

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Life continues to be fun and games at Primrose Hill. The SLT are becoming very confident epidemiologists! A big thank you to you all for having faith and trust in us as we manage a challenging situation. Schools are becoming increasingly under pressure, and Camden schools have seen an increase in C19 cases in their communities over the past few weeks. We must continue to keep safe and remain vigilant. Happy Thanks Giving Weekend to our American families ! Thank you for working with us. **Robin & Mireille**



## New chair of Governors

As some of you know, I am moving out of London next week and so the time has come for me to step down as chair of governors. At the governing board meeting on Tuesday, I am delighted to report that Claire Cameron, one of our parent governors, was elected as the new chair with immediate effect. Claire has been a parent governor for two years and has made a great impact, particularly as SEND link governor and on the Finance and Premises Committee. I am sure she will do an excellent job as chair. I will be remaining as a governor for a little while, particularly to support the ongoing headteacher recruitment work. Early in the new year, the governing body will be holding a parent governor election so if you are interested, please watch out for further information. It's been a real privilege to chair the governing board for the last two years and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to support our wonderful school during this time. **Gavin Davies**

## Parent Consultations

We hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher. It isn't how we would normally conduct these sessions, but everything has to be adapted.



## Feedback on our Safe Street Restrictions

The Council have provided a website for you to provide any feedback on the new closure restrictions and the removal of the fence.

This can be found here:

<https://safetravelcamden.commonplace.is/overview>

## Head Teacher Recruitment

As you know, I will be leaving Primrose Hill in a few week's time. The second round of recruitment is underway to appoint a new Head Teacher. To again reassure you, the Governing Body will only appoint the right candidate. Mireille is all ready to continue leading the school with the SLT until this happens. We only want the perfect person to come and join the school to lead it into the future. **Robin**

## Next Week's Parent Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 2nd December, Syra & Laura will do a 5 minute presentation about structure and routines at home in these uncertain times and then share a coffee and discussion with parents. Here is the link for Zoom:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6086924270?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6086924270?pwd=WHJlUjVUVaZmJlYXlvcjB4eXU0NGM2UT09)

[pwd=WHJlUjVUVaZmJlYXlvcjB4eXU0NGM2UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6086924270?pwd=WHJlUjVUVaZmJlYXlvcjB4eXU0NGM2UT09)

Meeting ID: 608 692 4270

Passcode: Vcaw6s



## ATTENDANCE

As the UK comes out of lockdown next week and we return to a (more stricter) tier system, government guidelines outline that schools and universities will remain open throughout all 3 tiers, meaning that school attendance will still be compulsory.

We're currently at **96.22%** across the whole school with **96.13%** in **EYFS** and **96.24%** in **KSI-2**. Thank

you to all families supporting us in keeping attendance amazing at Primrose Hill.

With that being said, the weather is getting colder and we will be continuing to ventilate the building as per the risk assessment so please make sure you send your children in with layers to school.

Only 3 weeks left, lets finish this year on a high! **Lyra & Mandy**

## Protocol Champions

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| <b>Dragonflies – Isolina</b> | <b>Foxes – Selena</b>        |
| <b>Butterflies – Zayaan</b>  | <b>Hedgehogs – Hiwaad</b>    |
| <b>Grasshoppers – Yusuf</b>  | <b>Blackbirds – Maya P</b>   |
| <b>Beetles – Lev</b>         | <b>Woodpeckers – Amaanah</b> |
| <b>Bats – Bonnie</b>         | <b>Herons – Amirah</b>       |
| <b>Squirrels - Nora</b>      | <b>Kestrels – Hamza</b>      |

## Protocol Champions

### Behaviour Expectations

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

## 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 newsletter at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil
- 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-update](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-update)

### COVID-19 testing available in person or at home

If you develop coronavirus symptoms, you should self-isolate and get a test via [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. You can request an at-home test kit or book an appointment at a testing site. Please don't just turn up - you need to book an appointment first.

Please follow public health guidance when visiting a testing site:

- Keep 2 metres apart from other people
- Do not travel by taxi or public transport
- Use hand sanitizer
- Wear a face covering throughout, including while travelling to and from the testing site.

The mobile coronavirus testing site at 51 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town NW5 1LB has step-free access.

### NHS Test and Trace

If you test positive for coronavirus, you will receive a call from NHS Test and Trace who will ask you to share contact details of people you've been in close, recent contact with. Please share this information so those people can help prevent the spread of the virus by self-isolating.

### Last call to support Crowdfunder to end Camden's digital divide

The Crowdfunder launched by Camden Learning - a joint enterprise between Camden schools and Camden Council - to help pupils learn from home closes next Wednesday (2 December).

Before the Crowdfunder ends, please consider donating what you can - 100% of the money will go towards buying laptops for children and young people in need. Donate at [crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils](https://crowdfunder.co.uk/end-the-digital-divide-for-camden-pupils)

Thanks to the support of the public, the Crowdfunder has so far raised around £59,000 and the first laptops are now being distributed to 20 schools in the borough with the highest need.

