

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Hi all - well done on making it through another week! One more week to get through and then we'll all have a well-deserved break (of some description)! Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the Parent Remote Learning Feedback - so many wonderful and positive messages that I will be sharing with staff and concrete next steps for us to consider and plan for - see below for more on this. This week's Mental Health Awareness theme was all about expressing ourselves and also thinking about what is happening on the inside, which is something that we might not always stop and think about. *Inside Out Day* encouraged children to think about recognising the importance of good mental health and how we can support and help each other. Here are some photos of our in-school provision and SLT all *Inside Out*!! **Mireille**



## First day of Remote Learning / In School Provision will be Tuesday 23rd February

Spring 2 next half term will start on Tuesday 23rd February. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Black Curriculum whole school staff training on the 4th January to plan for our Remote Learning and in School provision, so we have moved this training to the 22nd February - this is such an important subject matter and also part of our School Improvement Priorities.

Remote Learning & In School provision will start on Tuesday 23rd February - I will send you a letter before to update you on any changes, next steps as and when they are decided by the government.

### Remote Learning & Zoom

Again, thank you for taking the time to complete the feedback. We have taken on board next steps and are thinking about how to apply quick fixes next week and how to adapt and implement some changes for after half term. Our Zoom calls have been very successful and each year group has now started to adapt these to suit the needs of their class and children. Here are some changes that might have already started / is something for you to look forward to:



\* Using Zoom for live lessons - these are lessons that are trying to replicate the main carpet session in the classroom and might include modelling methods, going through work and introducing new concepts.

\* Smaller Zoom sessions - again, these are replicating the guided sessions children would have in school with an adult, they may include: guided reading, phonics, feedback and assessment.

\* Timetables - some year groups have changed the times of their zooms or added additional Zoom, these are optional and as with all our Remote Learning, we know that parents & carers have a lot of other commitments at home. Class Teachers will send weekly / daily timetables on Google Classroom and Tapestry.

Do please reach out to your team if you need additional help or are finding these sessions overwhelming - we are happy to talk you through these issues and guide you as best as we can.

**Please note that if you are trying to email the teachers through their gmail, we do not regularly use it as it is connected to our Google Accounts and we get emails every time there is any activity - I currently have over 60,000 emails! Please either request to speak to an adult via Google Classroom or Tapestry or email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) and they will forward it onto your child's teacher.**



### Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday 9th February is *Safer Internet Day* - this year's theme is: 'Together for a better Internet'. This is another very important subject we need to ensure we are talking about in school and at home with children, especially in the current climate. Our advice, as always, is to supervise your child's online activity - more critical than ever during the current Remote Learning experience. This website, from Camden's City Learning Center (CLC) has a section for parents on how to help keep your child/ren safe online:



<https://padlet.com/CCLC/2psqwm4xkssrdjlf>

Watch this space for more fun activities next week!

Online platforms are great for socialising and keeping children connected, and we know that they are missing the social aspect of school. So again, we encourage parents and carers to organise these sessions outside of the school day, allowing children to interact with their friends - we will also plan opportunities for this when we can.

## Parent Governor Election Ballot

As you know we have two vacancies for parent governor.



We have received more than two nominations which means we must now hold a ballot.

We have sent you a text and email on Wednesday 3rd February with the Google Form link for you to vote.

Please cast your vote as per instructions on the form.

**The election ballot will be closed  
Wednesday 10th February at 3:00pm.**

When the election has been completed we will let you know the outcome. If in the meantime you have any queries, please email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

If you have any technical issues and are unable to vote via this Google Form, please contact the school via admin or 02077228500 and we can arrange for you to complete a paper ballot at school.

## Resources & Devices



Some feedback from our parent questionnaires was around resources, like books / pens / paper. Please remember that we can organise a work pack for your child/ren to use. This can include: printed sheets from workbooks / exercise books/ pens & pencils / reading books from the library.

Please email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) if you request any of these or anything different and we will sort it out.

Devices: we have loaned nearly 100 devices to families at home, this is largely due to the generous donations by families in our school community- thank you again! If you are still struggling, please reach out to admin and they will forward onto Laura & Isabel, who have been sorting these out.

