

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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This week I have been doing lots of thinking and planning around our two year old provision. You should have received a letter about it and I have put some information on the website. I am working closely with the Head Teachers of Netley and Brecknock schools whose provisions open at the same time, so this has been helpful in sharing ideas. The highlight of my week....seeing our very own home grown vegetables being sold! Wow!

**Robin**



## Growth Mindset

Our focus this week has been on 'making mistakes' and how to learn from them. Becca and Syra gave us an interesting phrase... 'I can't, I can't... I can't...yet!' We are thinking about a can do attitude all the time. Each teacher has done some research on their children about their learning attitudes which is giving us a baseline about how to better support their learning styles. Some interesting discussions between teachers this week. Ask your child the difference between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset.



## School Improvement Plan

We have published our School Improvement Plan for the year. Our priorities are displayed around the school and a copy of the SIP is available on our website. Laura will be putting together a SIP newsletter which will outline our plans.

## New Children

We have begun welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children to Primrose Hill. What a lovely bunch they are! Richard, Laura, Kyri and Niamh are really excited to meet our new families. **A reminder that on Monday we have our Reception Welcome Meeting. This is in the Middle Hall at 3:45 p.m.**



## Starting School in Camden

Parents whose children are starting reception classes in Camden primary schools in September 2017 can apply online now. The deadline is 15 January 2017.

In Camden the percentage of children attending primary schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted is higher - an amazing 98% - than almost anywhere else in the country. Primary pupils in Camden also perform consistently above the national average in test results for 11 year-olds. On this year's combined measure of achieving the national standard and above in reading, writing and maths, provisional figures show Camden primary pupils at 60% - significantly above the national figure of 53%.

Our annual guide for parents, [Starting School in Camden 2017](#), is out now. You can name up to six primary schools in your preferences.

If you have recently moved to the area and want to find out about current spare places, you can ask our Camden [school admissions team](#) for advice then apply direct to local primary schools.

**Find out more:**

Visit the [primary admissions web page](#) / [Apply for a reception place online](#) / [Contact the schools admission team](#)  
[Contact the Camden school admissions team](#)

## Healthy Eating

At Primrose Hill we believe that children should be encouraged to eat healthily from an early age. We provide a well-balanced lunch for the children who have school meals but we need your help in providing for the children who have packed lunches and when on school trips. Please follow the guidelines below when deciding what to send with your child to school.

For packed lunches and school trips please bring :

- Sandwiches
- Cold rice, pasta or noodles
- Salad
- Cold meat
- Rice cakes, crackers or cheese biscuits
- Yoghurt, mousse or jelly
- Small plain cake or plain biscuit
- Fruit
- Fruit juice, squash or water

Please do not send your child to school with the following items:

- Doughnuts or chocolate biscuits
- Family packs of crisps
- Sweets or chocolate
- Nuts or anything containing traces of nuts
- Fizzy, high sugar or energy drinks



**Due to the number of children with allergies at the school, we do not allow nuts or nut products anywhere in the school. We will dispose of any food items that contain nuts to ensure the safety of the children.**

## Displays around the school

Please try to have a look at children's work and learning which is on display around the school. Here are some examples which show our children's enjoyment of school life ...



### Chickens

It's been so hot this week we have spent most of our time in a dust bath at the bottom of the coop.

Next door's cat appears to be really keen to join us, but luckily our enclosure is very secure. He seems nice enough and always miaows "good evening". It's just the way he licks his lips when he says it that makes us happy to be behind some wire! Between him and the foxes we are never short of four-legged company.

Our favourite visitors are the two -legged variety especially when they let us out for a run. Us chickens like to keep fit!

We feel so lucky to live at Primrose Hill School. Our life hasn't always been as fabulous though. We were battery hens before we came here.

Although we came from the same place we had never met each other. Being battery hens there's no time to talk and no room to ruffle your feathers its just lay, lay, lay eggs all day. It was exhausting, lonely and very, very boring. We couldn't believe our luck when one day we were taken from the huge barn where all six thousand of us lived, put in a cardboard box (which to be honest was the biggest thing we had ever been in, in our life) and driven here to Primrose Hill School.

Life is so much better now and we have become the best of friends—we have so much in common. We even like the same lettuce, that's friendship for you.

Its been lovely to chat, must dash we need to get the nesting box ready for tonight. There's nothing worse than untidy straw.

See you next week, Hinge and Bracket



### The Mill

Next week our Y5's are off to The Mill. This is an amazing residential setting in Sussex where the children have an opportunity to camp under the stars and explore the beautiful countryside. As you can imagine, the children are super excited about this....as are the adults! We will tweet picture updates throughout the visit.

### Important Dates

Mon 26th Sept	Everybody Writes Day Third Nursery Group Start 3:45 EYFS Welcome Meeting
Weds 28th Sept	Y5 Mill Residential Trip Fourth Nursery Group Starting
Thurs 29th Sept	Y5 Mill Residential Trip
Fri 30th Sept	Y5 Mill Residential Trip Fifth Nursery Group Start
Wed 5th Oct	Senior Leadership Team Coffee Afternoon with Parents & Carers

School Term Dates  
2016 – 2017

These can be found on our website under  
School Information.

### Are you a parent of a child under 5?

NHS Camden Clinical Commissioning Group CCG is offering a course that will equip you and other parents like yourself with the skills to manage your child's health at home. The course will be made up of eight free weekly training sessions and will include:

#### Children's First Aid

- First aid training, free first aid kit, free thermometers

#### Keeping your child well and healthy

- Advice from doctors and nurses on childhood illness

#### Making the NHS work for your child

**WEDNESDAYS** from 14th September 10:30am – 12:30pm at Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, London, NW3 3HA

**THURSDAYS** from 22nd September 10am – 12pm

at Cubitt Street Play Centre, 3 Cubitt Street, London, WC1X 0LJ

Both courses will run for 8 weeks. A crèche on site, snacks and refreshments will be provided..

### Sport

This week fourteen of our Year 5 and 6's took part in our first school competition of the academic year. We played two tough netball matches against two different schools. Both teams did really well and made Dean and me proud. Keep up the hard work and let's continue with our success! Jordan



### Easyfundraising.org.uk

As you know we are really keen to get our very own floating classroom every penny helps and with this in mind please check out the website -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/primhill/>. The school makes money simply by you shopping at no extra cost to you. One school has raised over £11,000 and they only have 160 children in their school. We have 489 so imagine how much money we could make if we all get behind it. We need as many supporters as possible so tell your friends and family, let us see if we can be the most profitable school!!