

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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This week we had two big events; the first was a joint Cluster Meeting with Gospel Oak, Rhyl, Carlton and Fleet Schools. The Head Teachers of each school led a presentation about our collaborative working and the teachers had an opportunity to work together to generate some ideas. The next was our first full Governing Body meeting of the year. This was an opportunity to discuss our plans for the year, review our attainment and progress and celebrate the school's success and areas for development.

Robin



Please join GOSH and spread the word about the annual NIHR Great Ormond Street Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) **Open Day on Saturday 15th October 2016 from 12:30 - 16:30. It is a FREE family event** to get excited about science and child health research: Meet with researchers, listen to seminars and get involved with a number of interactive activities.

Get tickets here <http://www.gosh.nhs.uk/great-ormond-street-brc-open-day-2016>

## Growth Mindset

Liz talked to the children about how the brain works this week. There is a general buzz of conversation around Growth Mindset amongst children and staff, and I have had some good feedback from parents about it. Each class is developing a growth mindset display and we will be continuing to go forward with our work around this.



## School Council

The children presented their 'manifestos' to their classes this week to be elected school councillors. Everybody was very impressed with the quality and effort the children had gone to; this also made the elections very tight. Our school councillor members will be announced to the school next week in Assembly. School Council this year will be led by Marina Castelo-Branco. Some exciting things ahead.



## Everybody Writes Day

Mysterious happenings at Primrose Hill School last night and this morning! Children excited, suspicious and eager to give their views. Witnesses saw shadows, noises, flapping wings and red eyes. Giuseppe was frightened and fell over! How did the large eggs arrive in our playground, why the broken branches and footsteps on the wall? The children will write down their thoughts ... Was it a type of dinosaur? Was it a carnivore? The Camden New Journal sent a roving reporter and Camden Council sent an expert on safety and licensing laws, querying whether we needed a licence for the intruder!

See some of the pictures which were taken early this morning -



## Staffing

Big congratulations to Hannah Wright who has given birth to a baby girl, as yet un-named. We wish Hannah and her family all the best with their new addition and look forward to seeing them when they come and visit us. We've also made some internal arrangements to cover Tracy's absence; Mireille is based in Herons' class so if you don't see so much of her on the gate, it's because she is in class full time. As you know, Mireille was going to be part of the Woodpeckers' Team, but fortunately Syra asked to replace Mireille on a Friday. What an excellent team we have. A big thank you to Mireille, Laura, Attie and Liz for all covering absences during the last few weeks.



## Celebrating parents and carers at free, fun event

Parents, carers and their children from across Camden are invited to attend the annual Celebrating Parents family fun and information extravaganza at Haverstock School.

Attractions at the free event, from 2 to 5pm on Saturday 22 October, will include dance, arts and crafts, bouncy castles, table tennis, football, climbing wall, Flamenco and cheerleading performances, face-painting, fire engine, smoothie bike, 'real museum' with objects to handle, environment-themed activities, activities for under threes and much more.

The event, at Haverstock School, NW3 2BQ in Chalk Farm, is organised and run by [Camden Parent Council](#), parent volunteers and young people in conjunction with Camden Council and other local partners.

More than 1,000 parents and their children came last year. The theme for this year's event is 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Lives'.

Find out more: [Camden Parent Council webpage](#) [Photographs from last year's event on Flickr](#)

## Chickens

Hello from the hens, well hello from me anyway. I cannot believe that Bracket wrote last week's blog without me. Just to make it even, it's my turn this week. So while Bracket is having a good scratch round the garden I thought I would keep you updated with this week's news.

There seems to be some sort of club that goes on here on a Friday afternoon, its great fun watching the little gardeners planting, digging and sowing. This week it was winter cabbage, I can't wait to get my beak round those leaves when they sprout. There was lots of digging in of sand too, which makes me think carrots, yum.

The best thing about the club is when the gardeners have downed tools and they let us out for a run. We may be chickens but keeping fit is very important to us. It's brilliant! We run one way and they run the other a bit like chicken tag. Time flies and before we know it a whistle goes and the gardeners are off to the big red building in the middle of the playground. What they do in their giant coop is a mystery to me, but they are a lovely bunch of little people so Friday is officially my favourite day of the week.

Another bit of exciting news, we are getting our very own pool! Jill Hayman who, until her retirement, was head gardener, obtained a small grant for us to build a pool. How fabulous. I know summer's over but who cares, Bracket says she heard one of the adults call it a pond but you can never go by what she says. One chicken's pond is another chicken's pool and all that.

Watch this space for more pond/pool updates, its all go round here I can tell you.

I suppose I had better go and check that Bracket's O.K, - she's probably keeping the best bugs for herself.....again!



## Forest School

I have arranged for Y1 children to have some forest schooling during the year. Theo's Mum and Dad in Dragonflies are Forest Experts and have agreed to do four seven week workshops for the children. This will begin next week and the children, staff and I are all very excited about what this will bring.



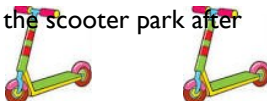
## Important Dates

Mon 10th Oct	Blackbirds to Hampton Court Palace
<b>Wed 12 Oct</b>	<b>Year 2 Reading Workshop 9—9.45 a.m.</b>
	Yrs 3&4 Benchball Tournament Talacre Sports Centre 4—6 p.m.
<b>Thurs 13th Oct</b>	<b>Year 1 Reading Workshop 9—9.45 a.m.</b>
Mon 17th Oct	Woodpeckers trip to Hampton Court Palace
<b>Wed 19th Oct</b>	<b>Year 3 reading Workshop</b>
Tues 19 Oct	Year 2 Sightseeing trip

A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING AT THE PRIMROSE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOPKINSON'S PLACE FITZROY ROAD NW1 8TN ON TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER AT 7 P.M. HEAR EXPERT SPEAKERS AND LOCAL POLITICIANS DISCUSS THE SHOCKING RESULTS OF LOCAL AIR POLLUTION MONITORING. FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO!

## Scooters

The scooter park is open before and just after school then locked for security. If your child goes to a club after school, you will need to think about whether s/he brings a scooter to school that day since neither Giuseppe nor Conor are available to re-open the scooter park after 3.45 p.m.



## Development Works



The final stage of our sound works are now complete; the hall has a new sound system and radio mics which we are going to try out in assembly and future performances.

## 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!

## Attainment

Our 2015/2016 Attainment Data is now available on our website and will appear on the DFE website over the next few weeks. Here is a breakdown of the information including our KSI data :

### Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessment (SATS)

Children undertook the statutory assessment during May 2016. The assessment figures are based on a combination of tests and teacher assessment. This was the first year of the new national assessment.

These figures show the % of children achieving 'expected' & 'greater depth'.

### Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment (SATS)

Children undertake SATS Assessment at the end of Y6. 2016 brought the new national tests. These results show the % of children who achieve 'expected'.

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science	Combined
Expected and Greater Depth Primrose Hill	73%	66%	71%	83%	59%
Expected or above Camden	75%	66%	74%	82%	63%
National	73%	73%	73%		
Greater Depth Primrose Hill	32%	27%	17%		12%
Greater Depth Camden	23%	23%	18%		8%
National	24%	24%	18%		

	Reading	SPAG	Writing	Maths	Science	RWM
Primrose Hill Teacher Assessment	86%		75%	80%	86%	73.6%
Primrose Hill Test	75%	76%		72%		59%
Camden Teacher Assessment	79%		76%	78%	84%	
Camden Test	72%	77%	76%	79%	84%	61%
National	66%	72%	74%	70%	81%	53%