

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Week 4 has ended with many of our community celebrating Eid! It's been wonderful to share in the celebrations, excitement and food during this time! As well as this, the week has seen me receive a grilling from Reception in a hot seating activity, where I was asked questions ranging from my age, if I had any pets and most importantly of all, if I thought the moon was made of cheese! My bare office walls are also beginning to come to life with a range of children's work that they have shared with me too, a physical representation of the progress the children are now making as they settle back into school life again.

This brings me on to a crucial aspect – attendance. In any year good attendance is critical to the progress and development of children, but this year in particular with all of the disruption, it makes it doubly so. Whilst we still have the COVID restrictions (albeit loosening), please help us to help your child make the rapid progress we know they can by maintaining good attendance. We want everyone to get as much as possible out of this term before the summer break, so being in school is crucial to that.. **Phil**



## **Covid Measures – update**

As you will know England is unlocking further on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> with restrictions on indoor hospitality being relaxed.

Whilst this is an opportunity for us to engage further with others, we must also be mindful of the real and continued risks we all face. School is no different to this and as a consequence we have reviewed our procedures based on the guidance we have received to date. Much of what we currently have in place will remain for the time being as inevitably if people are mixing more widely in society, minimising the risk of transfer in school in order to keep them open is a key factor in our decisions.

Therefore, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> the following procedures will be in effect in school:

1. There will be no requirement for parents and carers coming on to the school site picking up and dropping off to wear a mask **OUTDOORS**. However, we will require all adults to **MAINTAIN THE 2M SOCIAL DISTANCING**
2. The queuing system for entry into school at pick up time will remain in place until at least 21 June, when it will be reviewed in the light of any wider lifting of restrictions. This is to enable us to maintain the social distancing as far as possible on site at our busiest time of the school day
3. Mask wearing for all adults inside the building **remains compulsory** unless there is a medical exemption as per the workplace guidance which is still in effect. This includes any parents entering the premises for any reason
4. We will extend the bubbles that currently exist in the school to widen the access to additional adults across classes. These will be phase specific at this stage. The bubbles in school will be: EYFS (all Tadpoles, Froglets and Ladybirds), Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4. We will keep Year 5 and 6 separate for now as well as maintaining all lunchtimes as they currently are until after May half term, when it will be reviewed in the light of any cases
5. Year 2 – 6 classrooms will also remain in row formation until a review at May half term

We have no desire to prolong these measures but recognise our social responsibility in ensuring our community remains as safe as possible. Thank you for all your cooperation so far and the continued support shown in this regard.

## **Zero Tolerance**

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who always ensure the positive community spirit that exemplifies the PH family exudes from this very special part of North London – it really is hugely appreciated.

Sadly, we have had two incidents this week where staff and parents have been the victims of verbal abuse. Both situations were unpleasant and left those involved, and onlookers, shocked and upset. As a school leader I take the responsibility of good role modelling very seriously. We cannot expect the children in our care to show kindness and respect for one another if they see adults behaving in a way that makes others feel upset or threatened. In respect of this, there can be no reasonable excuse for being verbally abusive at any time, but in particular on or near a school site. Therefore I would remind everyone that we have a zero tolerance approach to such incidents and will prevent anyone who behaves in such a manner from entering the school site for any reason, should incidents like this occur. Again, thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents, carers and visitors to PH that always arrive with the same beaming smile that the children have as they come to school.



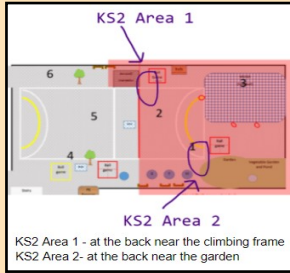
## **PE Kit**

A reminder that we have moved to a cashless system in school. All PE kits including book bags can be bought from [SchoolMoney](#) and all items are true to size. So to avoid an exchange, please try to buy within your child's age group. However you can go up or down a size if you know the age group won't fit them.



## Parent Liaison Timetable

Liaison times will continue next week and will be at 8:45am each morning - please enter the school through the main gate, your child should continue to enter through the gate they usually come through. Please refer to the map below for where your child's class teacher will be - as always we ask you to wear a mask and ensure you are socially distancing from the teacher and other parents.



Parent Liaison Timetable Summer 2 2020-21					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery playground	Sophie T Froglets				
KS1 Playground	Becca -3:15pm via phone each day	Maria and Lia - Reception Ladybirds	Hatty - Y1 Butterflies	Sophie K - Y2 Grasshoppers	Chrystal - Y2 Beetles
KS2 Playground Area 1	Jemma - Y5 Woodpeckers	Nabila - Y6 Herons	Mirelle - Y6 Kestrels	Lucy - Y5 Blackbirds	
KS2 Playground Area 2		Alice - Y4 Hedgehogs	Marina- Y4 Foxes	Paul - Y3 Squirrels	Jacob - Y3 Bats

