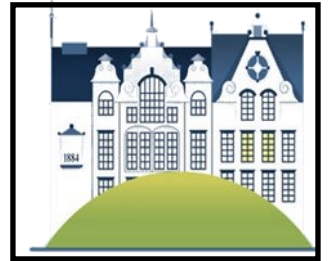


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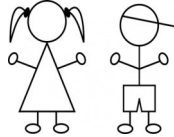
Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a good half term holiday. Everyone seems fresh and ready for the second half of the term with lots of things planned. This is a really fun part of the school year. Our focus this term is on Pupil Progress Meetings to see how much the children have learned so far this year, as well as recruiting a variety of posts for the new 2 Year Old Provision. We are also recruiting for a School Business Manager as the wonderful Rita Brassington will be retiring as Bursar for the school.

Robin



Two Year Old Provision

The team are making progress with the conversion of the school house into the 2 Y/O provision. We still have a planned opening for mid January but a final confirmation of this will come at the end of the month. We have committed to providing funded part-time places for up to 24 children from January 2017. This will either be three hours in the morning or three hours in the afternoon (in the first year). There are certain eligibility criteria for admissions: :



Your two year old can get free early education and childcare if you receive ONE of the following:

- Income support
 - Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Universal Credit
 - Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
 - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
 - The Working Tax Credit 4-Week Run On (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply :

- They are looked after by a local council
- They have a current statement of **Special Educational Need (SEN)** or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)
- You receive Disability Living Allowance
- The child has left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

Our criteria for admissions have been on the website since the start of October 2016. Places will be offered with the following criteria applied:

- Children of an appropriate age to fill the vacancy to ensure the balance of places across the age range (terms of birth)
- Children with a sibling registered at the school
- Children living nearest to the school

You can tell Pauline that you are interested in a place at the school if you believe your child qualifies for a place. You will also need to make a **formal application to Camden Council** in order to confirm you meet the criteria. In the meantime, we will add you to our waiting list.

The closing date for admission in January 2017 is 5th December 2016



Parent Consultations

The date of our Autumn Parent & Carer Consultation Meetings which will be on **Wed 7th December 2016**. This is a formal meeting between you and your child's class teacher(s). For Nursery and Reception, each class is closed for the day. You can sign up for an appointment with Richard, Laura, Kyri and Niamh nearer the time. For Years 1 – 6, school will close at 1:30 with appointments taking place between 1:30 and 6:30 that day.

Dates for you diary:

Maths workshops for parents and carers only on calculations and the methods that we use in school.



Join Laura on:

17th November KS2 9am

24th November KS1 9am

See you there!

Seasonal & Winter Celebrations at Primrose Hill

We are planning a few different things for the end of term celebrations this year, so here's some diary dates for you.

Tuesday 13th December PM (Yrs 1 & 2) Concert Cecil Sharp Hse

Monday 19th December PM (Yrs 2,3,4,5,6) Concert Cecil Sharp

Thursday 15th December Christmas Lunch for Children & Staff

Tuesday 20th December AM EYFS Nativity Concert



Immunising primary school children against flu Years 1-3

Parents with children in Years 1-3 will know from an earlier communication that there will be a nasal spray flu vaccination session in school during the afternoon of **15th November**. **This is a reminder that consent forms from parents / carers in Years 1-3 must be returned to school as soon as possible.**

Kestrels and Erosion

Kestrels really enjoyed exploring how waves cause erosion by experimenting with sand and water. They created a wave action by gently dipping a board in out of a tray of water. Gradually, over a few minutes, the waves eroded the sandy beach at one end of the tray, clearly showing

how erosion takes place. Watch the video on the website.

Forest School

Group 1 of the Butterflies have been very lucky to kick start Forest School led by Jane and Pete (Theo's Mum and Dad). They have been extremely fortunate with the weather with sun shining every week. The children have been spending the morning in the 'forest' (Regent's park) doing all sorts of outdoor adventures. They have been searching for conkers to make conkers on strings, looking for different types of leaves, making mud faces on trees and houses for the fairies. This week they used all the amazing autumn leaves to make forest school warrior crowns. They have been working together and using the natural environment. The children have been so enthusiastic and are loving it. You can see on their faces!



Chickens

There ain't nobody here but us chickens.... Hope you all had a good half term. Hinge and I certainly did. We missed the playground being so quiet though.

I had a bit of a problem over half term, I could only lay eggs with soft shells so the eggs kept breaking. Luckily Emma, who looked after us all week, fed me some special vitamins and I am back to "eggcellent" laying form. It is never dull at this end of the garden, so much happens between the beans, broccoli and beetroot.

The pond/chicken swimming pool is coming along well, Hinge overheard them saying they are just waiting for some quick drying cement (whatever that is) then some topsoil and its good to go.

Even though it's turned a tad chilly over the last few days and Autumn is definitely in the air, Hinge and I are very keen to test out our new pool, We want to be the first set of swimming chickens in the country. With this in mind we have enlisted the help of a couple of ducks from the canal,. Bill and Ben have been brilliant at giving us tip top swimming tips. I am confident that by the time the pond is full Hinge and I will be fully trained and on our way to being the first set of synchronised swimming chickens in the world! Must dash the early chicken catches the worm and all that ... **Hinge & Bracket**



Important Dates

Tues 8th Nov Drama Day for EYFS, Y1 & Y3
Wed 9th Nov Y4 Royal Academy Music Event

14th Nov
Wed 16th Nov Y4 Royal Academy Event
Tues 22nd Nov Shakespeare Schools Festival Performance Evening

Weds 23rd Nov Y5 & Y6 Basketball Tournament
Thurs 24th Nov Y r 4 Royal Academy Event Y5 & Y6 Basketball Tournament Talacre 9 -2 p.m.

Fri 25th Nov Y6 Theatre Trip
Tues 29th Nov Y2 Tidy Up Project Workshop by The Roundhouse
Y3 & Y4 Basketball Tournament Talacre 4—6 p.m.

Wed 7th Dec
1:30 p.m. School Closure for Parent Consultations
Tues 13th Dec Y1 & Y2 Concert at Cecil Sharpe House p.m.

Thurs 15th Dec Christmas lunch children/staff
Mon 19th Dec Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Concert at Cecil Sharp House pT

Tues 20th Dec EYFS Nativity Concert p .m.
Candlelit Singalong Playground 6 p.m.

in the **Weds 21st Dec** **Last Day of Autumn Term 1:30 p.m. finish**
Tues 3rd Jan **INSET DAY – School Closed**
Weds 4th Jan **First Day of Spring Term**



Camden Police & Neighbourhood Watch Beat the Scams Talk!

2.30 pm on Saturday 26th November

The Hilda Clark Room

Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ



**A free one hour interactive talk packed with fantastic tips
Doors open at 2pm**

Police officers will be available both before and after the talk if you would like their advice on an individual basis

This is an interactive session where attendees will learn what they can do immediately to increase their chances of beating the scammers. This free event will be very popular. To register your attendance and secure your place please email CamdenNHW@gmail.com

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!

Firework and Bonfire safety

If you plan on doing fireworks with your children, bear these rules in mind.

Use the fireworks one at a time.
Particularly important for men:
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS!!
Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.