## Helping small local businesses



We would like to let you know about **Lisaas Kitchen** which is a local business you can support by ordering homemade cakes or savoury treats from them. They do home deliveries which is very convenient during this time. Check out their Instagram [@lisaas\\_kitchen](https://www.instagram.com/lisaas_kitchen). <3

Many of our families run **small local businesses**. We know that times have been hard and would like to dedicate a corner of our newsletter to advertising these gems and encouraging our whole community to support them. Please email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) if you would like to advertise your small business in our community.

## Star Learners!

Tadpoles – Ezaan

Froglets – Genie & Harry

Ladybirds – Emma & Kian

Dragonflies – Ahil & Isolina

Butterflies – Khadra & Ursula

Grasshoppers – Joshua & Kamil

Beetles – Alice & Brodie

## Froglets...

For Mental Health Week we thought of kind things to do for each other. We wrote them down on leaves as words or pictures and hung them up on our tree.

Growing Kindness!

## Tadpoles...

In Tadpoles, we have been thinking about Children's Mental Health Week. In school, we have been very busy making our own kindness tree. We drew and wrote kind words onto leaves and then hung them onto the tree. At home, we focused on being kind to each other.

## Dates Until the End of Year

### Spring Term 2

Monday 22 February - Staff INSET

Tuesday 23 February - First day of Remote Learning / In School Provision

**Wednesday 31 March –Last day of Term - 1:30 pm Finish**

**Easter / Spring holiday:** Thursday 1 April to Friday 16 April 2021 (Including Good Friday, 2 April, and Easter Monday, 5 April)

### Summer Term

Tuesday 20th April to Friday 28 May 2021

Early May Bank Holiday Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May & Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

**Half-term** including Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021

Tuesday 8 June to Thursday 22 July 2021

### INSET DAYS

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – additional Inset as approved by Camden LA**

Monday 19th April 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

## Ladybirds...

In reception we have been thinking about Children's Mental Health Week. We decided to focus on being kind to each other. We made our very own kindness trees and every time we did something kind, or someone did something kind for us, we wrote a message on a leaf and hung them on our trees. Look at some of our AMAZING trees, from the amount of leaves on them we are certainly very kind in Ladybirds class.



## Year 1...

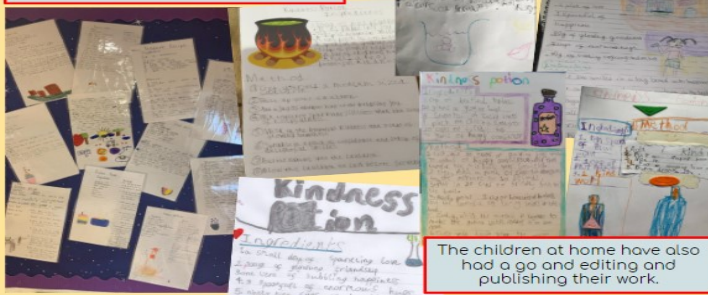
In Year 1, we have been thinking about Children's Mental Health Week and the theme 'Express Yourself'. We decided to design our very own dream playgrounds to express what we find fun and what makes us feel happy! The children have been so creative and have designed some AMAZING looking playgrounds!



## Year 2...

In Year 2, we have been learnt all about how to write instructions this week and, to celebrate Mental Health Week, we have written our own recipes to create a kindness potion!

The children in school published their recipes to create a beautiful display.



The children at home have also had a go and editing and publishing their work.

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**Bats – Hanna & Sy**
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**Squirrels – Nala and Marion (her granny) and Chiara**
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**Hedgehogs – Preston & Livia**
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**Foxes – Noah and Bibi**
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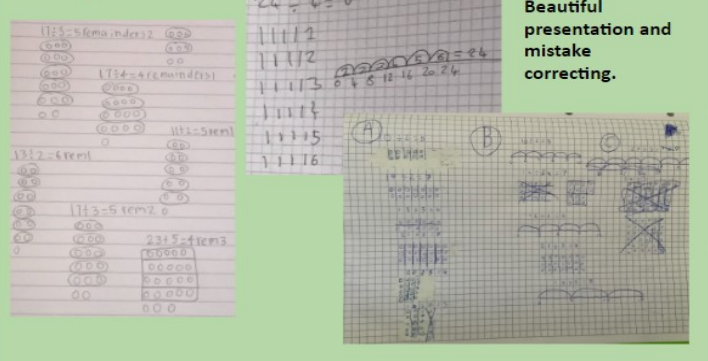
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**Blackbirds – Vesa & Nnene**
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**Woodpeckers – Alex & Ayla**
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**Hérons – Erlisa & Max**
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**Kestrels – Dorian & Hamza**
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Year 3 have been dividing numbers by sharing and grouping, using arrays and number lines. We have also learned about remainders.