## Attendance & Reporting Absences

A better week this week at PHS with 95.66% across the whole school. As Phil mentioned, attendance is important regardless of the year, but even more so this year, especially with lockdowns. We have seen massive improvement with some year groups and individuals, so well done to them. We will be focusing on those persistent absentees this half term and sending out some letters in the last week, please come and have a talk to us about this, we want to make sure that you are supported. As a gentle reminder to parents, please ensure you make medical/dental appointments **outside** of school hours. We understand sometimes there is an emergency and you can't help it, but medical absences do take up a lot of our absences. **Lyra & Mandy**

## The English National Opera

(near Trafalgar Square) are offering **free tickets to under-21-year-olds** to any opera, on any night, and in all parts of the theatre (not just the cheap seats!). What a wonderful experience this could be for any children or young adults - we hope you take advantage. They say that tickets are available from the 2nd June, when all tickets go on general release. Simply go to [eno.org](http://eno.org). If you make it, do let me know!



## Mental Health Awareness Week

This week has been Mental Health awareness week and the theme is **Nature**.

Please [click here](#) for Camden's Enewsletter and information where to get support.



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## Summer Term Dates

### Summer 1

Tuesday 20th April to Friday 28 May 2021

*Half-term including Spring Bank Holiday,*

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021

### Summer 2

**INSET DAY: Monday 7th June 2021**

Tuesday 8 June to Friday 23 July 2021

Here is the link to :

[Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

## **THE CAMDEN CLEAN AIR CYCLE**

Sunday 30 May

### **WHERE**

106 Arlington Road, Camden, NW1 7HP

### **WHEN**

Sunday 30 May, anytime between 10:00 - 16:00

### **ROUTE**

The route will take riders around Camden, past all the beautiful landmarks that make our Borough so wonderful. To make the ride even more enjoyable, you can stop off along the way at our partner coffee shops for refreshments!

### **SIGN UP**

Register your place at <https://camdencleanair.org/events/the-camden-clean-air-cycle/> - family discounts apply!

REBUILT BIKES

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# SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Lily shares 100 words from her bedtime story as we near the end of #DeafAwarenessWeek celebrating the amazing speaking skills of deaf children and enjoying their chosen 100s. Every deaf child deserves the same life opportunities as their hearing peers #DAW2021 @WilsonJaqueline

<https://t.co/yqZSrQ0DGe>

Congratulations to our amazing Y5&6 Boys' Football Team for **WINNING** the Camden tournament today! We're so proud of you!! They won ALL their matches!!

<https://t.co/ltG7qpWdAr>



- Tadpoles - Honor & Taqua
- Froglets - Gracie Mae
- Ladybirds - Meroni
- Dragonflies - Aran
- Butterflies - Ervin
- Grasshoppers - Amicie
- Beetles - Anika
- Bats - Alex

- Squirrels - NJ
- Foxes - Rahiem and Samy
- Hedgehogs - Preston
- Blackbirds - Izzy
- Woodpeckers - Nina
- Herons - Gerti
- Kestrels - Amelle

### Protocol Champions

#### Behaviour Expectations

- Safe Space Captains (Zones of Distancing)**
- Asker's length: 1.5m
- 2m
- Avoid
- 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)

- Star Learners!
- ★ Tadpoles – Ciara & Amelia Rose
  - ★ Froglets – Jean & Rosa
  - ★ Ladybirds – Luna & Yehia
  - ★ Dragonflies – Beau & Elisa
  - ★ Butterflies – Rena & Eleri-Belle
  - ★ Grasshoppers – Leo & Oli
  - ★ Beetles – Nneka & Samuel

- ★ Bats – Hanna & Alice A
- ★ Squirrels – Nina & Ryan
- ★ Hedgehogs – Candice & Nathan
- ★ Foxes – Maria, Nazmin & Mytheli
- ★ Blackbirds – Nnene & Nuri
- ★ Woodpeckers – Elliot & Rukan
- ★ Herons – Liza & Jonathan
- ★ Kestrels – Aron & Lisa

### Tadpoles...

This week, we have been learning and reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. We made green playdough and created a Caterpillar collage using felt paper, glue and black marker pen. We also coloured our Eid Template as part of our Eid celebration.

Happy Eid Everyone !!!

### Froglets...

We have planted sunflower seeds! Just like Jasper, we planted the seeds, watered them, and waited...and waited...and waited...

### Ladybirds...

The Ladybirds were SO lucky this week as Phoenix's mum and dad had been busy making us a surprise... They arrived on Monday morning with an amazing water wall! We looked on with excitement as they fitted it altogether.

As you can see from the photos, we have LOVED playing and exploring.

A HUGE thank you to Laura and Wally.

### Year 1...

As part of mental health week we have been talking about nature and how it can make us feel. We made these beautiful flowers using paintbrushes and one other utensil... a fork! Do you recognise which flowers they are?

### Year 2...

In year 2, we have been learning all about nocturnal animals. We are getting ready to make our own nocturnal animal puppets! This week we have been analysing and writing our own design criteria. We can't wait to show you the finish product!

