

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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## From our Head Teacher

This week we had a focus on some of our school improvement areas. The Senior

Leadership Team along with Marion Hunter (our Camden Professional Partner) and John Hayes (Head Teacher at Gospel Oak Primary School) undertook a review at the school. Having some additional input is always valuable to validate the work that we do and what we have achieved this year, as well as to identify some ways forward to be even better. More information on this to follow.

I am sure that you are aware of the recent Government White Paper, Educational Excellence Everywhere, and particularly the key policy which plans to turn all schools into academies by 2022. I would like to inform you that Camden Council has voted in opposition of this proposal. The governing body and I have currently no plans to convert to an academy and will continue to work closely with the new Camden School Led Partnership. A group of Camden parents have set up an organisation called Rescue Our Schools which can be found via this link <http://www.rescueourschools.co.uk/>.

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## Art Installations

You will have noticed the AMAZING art installations which have gone up in our fancy new lobby and entry corridor. This is the work generated during Arts Week when we had a focus on 'local heroes'. The finished results look wonderful – very talented children and staff! But it is Alice Farrell and Kate Hopewell who have worked incredibly hard to put all the finished pieces together to create an art legacy which will be a feature of Primrose Hill for some time to come. Thank you.



## Attendance and Punctuality last week

EYFS 95.5%  
KS1 96.04%  
KS2 97.22%

We continue to have a large number of children arriving late for school. Children's learning is certainly affected. We must seek to reduce this very high percentage of latecomers.



## Key Stage 1 SATS

Due to a leaked test being circulated to some schools, the government have announced there will be NO Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Test for Year 2 children for this year only. Teachers will have to provide a teacher assessment judgment on children's ability at the end of the term.

A reminder that Key Stage 1 SATS will take place throughout May so, as always, children need to be in school and on time.

## New Reception & Lobby Area

We have made our new lobby and Reception area look nice and fresh. This includes some beautiful new furniture and some books to read. Please respect the investment we have made by looking after the furniture and resources so they last for some years to come. We do not want any food or drink used in the lobby. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Cyber Station

We have now connected our imac computer at the Cyber Station. This is an area for parents, carers and visitors only. We hope that adults will use this as a resource to pay for dinner money, access home learning, look at the website, check emails especially if you do not have regular or any access to a computer at home. Please be respectful of the area.



## Sex & Relationship Education (SRE) – a reminder

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 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2:30 and 3:30 in the Middle Hall.**

## Sport

This season the boys and girls football teams have trained hard and played harder. They have displayed excellent skills and teamwork throughout the season. The boys won the CSSA Football League, an incredible achievement for the whole squad. The girls' team finished 2nd in the league. However they galvanized themselves to win the CSSA League Cup Tournament, beating Gospel Oak in the final.



## Camden Council Bike and Scooter Training

Camden Council offer many free out-of-school cycle and scooter training for both adults and children. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact them directly on 020 7974 1451 or book the training sessions online at [camden.gov.uk/cycletraining](http://camden.gov.uk/cycletraining)



### A 2 Day Children Cycle Skills Course

This two-day children's cycle skills training courses will be held in half term on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd June 2016 at Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ. Courses take place either early mornings (10:00 - 10:45), late mornings (11:15 - 12:00) or afternoons (13:00 - 14:30) on two consecutive days.

All morning courses suit children who have not been riding a bike or who are still learning to start, stop and balance safely on their bikes. The afternoon courses suit children who can ride a bike and are ready to practice road safety skills in preparation for cycling on quiet roads.

Children must bring their own bikes and Camden recommend bringing a helmet, too. Bikes with stabilisers are not suitable for this training.

Parents are welcome to remain at the venue during the training course, but do not have to. All Camden Cycle Instructors are DBS checked and have lots of experience of working with children.

### Adults Cycle Course

For adults, the next two-day cycle skills training courses will be held on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May 2016 at Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ. The morning courses run from 10.30am to 12.00noon and would suit people who have not been riding a bike or still want to improve their starting, stopping and balancing. The afternoon courses run from 1.00pm to 2.30pm and would suit people who can already control a bike and want to practise road safety skills in preparation for riding on quiet roads.

Further courses are available on Saturday 14 May and Sunday 15 May 2016, and every other weekend after that. There are bikes for trainees to borrow if required, but please bring your own helmet if you would like to wear one.

For families and individuals Camden also offer separate Urban Cycle training by arrangement with one of their dedicated instructors. This is for trainees who are confident to ride on the road and know how to give hand signals and look behind in traffic.



## On the stage again!

Yet again, our talented actors have amazed us! We were invited to perform at a dinner at Middle Temple Hall. The guest list was simply incredible - Michael Gambon, Dame Eileen Atkins, Patterson James, Dame Harriet Walters, Fiona Shaw, David Suchet, Simon Callow and Oscar-winner Mark Rylance and more.

After practising our table manners at school, we made our way to Middle Temple Hall. Working with complex staging and directions, the children learnt new lines, performed with famous actors, spoke to all guests about their experiences

and ate Michel-  
in Star  
food!



Year 6 have been story-telling and reading to children in the EYFS. Look at their faces ...



## Coming Up This Term and more ...

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Bank Holiday Monday  
School Closed**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Sex & Relationships Education  
Session for Parents 2:30 / 3:30

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May

Y3 Performance 2:30pm

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATS Week

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May

Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May

Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament

Week beg 16<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 Cycle Training  
Autism Week

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 YR Height & Weight Checks  
4pm-6pm Y3 Y4 Football Finals

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 YR Height & Weight Checks

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 YR Height & Weight

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 YR Height & Weight

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Y5 trip to Kew Gardens

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May

STEM Week Begins –

(Science Workshops 24–27 May — more information later)



**Summer Fair Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm**

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