

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Many Thanks!



We finally made it to half term, after what has certainly been a unique and at times challenging few weeks. As always, our community has pulled together - where life handed us lemons, **together we made lemonade!**

I'm so proud of all the children at home and in school for adapting to another change so quickly, engaging and working hard - you are truly magnificent! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you wonderful & inspiring parents and carers who have juggled home schooling, work, and a myriad of other responsibilities. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge how hard this has been for all of you, but also to praise you for supporting and nourishing the children mentally and physically. Whilst I know that us grown-ups can sometimes be hard on ourselves (especially when stretched so thinly!), there is no doubt that you have succeeded, and we are now on the home stretch.

A huge thank you to all the dedicated staff too, who have worked tirelessly! It's now time for all of us to reflect on all of our achievements, enjoy a well-deserved break and recharge our batteries so we're ready for Spring 2! Although we don't know what decisions will be made on the 22nd by our PM, I know that whatever the outcome, we'll get through it together!!

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

Spring 2 next half term will start on Tuesday 23rd February. As 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, we have moved this staff 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.

Parent Reps

Our parent reps, myself and the head of FOPHS, Amal, had a very successful meeting this week. The Parent Reps have already started thinking about some exciting fundraising ideas! Watch this space! Please contact the school if you are not part of a parent WhatsApp groups and we will pass on to the Parent Reps.

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 3rd May & Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31st 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 22nd February – additional Inset as approved by Camden LA

Monday 19th April 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Happy Chinese New Year

We hope all our families who celebrate Chinese New Year had a wonderful celebration last night. Welcome the Year of the Ox! Timely, considering the strength that we have had to draw on this last year.



In School Provision

On the 22nd February, the government will set out the road map for the return to school, which we hope will be from March 8th. Until we can safely return, the majority of children will continue to be taught remotely, and key worker children will be educated on-site. Currently, our on-site provision in school is full. Where we have tried to accommodate all families requesting a place, you will appreciate that the logistics of running both remote learning and on-site provision are challenging, so please do be patient with us. After half term, we will be opening our 2 Year Old (Tadpoles) and Nursery (Froglets) provision in line with government advice and our risk assessment. All information on this has been communicated to our Early Years families via email, so please make sure you have checked for these letters.

Parent Governor Results

Thank you to all parents that have voted in the Parent Governor Election and to those who stood for election!



Congratulations to **Kasia & Amal!** We are very excited to have you on our Governing Body!



Finally, thank you to all the parents who also ran for the election, it was great to see so many enthusiastic entrants!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
4 MARCH 2021

World Book Day—Thursday 4th March

Marianne, our English Leader, is planning to hold a spectacular event when we do eventually return to school! This will give us all something to look forward to. In the meantime, each class will continue to plan a special remote event to celebrate on World Book Day itself - they will update you all after half-term via their Google Classroom & Tapestry.

Neighbourhood Nash

Neighbours and local businesses helping neighbours.



**PRIMROSE
HILL** COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

For the school holidays, you are very welcome to pick up a parcel of basic food, plus treats, from **Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinson's Place, NW1 8TN**. Email them first on nosh@phca.cc to say how many in your family, or just turn up.

SchoolMoney

We have some very exciting news! The school will be moving to a new paying system called SchoolMoney. This will help us move to a cashless system which is linked to our communication service Teachers2Parents (Eduspot) and offers a wider variety of services that SCOPAY couldn't—you will even be able to order and pay for your PE kits on there (yay!). We will be sending some information over the coming weeks to keep you updated, so watch this space! The official launch date will be on **1st March** where we will be sending **ALL** parents log in information. If you have updated your contact number please contact the school office ASAP and if you have any queries about the app or payments, please contact Lyra in the office.



FSM Vouchers

Parents eligible for FSM should have received their vouchers for week beginning 1st and 8th February by now, so please have a look through emails and redeem them.

Camden LA have informed us that they will be **posting FSM vouchers** directly to parents during the half term. However, due to the strain on the Post Office, this may take a few days to arrive. If you do not receive your FSM voucher during the half term, please call Camden directly on **0207 974 5771** and they will help you.

★	Bats – Alice A & Janaya	★
	Squirrels – Caleb & Clara	★
★	Hedgehogs – Stran & Adam	★
★	Foxes – Sinead & Bert	★
★	Blackbirds – Musab & Fiona	★
	Woodpeckers – Lily & Max	★
★	Hérons – Ismaiel & Sienna	★
★	Kestrels – Haran, Seela & Sofia	★

The Crick Institute

The Crick Institute sent us some fun activities for parents to try at home during half term. The [pack is full of fun](#), hands-on science experiments that can be carried out using items commonly found at home or in a supermarket. We'd love to see you have a go and to complete the short online [survey](#). It will be very valuable for the institute to get feedback on the pack, so that they can better understand how to support local families and schools. This is particularly important at the moment, as they explore different ways to provide this support. Additionally, the school with the highest proportional number of responses to the survey will win **£250 worth of science equipment!** Terms and Conditions for this competition can be found [here](#), and the closing date to complete a survey response is **3rd March**.