### Year 3...

This week in Year 3, our ukulele teacher, Oily Keen, taught us a simple country dance. In a very short space of time, we learnt some basic dance steps and combined them. A great time was had by everyone!

Please click the image to watch our dance.

### Year 4...

In Year 4, we have been learning about prepositional phrases. We plotted Beowulf's journey to Denmark across the stormy seas and included our own prepositional phrases.

### Year 5...

We have been conducting experiments all about water resistance! Before we even begin, we have to make sure it is a fair test!

### Year 6...

As part of our Science unit on The Human Body, Y6 investigated the impact of drugs on the human body. They researched and wrote information posters or leaflets explaining these effects and the impact drugs have. Well done Y6, another example of excellent paired writing!



## Keeping our Community Safe

Please note– if you or any member of your family have symptoms, you need to have a PCR Test, NOT a lateral Flow Test—always call 111 for advice.

Please check your child for symptoms, and **do not** come in to school if they or **anyone in your family** show the following symptoms: Remember, everyone in your household will have to isolate if anyone has one of these symptoms & you will need to arrange a COVID test:

- 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.**

## 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/LB Camden](https://facebook.com/LB Camden)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

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

### Please keep following the rules to keep Camden safe

From Monday 17 May, restrictions will be eased slightly but until then, please remember that you can only socialise indoors with your household or bubble, and outdoors in groups of 6 people or 2 households. Whether you're meeting up with others, going for an outdoor meal or popping to the shops, please keep following the rules to keep yourself and those around you safe.



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

### Book your COVID-19 vaccine now

If you fall into one of the below categories, you're eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccine now:

- Everyone aged 38 and over
- People at risk or high risk from coronavirus (clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable)
- Health and social care workers, including care home workers
- People who have a learning disability
- The main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus

Book your appointment now by calling 119 for free or visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine)

### Make rapid testing part of your weekly routine

Rapid tests are for people without COVID-19 symptoms. Everyone is eligible for two free tests a week and you get results in 30-45 minutes. Please log your test result with the NHS, even if it's negative. This helps Public Health keep track of the virus and helps to stop the spread.

To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)

Please note the rapid test site at the London Irish Centre closes this week.

If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119. Rapid tests are not suitable if you have symptoms.



As we look ahead to the next step in the Government's roadmap on Monday (17 May), I want to reiterate my thanks for the vital role you've all played in helping to keep Camden safe. The combination of following the rules, along with the vaccine roll-out and regular testing, has undoubtedly saved lives.

With more businesses and venues opening from next week, such as museums and cinemas, and the rules easing to allow customers to sit inside hospitality venues, many will be looking forward to enjoying more of what our borough has to offer. Camden's businesses have been working hard to welcome you back safely, but it's vital you continue to follow the latest guidance, which includes the rules around hands, face, space and fresh air, and I urge you to take up the offer of free, regular, rapid lateral flow tests (for people without symptoms).

Mental Health Awareness Week (10 to 16 May) reminds us that this continues to be a difficult time for many. So check in with your loved ones, and if you need any support, visit [camden.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing](https://camden.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing)

Finally, Eid Mubarak to those who are celebrating. We've included some tips below to help you mark the occasion safely – thank you for all you're doing to keep Camden safe.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

### Helping to keep Camden safe



As more hospitality venues, including pubs, restaurants and cafes reopen for indoor dining from Monday 17 May, the Council's Frontline Presence Team is out across the borough offering support and advice to residents and businesses on how to keep each other safe.

Our high streets and town centres are at the heart of our community. Local high streets, markets and shops are following government guidance to welcome you back safely. Shop local, enjoy what's new and rediscover old favourites. To find out more, visit [camden.gov.uk/highstreets](https://camden.gov.uk/highstreets)

Local businesses can download a copy of the Council's toolkit for reopening safely, including information on support available, at [camden.gov.uk/business-support](https://camden.gov.uk/business-support)

### Support with money concerns

Camden Council recognises people are experiencing new financial challenges due to COVID-19. If your circumstances have changed, there is help available from the Camden Advice Network and the Council. Support includes affordable repayment plans for debts to the Council, help accessing financial support, and access to employment, debt and mental health advice. The Council can also help with one-off crisis or self-isolation payments.

- For general financial support call 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit [camden.gov.uk/financialsupport](https://camden.gov.uk/financialsupport)
- For council tax debt call 020 7974 6414
- For council tenant debts call 020 7974 4444 (option 3, then 5)
- For leaseholder debt call 020 7974 3559

### Eid Mubarak

If you're celebrating Eid al-Fitr, please do it safely to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:

- If visiting your local mosque, follow on-site signage and guidance.
- If celebrating at home, pray with loved ones virtually over Zoom or live-stream prayers.
- Please enjoy the Eid meal and catching up with loved ones safely by following public health guidance. In addition, avoid sharing platters of food and, if celebrating inside with your household or bubble, open windows to keep the space well ventilated.

For more information, visit [mob.org.uk/resources/coronavirus](https://mob.org.uk/resources/coronavirus)