

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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@PrimroseHillRW

So lovely to see more children this week. I am so glad we have been to provide a small return to school time for you all. This will help when we return in September. Our normal end of Summer Term is not as it usually is, but everyone is positive and making the best of it. One more week to go. **Robin**

Chromebooks

Some of you might remember that we gave out some of our Chromebooks when the school closed so that children can continue their online learning at home. Now that the school has opened up again and all children are expected to return in September we will need them back. If you have one, please bring the laptop and the charger to the office by **Thursday 16th July** at the very latest.

Term Dates 2020—21 Updated

Due to the planning for a full September return, we are adjusting our term dates slightly. These should not affect families who may have holidays booked etc.

We have decided to start a day later than previously planned but still use our INSET Days to get ready for opening on **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September**. We are also going to have one day - **Friday 4th September** - where our vulnerable children or those who have not returned to school **and** who we feel may need an induction visit before school opens for all on **MONDAY 7th September**. The academic year would finish one day later than previously planned, now on **Friday 23rd July 2021**. Please click [here](#) to see the updated term dates.



Reports 2020—2021

Next week your child will receive their annual report. It's a funny old year and we've tired hard to reflect the children's hard work both at school and during lockdown. We're so proud of them and their achievements. You as parents and carers should also be congratulated for your efforts to keep learning going. We know it's been tough but the partnership between home and school has been magnificent and we are a stronger community - one of the few benefits of lockdown. Enjoy reading about your wonderful children's work.

Returning to School in September

Next week, I will publish the draft plans for September after I have had a chance to talk to all staff. I am sure there will be further government announcements over the coming weeks but we are trying to be ahead of the game. I also want to make sure the staff have a good break over the summer holidays as many have been working steadily including over holidays since the end of March. Therefore, there is unlikely to be any communication over the summer holidays.

SHOUT OUT

Froglets - Alima, Leo and families
Ladybirds - Sierre, Betsy and Families
Dragonflies - Amicie
Butterflies - Josh & family
Beetles - Alex and family
Grasshoppers - family

Bats - Jia
Squirrels - Luke
Foxes - Frankie and Bertina
Hedgehogs - Theo and family
Blackbirds - Shama and family
Woodpeckers - Erlisa
Hérons - Aika
Kestrels - Mamza & family

Stars of the Week

Dragonflies - William & Yusuf
Butterflies - Teresa & Zakaria A
Grasshoppers - Lily & Navadah
Beetles - Percy & Bonnie
Bats - Hiwaad & Eva
Squirrels - All the Squirrels who went into school
Hedgehogs - Max and Grace
Foxes - Prudence and Maya P
Blackbirds - Jack & Kaiyan
Woodpeckers - Sofia & Ort
Hérons - Muhamed & Liam
Kestrels - Malakai & Evan

Final Days of the Term

Tuesday 15th July	Friday 17th July
Last in-school day for:	Last in-school day for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery 1 & 3 Ladybirds 1 & 2 Butterflies Grasshoppers Squirrels Foxes Woodpeckers Kestrels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery 2 & 4 Ladybirds 3 & 4 Dragonflies Beetles Bats Hedgehogs Blackbirds Hérons Key Worker Group

Staffing

A reminder that we are saying a farewell to Mary Deavin who is retiring this year; and to Kate Hopewell and Kyri Stassi whose contract finishes covering our maternity leave as well as Irene Mitchell (School Business Manager) who is leaving to take up a new post in Hackney. We are excited to welcome Hatty Bennett as a new Class Teacher and Julia Chalfen, our new School Business Manager in September.

Polite reminder to collect your child promptly to avoid congestion at the gate.

Video Messages

Your child's new class teacher will be doing a short video hello to you over the next week or so. This will be posted into google classroom.

In School Children

The key worker Reception and Year 1 pod have been helping Emma to plant our new sensory garden. Here they are planting the mint bed with 7 different varieties of mint. Our favourites were the chocolate mint and the pennyroyal mint.



Year 3

On Project Day, we focused on the principle of being 'Unapologetically Black'. Here are some lovely examples of the work produced in Year 3. Well done to all the children who took part and reflected on this important issue.



