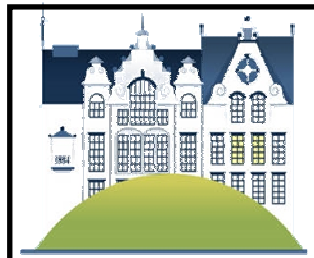


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News This Week

It's been a busy old week this week after being on the Camden Head Teachers' Conference last Thursday and Friday. The focus for the Heads was on the future of assessment, how school budgets are going to decrease and how schools are going to have to work in greater partnerships in future – all very interesting. This week...Sports Day season is upon us. Reception and Y1 yesterday were a triumph and really good fun and as we speak KS2 will be doing their thing. Well done to all the children who participated so brilliantly. Three more weeks until the end of term...lots to do before then, though. **Robin**



INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS TO A PICNIC in Primrose Hill Park—

Wednesday 1st July 3.30 p.m. Don't forget to

bring your own
picnic food for your family.

Let's hope the sun keeps shining.



Reminders

CHILDREN MUST
NOT PLAY ON
PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT
BEFORE CLASSES
HAVE BEGUN.

Any takers for
helping with the
garden?

Our school office
is open from 8
a.m. until 4 p.m.

Please let us
know if you can
help or donate to
developing the
Garden Area.

'Playground
Gates open at
8:45 and close
8:55 a.m.

THEMED COFFEE
MORNING ON
TUESDAY NEXT
WEEK—how to de-
stress, offload and
recharge...

Punctuality

We're having a big push on punctuality as it is not ok to arrive late in school. We've spoken to the children and are monitoring very carefully children who are repeatedly late.



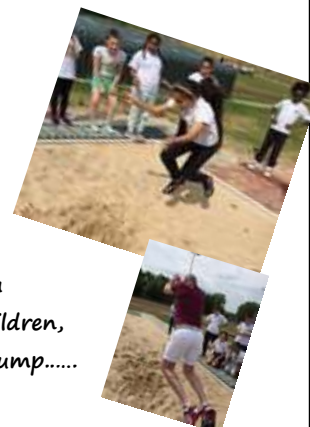
If you were 5 minutes late each day, you would miss 25 minutes per week which is nearly 1000 minutes over the course of the academic year. Arriving late unsettles your child as they will miss important information and learning at the start of the day. Poor attendance and punctuality contributes to poor progress in learning. This has been evident when we have been talking about the children during Pupil Progress Review Meetings - children who are not in school cannot learn and therefore this limits their chances. The expectation is that the gates open at 8:45 and your child should be in by 8:55.

Date Reminders -

Last day of term is Friday, 17th July at 1.30 p.m. School begins again after the holiday on Wednesday, 2nd September.

KS2 Sports Day

Just before 10 o'clock this morning our KS2 classes all walked to Parliament Hill Fields Athletics Track to take part in their sports day. Although the sun has not shone all day, we understand they have had a wonderful time and there were so many good performances. Above all, the children enjoyed participating in the different sports and behaved impeccably. As this Newsletter goes to print before the children return, a fuller report will appear on our website. Robin, who accompanied the children, has sent these photographs, including one of himself attempting the long jump.....



Coming Up Diary Dates

Friday, 3rd July

Tuesday, 7th July

Wednesday, 8th July

Thursday, 9th July

Year 3 Reading Workshop for

parents

Year 6 Performance at Haverstock

School

Nursery Sports Day 2.30—3.15 p.m. in the upper playground

Year 6 trip to Chessington

Home Learning and more ...

Don't forget we have some fantastic online resources for your children to use at home. All can be found in the home learning area of the school website: tinyurl.com/phshomelearning Your child should have all usernames and passwords but please ask your child's teacher if they are mislaid.



French

If you are a French speaker and would like to help support our French curriculum by assisting in school, please see Sarah Smith or Robin. As Sarah is leaving us at the end of the term, we are planning our next steps for Modern Foreign Languages and would like some skilled support from our parent community if we have some willing helpers. Thank you.



Summer Reading Challenge **Sunday 12th July** – Camden Libraries are participating in an attempt for a new Guinness World Records™ title for the Most Pledges Received for a Reading Campaign at Swiss Cottage and Pancras Square libraries – they want to encourage children and carers to come and make their pledge to visit the library and read books over the summer. **Saturday 18th July**—start of this year's **Reading Challenge**. Children can register from this date onwards to take part in the Challenge. **More details next week.**

Moving on to secondary school in Camden

Parents of primary pupils in Years 5 and 6 can find out more about the excellent education on offer at Camden's secondary schools at open events in September and October. Applications for autumn 2016 places open this September. The closing date to apply for Year 7 places at a Camden secondary school is 31 October 2015.

To find out more about what Camden secondary schools can offer your child. - Visit the schools on their [open days and evenings](#) in September and October (see camden.gov.uk/admissions or individual school websites for details

Come to the Moving On to Secondary School event for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 primary pupils from **3.30 to 6.30pm on Tuesday, 15 September 2015** at the Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, King's Cross, London WC1H 9AU. **Parents will need to register** for Moving On at eventbrite.co.uk



LATIN CLUB CORNER

You may have noticed that our local paper had a short piece warning the rich and powerful that they could fall from power at any time, and referring to the Roman Emperors having a slave who whispered

"memento mori" in their ear. A reminder that not even mighty emperors can escape death!



Peace and Happiness in Year 1
After thinking about our own religions, our beliefs, customs and traditions, Year 1 began to think about religions around the world. Buddhism was a good place to start and they travelled by tube to the Kadampa Buddhist Centre in Golders Green to talk to some practising Buddhists to find out about their religion. Then they learned to meditate!



Attendance & Punctuality

3P reached 96% attendance this week.

Congratulations to them.

6J had one late which makes them winners, too, with punctuality! Didn't they come top a few weeks ago?



Staffing News

As **Paul Lambert** is leaving at the end of term, we have established a new PE Team which will be led by Mitch Collymore, supported by Jordan Lawal and Lucy McGuinness.

I am also pleased to announce **Marina Castelo-Branco** is expecting a baby in the Autumn Term. This is wonderful news and we wish Marina all the very best. Marina will be based in the Nursery and will also support Y5 & Y6 in the first half of the Autumn Term before her maternity leave begins.

We have appointed **Diane Campbell** to our teaching staff in September and we shall shortly be telling you about the class arrangements for the new academic year.

KS1 and Reception Sports Day

Yesterday afternoon with the sun shining brightly some of our very young children had their own sports afternoon. There was great excitement and the whole event was so well supported by parents, carers and much younger siblings. With Paul Lambert and his loud-hailer, and our Year 6 children supporting throughout, the children knew exactly which events they were taking part in. Determination and concentration showed on most faces as well as enjoyment and pleasure. It was a delight to see all our little ones having a lovely time. Stars, all of them, including parents in the egg, spoon and spacehopper race!!

