

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Somehow it is half term already. January seemed to roar by and now we are mid February. It has been a busy half term with lots of themed weeks and days, but incredible outcomes for our children and some stunning work on display around the school. Building work on the new classroom and around the building is coming to an end and we are going to have a painting refresh in corridors next week. During the summer term we have our fingers crossed that our windows will be renovated! Think positive thoughts please. School begins on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Have a great break. **Robin**



## E Safety Day

The children have been learning about strategies to keep safe online. It is important we keep coming back to this with the children as technology changes so quickly. In an assembly this week, the children were really knowledgeable about what is good behaviour online and what to do if there is a problem. Lots of the children reported how parents and carers keep an eye on things and will intervene if necessary. This is really positive. The resources we have used are in the 'curriculum' section of the website and includes a copy of the assembly and a poster for both adults and children.



## Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to all of you who voted for Parent Governor. Congratulations to our new elected governors **Laura Thompson** and **Gavin Davies**.

We take this opportunity to say thank you to Sue, Nicholas, Fergal and Sara for running. Particular thanks to Sara who has been an active and supportive parent governor for the past four years.

## Purple Mash

Once again, we are lucky to have a great link with Nigel Canin from Purple Mash. Nigel is so generous with his time and spent a whole day with Y3 and Y6 looking at some amazing resources on the Purple Mash site. Its useful to note there are lots of good e-safety resources on the site. We hope to do a Purple Mash workshop with parents in due course.

## Key Stage 1 SATS

Robin & Pippa will be running a Key Stage 1 SATS meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. This is to outline the process for Y2 parents and carers.



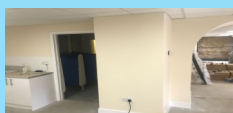
## Book Fair

We hope you are enjoying reading with your children. We have raised £880 on the Book Fair. Thank you all for the support.



## Coffee mornings

We held a few coffee mornings this week which were well supported. During the EYFS one, I was able to give parents a sneak peak of the new Reception classroom which looks MAGNIFICENT!!!! We are so excited and can't wait for September to have our first cohort of children in the new space.



## Stars of the Week

- ★ Dragonflies – Archie-Marc + La'Shae
- ★ Butterflies – Hamza & Oliver
- ★ Grasshoppers – Maria & Leila
- ★ Beetles – Musab & Vesa
- ★ Bats – Logan and Lucas
- ★ Squirrels – Dorian, Seela and Amelle
- ★ Hedgehogs – Ilyas & Orela
- ★ Foxes – Darragh and Rafi
- ★ Blackbirds – Esme & Hugo
- ★ Woodpeckers Nils & Clem
- ★ Herons – Zakaria & Edmond
- ★ Kestrels – Eric & Christian

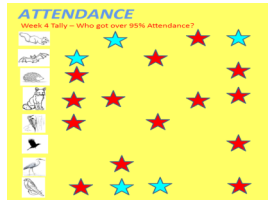
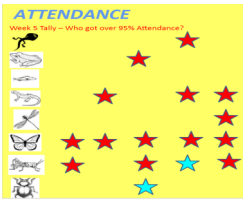
## Attendance & Punctuality

A slight improvement to last week's Attendance for KS1 & KS2 so well done and keep at it!

Let's aim to get over 95% next week for EYFS!

EYFS = 93.96% KS1-Ks2 = 95.25%

Well done to Squirrels for getting 99.06%!!



## Mental health blog

### What can children do when feeling worried or anxious in school?

One of the strategies we have for children who feel anxious or are worried about something is to encourage them to write a note and post it into the worry box in their class. This comes with a template giving the child a choice of who they would like to share that worry with.

### How to help children express their worries at home:

**PREPARE FIRST:** pick the right time and place and get into the right frame of mind to have these important conversations.

**SCIENCE:** Asking questions such as Q&A competitions encourages children to talk: Colours of the rainbow? Best bits of your day? Name five birds? Most difficult part of today?

**HISTORY:** Share your own stories to show that you have had similar feeling. Make it a two-way conversation.

**WRITING:** Tell stories by each writing a letter/email about yourselves to a relative or friend. Be positive about your child's suggestions: 'Yes tell them that, it was so funny!'

**COOKING:** Focus on making the cake...and chat. Walk the dog...and chat. A focus on something else can take the pressure off hard conversations.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Give them space to question and time to absorb information. Children may not open up straight away, so check in with them from time to time.

**READING:** Imagine yourself in their shoes. Let your support be guided by what they might be feeling and thinking.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Be a role model. Showing how you cope with difficult feelings will help your child cope themselves.

**DRAMA:** Have a supporting cast. Parenting can be stressful, so have someone you can turn to for support.

**FEEDBACK:** Remember nobody is perfect and we all get upset or angry sometimes. Tough times can help us develop the skills and resilience that will last a lifetime.



**Being a Parent Course**  
Empowering Parents. Empowering Communities (EPEC)

Free course, Free Crèche Starts 22 Feb 2018 At The Hive, Finchley Road

If you have any further questions or to book a place, please contact:

The EPEC Project on 0207 794 2313  
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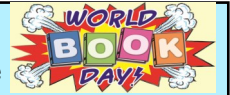
## Class Assemblies



Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2:45 Bats  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30 Foxes**  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2:45 Hedgehogs

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2:45 Woodpeckers  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30 Blackbirds

## World Book Day is coming!!!



Who will you dress up as March 1st. We will be presenting readings and reviews of the best book we have read since September. There will be prizes for the best presentations.

## End of Science Club celebration

Our Science Club scientists were joined by their parents in a celebration to mark the end of this term's club. The children did a fantastic job of presenting all that they had learnt over the past 5 weeks and explaining how they developed their scientific enquiry skills by investigating the human digestive system through a series of experiments. Parents listened to the children describe their experiments and knowledge in great(!) detail. They were put to the test in the 'The big science quiz- have you got the guts?' and they marveled over a real academic conference poster the children designed. Thank you to the PhD students from Imperial College London for a great experience and some seriously impressive goodie bags! **Niamh Keating**



## Coming up Next Term

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First Day Spring 2 9am KS1 SATS Meeting
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am Y1 & Y2 Coffee Morning
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y1 trip to London Zoo
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9am Y3 & Y4 Coffee Morning 2:45 Bats Class Assembly
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Y4 Geography Morning
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 to Unicorn Theatre
<b>Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>EYFS Parent Consultations Closed All Day</b> <b>Ks1 &amp; KS2 Consultations School Closes 1pm</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day 2:45 Foxes Class Assembly (postponed)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Camden Music Festival Royal Albert Hall
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Foxes to CLC
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> March	2:45 Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> March	RE Day
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photographs 9:30 Foxes Assembly—New Date
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> March	School Photographs Hedgehogs to CLC
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2:45 Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9am SATS and School Journey Meeting
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored Bounce Day
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Trip to Gudwara Sahib 3:30 Friends of Primrose Hill Cake Sale
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 Blackbirds Class Assembly
	<b>End of Spring Term 1:30 Finish</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term Starts	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March