Show & Tell Photography

As you may know, our Y6 students have been taking part in a photography project run by Show and Tell. We are delighted to say that a few of our children have been selected to showcase their work in the 'Show and Tell exhibition: How Are You Feeling?!' The curated exhibition will show 83 images and are just a small selection of the amazing work they received from 22,000 submissions! Wow! Well done to **Adnan, Isma, Jonathon, Malik and Ort**.

Also an extra congratulations to **Adnan and Ort** as their photos will also feature in the Judge's Choice selection! You'll see their photos on a national billboard campaign between 15th Feb—21st Feb, which is also when the exhibition will be open. Well done to all Y6 students who participated and to the Y6 teaching staff for putting this all together. Very proud of you all.

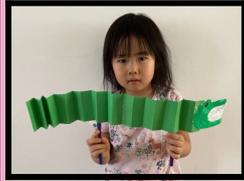
★	Star Learners!	★
	Tadpoles – Honor	★
★	Froglings – Maia & Bobby	★
★	Ladybirds – Magnus & Mabel	★
★	Dragonflies – Felix & Elisa	★
	Butterflies – Safaa & Clara	★
★	Grasshoppers – All of them!	★
★	Beetles – All of them!	★

Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been celebrating the Chinese New Year.

We have had so much fun making Chinese dragons, using chopsticks, learning to write Chinese letters and numbers and making our own version of the Chinese animal race!

We also took part in Safer Internet Day, where we listened to Smartie the Penguin's story, made sock puppets and had a good chat with our grown ups about how to keep safe when using the internet.

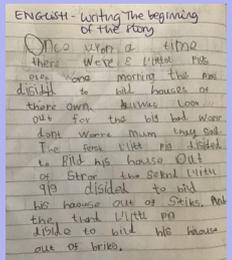


Year 1 Achievement



We have spent the past couple of weeks becoming familiar with the story of The Three Little Pigs. We used Talk for Writing and learnt all the actions to the story, then we made story maps

and wrote the story over three days. Our teachers are so impressed. Have you ever seen such amazing writing from Year 1s?



Y5 & 6 in school bubble



We have been working with students from the Royal Academy of Music on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to create our own space music.



Our music described two new fictional planets called 'Romus' and 'Utopia'.

We composed our own music, but we also told the other musicians how we wanted them to play. To the left is one of the children conducting a violinist over Zoom.



Y3 Achievement

Year 3 have made different objects inspired by two Greek myths. Can you guess what myths inspired them?



Year 6... Have been holding on to their dreams and have written poems inspired by Kit Wright's poem 'The Magic Box'.

Safwan's Magic box

I will put in my magic box a shiny scale from a dragon,
The lava from a volcano and the golden sand from a desert of pure gold.
My box is made from the fire of the strongest dragon in the entire world,
And from the bones of a dinosaur and the core of a star.
My box has a camel with a hunger for a race,
A fish from the deepest sea, A flame that burns like the sun,
I sail in my box like a boat and go to the ends of the sea to see the great sights of all seas and oceans.

Sulaiman's Magic box

I will put in the box
The snow falling down touching the grass settling on the ground,
The rocky beach and the sea with a navy blue colour.
I will put in the box
The settled snow on top of buildings waiting to be dried up.
My box is made of the strongest metals
When I open it everything inside will come flooding out.

Haran's Magic Box

I will put in my magic box
The scream of happiness erupting over me,
The leafy ends of trees brushing my body,
My heart thumping inside my chest, As the air pushes me alongside the trees.
I will put in my magic box
The sight of meandering rivers beneath me,
Tourists who cannot believe what an exotic land
The Malaysian forests can be. But any person under me Did not seem any greater than an ant to me.
So now I decorate my box With a lid of shining water And the content of a shining memory.

Herbie's Magic box

I will put in the box
The blade of a samurai
An axe of a Viking
The sound of rain gushing down through the trees in the forest
The scent of salt water exhaling from the beach
My box is made of uranium and solid gold mined from the deepest parts of the Mariana Trench
When I open the box I see the scales of a dinosaur and the teeth of a Megalodon
I fly through time onwards and onwards observing subjects and original objects.

Rahim's Magic Box

I will put in the box
Seashells collected from the seashore
Dreams from my younger self
Wishes from my future self
Clocks that turn the time
Ink that makes people invisible
Unicorns with colourful wings to climb you to the wind

Hamza's Magic Box

I will put in the box,
The smell of fresh air and mother nature,
The brightness of the shining sun on a sunny day.
I will put in the box
The sweet noise of children playing and yelling,
And the sound of trees swaying left and right.
I will put in the box
The sun setting slowly and slowly,
And the Moon rising,
as I desperately walk away.