As we enter the final week of lockdown, I know many of us will be thinking ahead to the end of the year. It's especially hard to be away from friends and family at this time. However, from next Wednesday (2 December) we will be returning to a tier system, and it's crucial that we all play our part and stick to the guidelines of the tier that London is placed within. We expect this to be announced this evening, (Thursday 26 November), so please check [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus) for the latest updates.

Coronavirus usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. To stop this spread, reduce cases in Camden and keep ourselves and others safe, we all need to continue to follow public health advice carefully. That means washing our hands often, wearing a face covering in indoor public spaces unless exempt, and following social distancing. It also means self-isolating immediately and getting tested if you display any symptoms.

Throughout the final week of lockdown and beyond, please know that we remain here to support you should you need any help, including if you need support to self-isolate. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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

### Flu vaccine update

From Tuesday 1 December, anyone aged 65 or over will also be eligible for a free flu vaccine. This is in addition to children, pregnant women and those who are clinically vulnerable.

The flu vaccine is safe and effective, and while it will not protect you from coronavirus, the flu by itself can also be serious. Having coronavirus and flu at the same time could make you seriously ill, particularly if you have underlying health conditions. You can get the flu vaccine from your GP or participating pharmacies. Find out more at [nhs.uk/flu](https://nhs.uk/flu)

### Supporting survivors of domestic abuse

Home should be a safe place, but sadly this is not true for everyone. Camden Council is committed to supporting survivors of domestic abuse and their families during the pandemic and beyond.

The Council's dedicated team, Camden Safety Net, is providing additional support, including developing safety plans for people who might be feeling unsafe. The Council also has wide-ranging support available, including with mental health and employment.

As a landlord, the Council will never tolerate domestic violence or abuse in council homes. Any abuser living in a Camden Council home risks losing their tenancy.

**How to access support**

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, of any form, or you are worried about a friend or relative's relationship, contact Camden Safety Net in confidence on 020 7974 8558, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, or email [the.team@camden-safetynet@camden.gov.uk](mailto:the.team@camden-safetynet@camden.gov.uk)

Find out more about support available at [camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence](https://camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence)

Pledge your support to help end domestic abuse in Camden at [camden.gov.uk/ky-pledge](https://camden.gov.uk/ky-pledge)

**KNOW**  
you're not alone

## Year 1 & 2 Achievement...

We came into school this week to find our silly teachers had labelled the world map completely wrong! Luckily, we've been learning about the continents and oceans in Year 1 so we used our new knowledge to fix the map so we can use it for a display for our Planet Earth topic.



## Year 3 Achievement

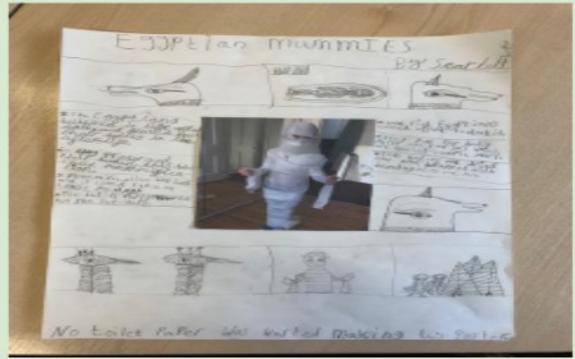
We have begun a new maths and computing programme 'Emil' to teach mathematical thinking and reasoning through coding.



## Stars of the Week

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| ★ | <b>Dragonflies – Aran &amp; Thomas</b>      | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Butterflies – Iqra &amp; Khadra</b>      | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Grasshoppers – Sophia SZ &amp; Ayub</b>  | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Beetles – Klara &amp; Jinghan</b>        | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Bats – Tayyiba &amp; Yaseen</b>          | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Squirrels – Lia &amp; Nala</b>           | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Hedgehogs – Eva &amp; Jorge</b>          | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Foxes – Zahrah</b>                       | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Blackbirds – Prudence &amp; Alfrey</b>   | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Woodpeckers – Alissa-May &amp; Ethan</b> | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Herons – Lorenzo &amp; Rijana</b>        | ★ |
| ★ | <b>Kestrels – Dorian &amp; Aron</b>         | ★ |

## Fantastic Home Learning!



by Scarlett in Squirrels

## Year 5 & 6 Achievement...

Year 5 have been turning the poem 'The Highwayman' into a narrative. We've been thinking carefully about how to create effective setting and character descriptions. After some shared writing to describe the setting, we worked in pairs to describe the Highwayman as he first arrives on the scene. The children did a magnificent job, using lots of powerful adjectives and verbs as well as poetic language.



From the shadows emerged the Highwayman.  
There he was riding a ghostly steed  
along the hard, rocky path covered  
in moss. The Highwayman's French-cocked  
hat sat on his head upright,  
while his crimson red coat flapped  
in the strong wind. His paper slept  
quietly in its sheath, as the Highwayman  
trotted through deepset for a dusty hill.