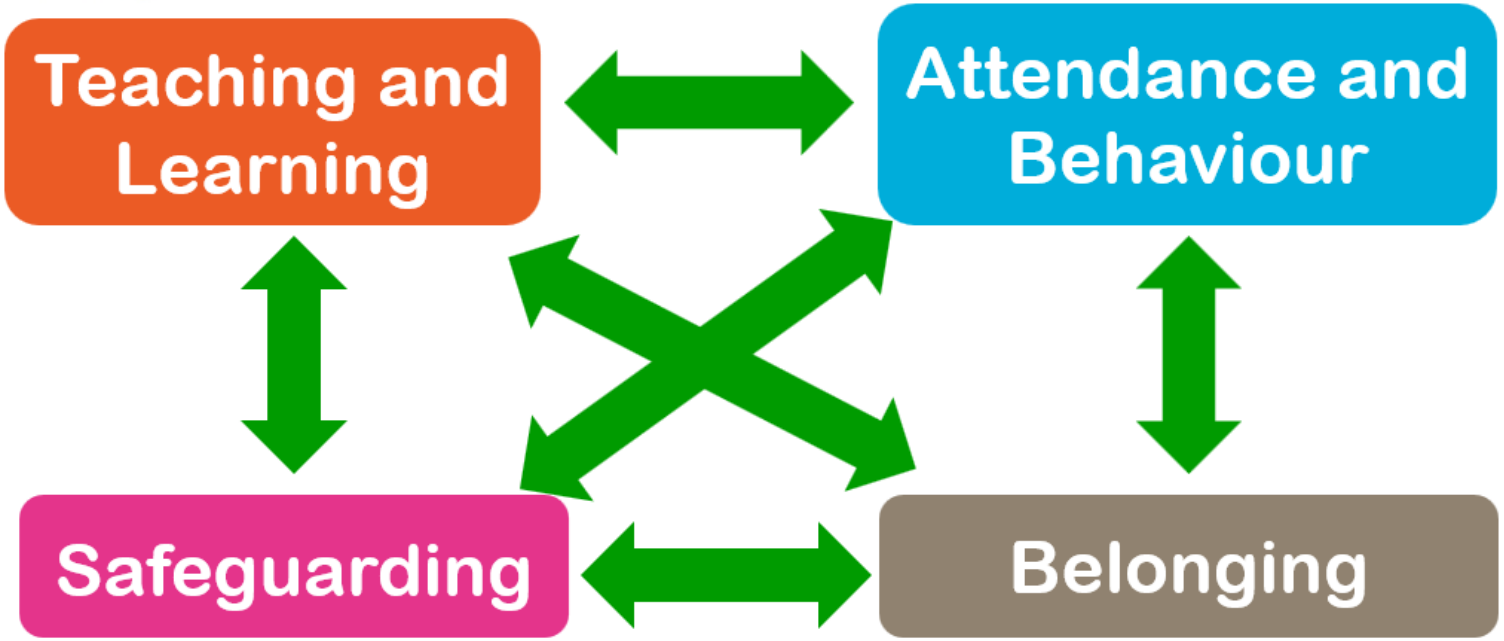
There are currently:
125 pupils exceeding the 96% attendance target.
We would like to see this number increase.
Please speak with your child's teacher or a member of staff on the playground if there is something we can help with which would support your child's attendance.

It is also great to see Orange Class with 100% attendance across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.
That is something to celebrate!



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All of the above aspects of school life are linked!

I have been very happy this week to speak with pupils and their families about their improved attendance. It is clear that coming to school every day has supported pupils to feel more confident in their learning and friendships. I have seen some lovely work from pupils with improved attendance.

Mr Long has been in touch with a number of families regarding attendance mentors. This a service whereby targeted pupils have a 1:1 session each week for eight weeks with an attendance mentor. This is pastoral support from Bright Futures designed to explore and minimise any worries the child may have about coming to school - for example friendship issues, confidence about learning.

If you would like to find out more about attendance mentors, please email parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk

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Our Parent and Staff Association

Friends of Hargrave Park School

Want to get in touch? Email us at: friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com or find us on Instagram

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.

Being part of the committee or becoming a class rep is a great way to get to know other families while supporting the school. You can also get involved through the year helping to support our events and activities.

Calling all family volunteers

The winter fair will be on Thursday 17 December from 3.30 - 5.00pm in the Middle Hall. But we need parents and carers to get involved so it can still go ahead.

Helping before the day of the fair

- Cutting paper shapes for the craft table
- Donating or asking a local business for a raffle prize
- Getting the ribbons and decoration for the hampers
- Creating a festive game to be played at the fair
- Collecting small gifts for Elfridges or the Tombola
- Wrapping our lucky dip prizes

Helping on the day but before 3.00pm

- Wrapping class hampers
- Provide a dish or a bake for the food stalls
- Setting up the stalls in the Middle Hall

Helping at the fair

- Volunteer on your class stall or table for half an hour
- Taking down the stalls and tidying away

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.