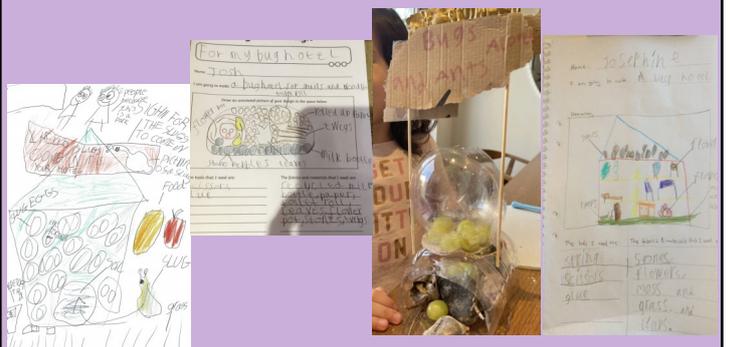
Year 5 Achievement

One of our wellbeing tasks this week was to make a mobile using objects you can find around the house. Some chose to make mobiles inspired by the artist Alexander Calder, others were inspired by our recent learning about space and some were inspired by other things entirely!



Year 2 Achievement

Year 2 have been learning all about habitats this half term. We used our knowledge to design the perfect bug hotel for a minibeast of our choice. We had to come up with our own design criteria and then create a plan for our model. We're looking forward to building them today!



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 – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook 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

COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective, and gives the best protection against coronavirus.

When you're eligible to get a vaccination, the NHS will be in touch, so make sure you're registered with a GP and that they have your most up-to-date contact details. The vaccine will help save lives so please consider having it when it's your turn.

If you're 70 or over or clinically extremely vulnerable and have not yet been contacted, you can now book your own vaccine appointment at a nearby vaccination centre like the Francis Crick Institute or the Royal Free Hospital. Visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or call **119** for free. However, if you would prefer to have the vaccine at a GP surgery, please wait to be contacted.



Vaccine Q&A event

On Tuesday 16 February from 5.30 to 7pm, Healthwatch Camden will host a virtual Q&A with local GPs and Camden's Director of Public Health to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. Register for the event, accessible via Zoom or landline, at camden.gov.uk/healthwatchevent or phone Healthwatch Camden on **020 7383 2402**. Submit your questions in advance when you register, or email shelly.khan@healthwatchcamden.co.uk

Help for people experiencing domestic abuse

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, you can now discreetly ask for 'ANI' (Action Needed Immediately) at local Boots pharmacies and a number of independent pharmacies across the UK, including in Camden.

Trained staff will offer a safe and private space for people at risk to go to, and assist in calling domestic violence and abuse support services or the police.

Participating pharmacies are displaying posters in windows and inside.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, you can also contact Camden Safety Net on **020 7974 2526** or email camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk

Find out more at camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence

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With temperatures dropping again this week, and the days still short, I know this is a really hard time of year to be living through lockdown. Despite the ongoing challenges we all face, I continue to be deeply moved by the acts of love and care across Camden as our communities support each other. If you are struggling to access help, from accessing food to struggling with mental health, then please contact the Council to find out what support is available on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

All of us following the rules is making a huge difference to reduce the number of people catching the virus – but people are still getting infected every day in London and in Camden. The vaccine gives the best protection against the virus and will reduce the number of people needing to go into hospital to be treated for COVID-19 – but we still have to do all we can to keep each other safe. I visited one of Camden's vaccination clinics and saw the joy and relief on people's faces on getting their first dose – please do get vaccinated when it is your turn. If you have been vaccinated, please do continue to follow the rules – washing your hands, wearing a face covering and keeping a distance from people you don't live with.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Support for private renters



The Government's temporary ban on evictions for private tenants ends on Sunday 21 February. If you're concerned about this change or have been asked to leave your home, please know that help is available. If you are facing eviction, struggling to pay your rent because of coronavirus, or you are not sure about repairs and safety checks that your landlord can carry out during lockdown, contact Camden Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid

Keep Camden Safe

Whether you've had the vaccine or not, it is essential that you continue to follow the rules to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:



Stay at home as much as possible. If it's essential to go out, act like you and others have COVID-19



Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless exempt



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



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly

For more information on national coronavirus restrictions, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Rapid COVID-19 tests for Camden workers without symptoms

If you have to leave home to go to work, you can book a free Lateral Flow Test at one of four test sites in Camden. These tests identify people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus but may be infectious so could pass it on to someone else. For more information or to book a free test, visit camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

If you develop coronavirus symptoms, do not go to a Lateral Flow Test site. Instead, self-isolate and book a free test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**.