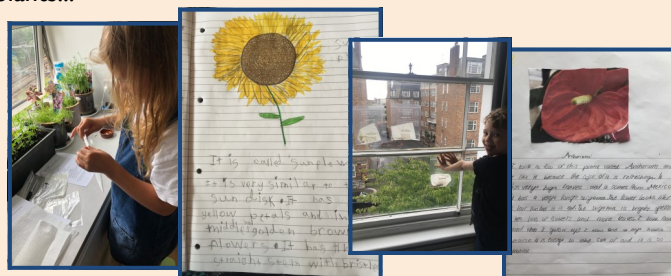
Short Story Competition—Living in Lockdown

On The Hill magazine are looking for short stories about living through the Coronavirus Lockdown from local residents. The story can be based on your own experience or be fictional. Stories should be no more than 1000 words. There are 4 age categories you can apply through on their website and First prize for each category is a £20 book token for Primrose Hill Books. The best entries will be posted online as an archive of these strange times. Winners will be published in On the Hill when it returns as a print magazine. Closing date is 31st July 2020. <http://onthehill.info/2020/06/living-in-lockdown-short-story-competition/>



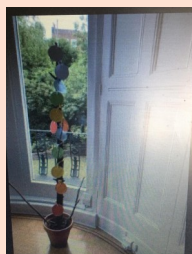
Year 1

We have been learning about plants. We've planted sunflower seeds in class, set up a bean experiment at home and did some lovely descriptive writing about our favourite flowering plants...



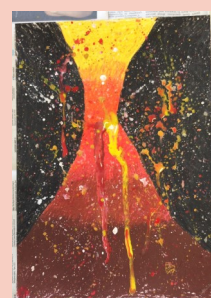
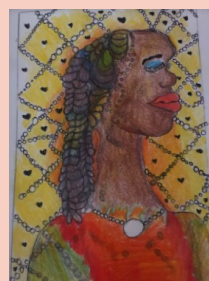
Year 2

Y2 have done some fantastic work at home. They have been designing, making and creating a tree of life. They have been thinking about who supports them to grow and feel safe. Look at these amazing tall trees! Well done year 2.



Year 5

In school, we created these incredible explosive images of volcanoes using paint and pastels! During Project Day, we learnt about the work of Chris Ofili. Rijana recreated his famous painting, 'No Woman, No Cry'.



EYFS

This week, the **Ladybirds** class have been learning about the canals and why these were built. We have had a go at making narrow boats out of paper and then tested these in water to see how much they could carry. The **Tadpoles** class have been having lots of fun being creative! We have been painting, drawing and going on shape hunts at home! This week, **Froglets** class have been exploring numbers and shapes in different ways. We have also been learning the sound G and went on a sound hunt to find as many things as we could that started with G. Well done everyone - Great work!



Healthy School Street

Camden are creating a Healthy School Street on Princess Road to assist with social distancing at school drop off and pick up times, and to encourage walking/cycling/scooting to school

- This will reduce traffic volumes on Princess Road during the school drop off and pick up times, making it safer for pedestrians, cyclists, pupils and parents/carers travelling to/from Primrose Hill School
- The Healthy School Street will launch at the beginning of the new school term in September 2020
- You can share your comments on these changes via healthy.school.streets@Camden.gov.uk
- You can find out more about these changes on our website <https://www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden>
- Details of other Healthy School Street Schemes in Camden can be found here: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets>

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What will the work involve?

The changes Camden will be making on Princess Road in time for the new school term in September are as follows:

- Creating a “timed” Healthy School Street road closure on Princess Road (see times of operation below), between Gloucester Avenue and Chalcot Road. This will improve safety for local residents and those parents and children accessing Primrose Hill School, by preventing vehicles from entering Princess Road at school drop off and pick up times.
- Installing relevant signage to alert drivers of the restriction, and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at the junction with Gloucester Avenue and at the junction with Chalcot Road. The signage will state that the road closure to all motor vehicle traffic (except exemptions – see below) will operate Monday-Friday with times 8:15–9:30am and 3–4pm. The signs will be closed during school holidays as the scheme will operate in school term time only.
- Removal of guard railing outside the school to help enable social distancing.