School Disco Thank you

The children had a fantastic time at our Sparkly and Spooky disco, as well as those who had their own discos in their classroom or at Cardfields. A big thank you to all the HP staff and parents and ex-HPs who helped out (Lydia, Shara, Mariya, Christina, Gen, Skye, Storm, Lola, Pricilla, Vicky, Kelly, Michael, Nancy, Claudia, Katie & James). The disco would not have happened without you

Let us know you can help

Please message us if you can help with any of the winter fair to do list. Or get in touch if you would like to get involved with Friend of Hargrave Park in other way the benefit of our children
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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Anti-Bullying Week begins 16th November

Children will engage in a range of activities linked to this year's theme: *Break the Silence.*

This year's campaign will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Find out more here:
https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/anti-bullying-week-2026

View the school's Anti-Bullying policy here:
https://hargravepark.com/about-us/policies-reports/anti-bullying-policy/



SWS
School Wellbeing Service

We work with the Islington School Wellbeing Service who provide early intervention, self-help support for families.
A school wellbeing practitioner work directly with parents to support a child experiencing challenges such as emotional wellbeing, anxiety and resilience.
If you would like to be considered for this 1:1, parent support, please contact a DSL at Hargrave Park.
For more information:
https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/icamhs-sws

INSET Day: Monday 2nd November

Keeping Our Children Safe: As part of our commitment to children's well-being, all staff completed safeguarding refresher training during our recent INSET day. The session was led by Andrew Hall, a national expert in child protection and safeguarding in education. It was an opportunity for our team to refresh their knowledge and ensure our safeguarding practice remains robust.

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At Hargrave Park, we encourage children to explore their imagination, develop new ideas and think creatively. **Creating, Imagining and Innovating** helps children look at things in new ways, experiment with possibilities and turn their ideas into something new. It encourages children to be curious, creative and confident in sharing and developing their ideas.

Habits of Mind

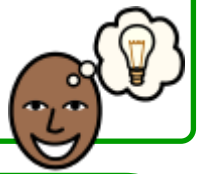


Creating, Imagining and Innovating

When might we use this habit?

We might show this habit when we...

- think of a new way to do something
- create, design or invent something
- imagine what might happen next
- experiment with different ideas and materials
- find a creative solution to a problem
- build on someone else's idea
- ask "What if...?" and explore different possibilities



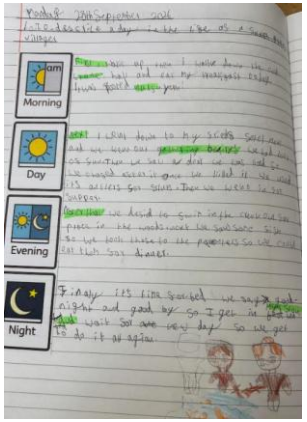
What does this Habit of Mind mean?



Creating, Imagining and Innovating means...

- using our imagination to develop new ideas
- thinking of different possibilities
- experimenting and trying new things
- finding new and creative ways to solve problems
- building on and developing ideas
- turning our ideas into something new

Habit in action!



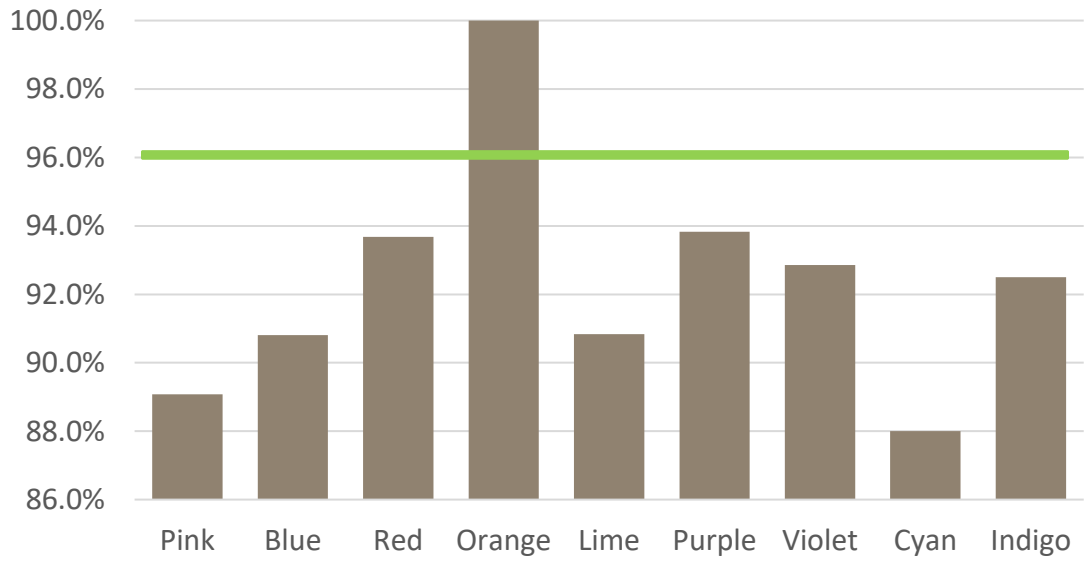


This week, Ayla (Lime) demonstrated **Creating, Imagining and Innovating** through her home learning and Stone Age topic lessons. She used her imagination to explore Stone Age life, showing curiosity and creativity as she developed ideas and presented her learning in different ways.

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Attendance Matters

W/C 03/11/26 – 05/11/26



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Orange class.
They achieved 100% attendance this week

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