

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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A big well done parents and carers! Things are so much smoother at the end of the day now. We appreciate you spacing yourself out and supporting our arrangements. As measures tighten across the country, we have made a decision about wearing masks. You will have seen SLT wearing them on the gates, but would request our parents and carers to wear them when collecting the children too. This can begin on Monday. **Robin & Mireille**

Home Learning When Isolating

We have a number of children and families not at school because they are self isolating as a member of their family has symptoms and awaiting test results. Thank you for communicating any information about this to us. The team have been preparing home learning for the children, which, where possible links to their class work. You will appreciate that for a class teacher to plan work for a class and also for children to do at home is challenging, so Syra, Hannah, Tom and Sophie K have been leading on this putting some work together. Over the next few weeks we will be getting google classroom fully established again; this would certainly be used if the country goes into lockdown and schools close - this however looks unlikely. So, for some time to come, there are going to be periods of time when children are not in school because they or members of their family have symptoms, and they need testing. Strange times for us all.



Head Teacher Recruitment

The search for Primrose Hill's next Head Teacher continues. We have just completed a thorough first round of assessments and interviews, and in the end decided not to appoint either of the final candidates. Due in large part to COVID-related circumstances, several candidates had earlier pulled out of process, and we have also realised that we will likely attract a wider and stronger pool of applicants if we offer the flexibility of a start in 'September 2021 or sooner'. Luckily, thanks to Mireille and the rest of the Senior Leadership holding Primrose Hill so safely in their capable hands, we can afford to do this.

So, we will be re-advertising, and repeating the assessment process in due course, COVID restrictions permitting. It may not be possible to introduce candidates to the full community of our families – as it wasn't, unfortunately, in this first round – but we will not forget your strong stakeholder messages about the kind of person you want, which matched so well with our own views.

Hilary Aylesworth, Gavin Davies, Rebecca Ehrlich, Ophelia Field, Isabel Murphy and Syra Sowe (Governing Board Head Teacher Recruitment Panel)

Staffing

This week we have had a number of staff who have had to self isolate and wait for tests. This obviously puts some pressure on us to maintain bubbles and keep operational. Whilst I am confident this can be managed, it may be necessary to temporarily close a bubble if their staff group are off work. I think this is unlikely, but it is a possibility as the situation continues. I know this is the case in some other schools. If this did happen, we would notify you as soon as possible for you to make plans, as undoubtedly this would cause logistical difficulties for you too.

Crowdfunder launched to end digital divide in schools

Camden Learning, a partnership between local schools and Camden Council has launched its first ever Crowdfunder to raise money to support school children whose learning is most affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

More than 3,000 Camden pupils are without access to a computer – or have to share with siblings. Unless money is raised to buy laptops and Wi-Fi access, many of these children, who are among the most disadvantaged in the borough, will be denied the online learning they desperately need if they are sent home due to COVID-19 cases in their school or there is a local or national lockdown.

To support these pupils, Camden Learning is asking residents and businesses to support the Crowdfunder to end the digital divide. To donate or find out more, [click here](#).

Masks

You will have seen our video today about wearing a mask.



So, from Monday, we would like you to wear a face covering when you enter and exit the playground. Thank you.

Healthy Street Reminder

Following our previous newsletters, we are writing to update you on the above scheme. Scheme details 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 (between Gloucester Avenue and Chalcot 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.

Protocol Champions

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| Dragonflies – Iyan | Foxes – Mytheli |
| Butterflies – Emilia | Hedgehogs – Teddy |
| Grasshoppers – Fernando | Blackbirds – Leo |
| Beetles – Sara | Woodpeckers – Maria |
| Bats – Jeremiah | Herons – Everyone |
| Squirrels – Marianne | Kestrels – Everyone |

Protocol Champions

Behaviour Expectations

- **Safe Space Captains (Zones of Distancing)**
- **Catch it, Kill it, Bin it!**
- **Handwashing Heroes** (in/out in/out, wash it all about)
- **Hygiene Kings & Queens** (don't share resources, help out with cleaning) but if you forget, clean again!
- **Smooth Movers** (move safely through the school, stick to group areas and seating plans)

Keeping our Community Safe

Please check your child for symptoms, and **do not** come in to school if they or **anyone in your family** show the following symptoms:

- a high temperature (please try to take their temperature every morning/check if they are hot to touch on chest & back)
- a new, continuous cough or symptoms – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The above 3 symptoms are from the NHS and you should always consult your GP or call 111 NHS or use the coronavirus service <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Always contact the school if you are unsure of what to do or would like some advice.

Y2 Achievement

In year 2 we have been learning all about healthy foods. We have been discussing the importance of food and why we should keep eating fruits, vegetables and drinking lots of water!

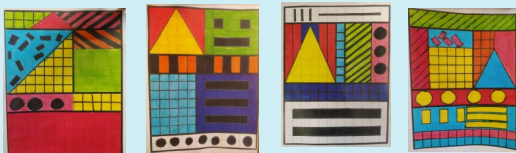


Stars of the Week

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| ★ | Dragonflies – Bodhi & Nathania | ★ |
| ★ | Butterflies – Elliot & Ilhan | ★ |
| ★ | Grasshoppers – Lottie & Cecilia | ★ |
| ★ | Beetles – Brodie & Josh | ★ |
| ★ | Bats – Alice & Alice | ★ |
| ★ | Squirrels – Caleb | ★ |
| ★ | Hedgehogs – Keturah & Preston | ★ |
| ★ | Foxes – Amber and Bibi | ★ |
| ★ | Blackbirds – Musab & Fiona | ★ |
| ★ | Woodpeckers – Alex & Grace | ★ |
| ★ | Herons – Haytam & Sienna | ★ |
| ★ | Kestrels – Chloe & Israel | ★ |

Y5 Achievement

We've been learning about the London-based street artist Camille Walala and have created some prints in her bright and playful style. Watch this space for some more Walala-inspired art hitting the top corridor soon!



Healthy Street

You may have noticed that the railings along the pavement have been taken off, please remember to continue being safe when crossing the road by using the crossing where the lovely Tina stands! Also, to help you stay safe we have added some markings on the ground to promote social distancing.