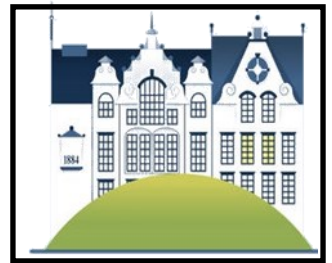


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From our Head Teacher An exciting week at Primrose Hill. It's not every week you see Dame

Maggie Smith watching your Y5 children perform at a West End Theatre or David Walliams coming to open your library....so we have been very lucky. The library project is almost complete and looks ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC. This is the result of Marianne's incredible hard work as well as her team of helpers. We have spent over £20k on making this a feature of the school and are proud of how it looks. We will be communicating next week how the library will be used and the expectations of borrowing and enjoying the resources. **Robin**



School Improvement Plan Questionnaire

The School Improvement Plan questionnaire was sent out this week and is also on the website. Please make some time to complete this and return to the school office. Your views will be very welcome. Many thanks.

David Walliams opens Primrose Hill School's refurbished Library

Famous children's author, David Walliams, visited school today to open our new Library, to talk with the children and to answer questions during an assembly. He also read pages from one of his books, 'Gangsta Granny'. There were many happy faces and much laughter. Thank you for coming, David, and thank you for your gift of £600-worth of books.



FOPHS Coffee mornings are held every Tuesday in the community room from 9 a.m. They are a great way to meet other parents, so please come and join us.



STARS OF THE WEEK

1J	Aron and Grace
1K	Chloe, Leana & Evan
2B	Harmony and Liam
2R	Hadia and Waye
3M	Thomas and Leah L
3P	Lotte and Josiah
4D	Kai and Poema
4M	Amanda and Amin
5A	Jude and Philip
5J	Waye
6L	Dea
6PH	Lucy
6T	Saim

Sex & Relationship Education (SRE)

In the second half of the Summer Term, we will be covering the statutory aspects of the Sex and Relationship area of the National Curriculum. Although this is statutory, last year lots of parents had questions about the content, so this year we thought it would be useful to outline what we will be covering in the sessions which will be for Y3 upwards. I have invited Gill Morris – Senior Health & Wellbeing Adviser for Camden – to lead two info sessions for parents, outlining what will be covered in the lessons next term. **These will be on Tuesday 3rd May at 2:30 and 3:30 in the Middle Hall.**

Shakespeare Schools' Festival

Kate and some children in Y5 were amazingly busy on Monday and Thursday as they performed at the Piccadilly Theatre in the West End. Izzi, Daniella, Kahin, Michael, Zubin and Jaydon all took to the stage, Daniella even performing a dialogue with Jessica Hynes! Here's an excerpt from the press release: "More than 50 primary, secondary and special school students from across the country performed with professionals Paterson Joseph, Jessica Hynes and Arthur Darvill at London's Piccadilly Theatre, in front of a sold out crowd to mark the 400th anniversary of the Great British playwright's death. The cast included 25 pupils from London's Primrose Hill Primary, Queen Elizabeth Boys Secondary and Oak Lodge Special Schools showcasing their versions of a Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet. Shakespeare Schools Festival Chief Executive Ruth Brock said the importance of Shakespeare is not about the past, but his impact on the next generation. "In 2016, if those who already love Shakespeare talk only to others who love Shakespeare, we've failed. The challenge of performing, on a professional stage in the West End or in their local town, can transform children's lives - building confidence, literacy and teamwork. To mark his 400th anniversary we should look to the future and equip young people with those life skills, whatever stage they'll walk onto – be it boardroom, factory floor or operating theatre."



"Too many young people think Shakespeare is not for them, for a different class or a different age. Shakespeare is as much the property of a six year old wheelchair user as a sixty year old academic. It should be as relevant to a 10 year old in east London as it is to a theatre critic," Ms Brock said.

Jessica Hynes, actor, said:

"Cuts in state education, and the arts in particular, mean access to creative learning opportunities are dwindling, especially for those from low income backgrounds. But low income doesn't mean low talent, low imagination or low intelligence. I'm supporting programmes across the UK like Arts Emergency and Shakespeare Schools Festival to ensure that kids with backgrounds like mine aren't locked out of the next creative generation."

9-year old Daniella Miksto from Primrose Hill Primary School, London, said :

"I was so nervous and so excited. We got to see how famous actors really do it. My mum and dad saw me as Puck for the first time, it was awesome!"

Kate Hopewell, teacher at Primrose Hill Primary School, London said: "It's easy to think that Shakespeare is too much of a challenge for primary aged children – or too boring. But our parents and school community were absolutely wowed by our pupils' Festival performance and the impact on their confidence. Seeing Daniella conquer her fears as Puck in the West End tonight was a highlight in my teaching career. It makes me incredibly proud."



Scooter Training in Walk to School Week

The Eco Warriors have become Junior Travel Ambassadors! Their first action was to encourage everyone to walk, scoot, cycle, catch public transport and park and stride (parking away from the school and walking). They did an assembly, carried out a travel survey and created posters to go around the school. We hope to reduce carbon emission and reduce pollution.

There was a 'Design a Walk to School Badge' competition too- we will announce the winners in next week's achievement assembly. To encourage more children to



scoot to school, some Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children completed scooter training. Some Year 6 children will be doing cycle training after their SATs.

Book Bags

Now that we have our new Library and children are again borrowing books, don't forget that we sell school book bags at £3. They are a handy way, too, of ensuring letters from school arrive home safely. Ask our office staff if you are interested.

Coming Up This Term and more ...

Monday 25th Apr	Yr 4 Parents The Mill trip mtg 3.45 p.m.
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday School Closed
Tues 3 rd May	Sex & Relationships Education Session for Parents 2:30 / 3:30
Fri 6 th May	Y3 Performance 2:30pm
Mon 9 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Tues 10 th May	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament
Wed 11 th May	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament
Week beg 16 th May	Y6 Cycle Training Autism Week
Tues 17 th May	Y6 YR Height & Weight Checks 4pm-6pm Y3 Y4 Football Finals
Wed 18 th May	Y6 YR Height & Weight Checks
Thurs 19 th May	Y6 YR Height & Weight
Fri 20 th May	Y6 YR Height & Weight
Mon 23 rd May	STEM Week Begins – (Science Workshops 24–27 May — more information later)

Summer Fair Saturday 9th July 12-4pm

There will be a meeting about this soon but please keep that date for your diary.