Beautiful presentation and mistake correcting.

## Year 4...

Year 4 used hot seat, a drama technique in ZOOM this week. The children prepared questions to ask the Iron Giant live! We then all went and wrote answers in role.



Teddy

Jorge

Taleyah

Zahrah

The Iron man also visited the children in school!

Year 5 have been very busy planning and writing non-chronological reports about a planet they designed! All the planets were inhabited by some very unique animals and people!



Year 6... have enjoyed making 'Mixed up Beings' books.



## A Special Mention...

Elliot Woodpeckers



## Mental Health Awareness Week



# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil and Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)



As the current lockdown enters its second month, I know many will be finding life extremely hard. While everyone's experience is different, it's so important we continue to look after and be kind to each other – but also to ourselves. That includes taking care of our mental and physical health.

If you need any support, we are here for you. We can provide help with accessing essentials such as food and medicine, support with self-isolation, your finances and much more. To speak to the team, call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)

While the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine brings great hope, it is crucial we all continue to stay at home as much as possible – people are still catching the virus every day. Even if you don't have symptoms, you could be carrying the virus when you go out. If you do need to leave home for work, we are offering free tests with a 45-minute turnaround time for those who live or work in Camden – see details below to book a test.

Stay safe and thank you for continuing to look after our borough.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## STAY AT HOME TO SAVE LIVES



**NATIONAL LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS**

With cases of coronavirus still so high in London, it's vital to follow public health advice to help control the spread of the virus and save lives:



**Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless you're exempt**



**Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly**



**Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with**



**If it's essential to go out, act like you and others have COVID-19**

For more information on national coronavirus restrictions, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## £500 support to self-isolate

If you're employed or self-employed, on a low income and currently receiving benefits, you may be eligible for a one-off payment of £500 to support you to self-isolate and to make up for lost income. This is called a Test and Trace Support Payment.

Find out more and apply at [camden.gov.uk/apply-for-test-and-trace-support-payment](https://camden.gov.uk/apply-for-test-and-trace-support-payment) – or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

## No symptoms but must leave home for work?

Rapid COVID-19 tests are available for adults who live or work in Camden, who do not have symptoms and do not have access to tests via their employer. Even without symptoms, you may be infectious and at risk of passing the virus on to others. By taking a free test, you are helping to protect yourself and others, particularly those at highest risk. Please note new opening times at test locations:

**Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA: 7.30am – 2.30pm**

**New Charlie Ratchford Centre, Crogsland Road, NW1 8AY: 9am – 5pm**

**33-35 Jamestown Road, NW1 7DB: 7.30am – 7.30pm**

**Triton Café at Regent's Place, 17-19 Triton Street, NW1 3BF: 9am – 5pm**

You will receive results within 45 minutes. You must book in advance. Visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)

## Got symptoms?

Self-isolate and get a free test by calling **119** or via [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus). If you need help booking call Camden Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

**Please note, you will never be asked to pay for a test.**

## COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is important because it will help to reduce the number of people dying or getting seriously ill from COVID-19, which will help to reduce the strain on the NHS over time. It's safe, effective and gives the best protection against COVID-19. The NHS will contact you when it is your turn to be vaccinated – please make sure you attend your appointments.

Find out more about the COVID-19 vaccine at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call **119**.



Dr Zuhair Keekeebhai is a local GP, pictured above having his vaccine. He said: "I've had the vaccine and I urge you to have it too when it's your turn. One thing we can all do to keep each other safe is to keep following the rules."

## Social care workers

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to frontline social care workers working directly with people more vulnerable to COVID-19. Camden Council knows many people with care needs directly employ personal assistants or care workers.

If you provide paid care privately or via a direct payment to someone living in Camden and have not already been given information about booking a vaccination by your employer, email [socialcarevaccinationinfo@camden.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarevaccinationinfo@camden.gov.uk)