

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome Back!! What an amazing week it has been- it has truly been a pleasure having everyone back in the school building, seeing all the children's wonderful smiley faces and chatting with so many parents & carers on the gate! The children have settled in brilliantly and each morning when I walk around to say 'Good Morning' they are already being so productive, thinking about their learning and enjoying being in the classroom together- this is evident in this week's Achievement Assembly, which you can watch on our [YouTube Channel](#). I think the highlight for the children has been being able to play with their friends again - I have been on the playground each day, and what a joy it is seeing them together again: skipping, playing football, on the climbing frame, building and even on pogo sticks! Let's hope the weather improves and they can spend more time outside. As you can see below, there is a message from Phil Allman, who is our new Head Teacher and will start his role after the Easter Holiday. He is also hoping to record assembly on Monday, so the children can meet him virtually- we are all very excited about him starting at PH! Have a wonderful weekend everyone, I hope the sun comes back out again! Keep safe and we'll see you on Monday morning! **Mireille.**



## Last Day of Spring Term- Wednesday 31st March collection from 1:20pm

Our last day of Spring Term will be Wednesday 31st March - as usual, this is a half day for all children and school will close after lunch. We will start collection of Ladybirds Group 1, Year 1, 2 and 3 at 1:20pm and all other children at 1:30pm.

### Introducing - Phil



Hello everyone! I have already received such a warm welcome from staff and governors at Primrose Hill which is an indication of what the community is like. I am so excited to be joining you all after Easter and looking forward to getting to know pupils, parents, staff and everyone else involved in school life.

I was asked to write something for this week's newsletter to introduce myself and share some of my initial thoughts. I hope I get to speak to everyone face to face sooner rather than later. I know from my current school that this period of time has challenged every community in different ways. Let's hope for an increasing sense of normality over the next few months.

In terms of my teaching career, this will be my third Headteacher post in England. However, until last March I had spent 6 years in 3 different countries; China, Qatar and Singapore leading Primary departments in 3 different all-through 3-18 schools. Having started teaching in 1992 this is my 29th year and I still thoroughly enjoy being in a school environment.

If recent times have shown us anything, it is that our children get one chance to grow and develop and school is a crucial part of that process. School should be a place for making wonderful memories that last a lifetime. Academic learning is very important, but so are the extra opportunities we can provide; the arts, crafts, dance, drama, sport, computing. But, by far the most important are the relationships and trust we build together. It is that which makes us stronger as a whole community.

Despite having 3 grown up children now, I do still understand that whilst we need to consider over 400 children on a day by day basis, when you contact us there is only one child that matters! I call this 'The Triangle'; made up of Pupil - Parent/Carer - School and it is crucial that each point plays their part to ensure every child's success. Communication is key to this and I know the relationships that are already in place are amazing and will continue to ensure every child in PH is given the very best opportunities to be the best they can be.

At my interview I had the privilege of meeting a number of the wonderful pupils at PH. In my assembly I spoke about how each of their individual unique qualities made the whole that is PH extra special. Without their piece, it would not be quite the same. This is true for everyone involved with PH, and why I'm so delighted to be given the opportunity to be part of it too. I really am bursting with excitement at the prospect of being part of the PH community.

May you enjoy these next few weeks of term, safely and I look forward to getting to know you all following the Easter break. **Phil**

## Parent Liaison Timetable

Liaison times 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 Spring 2 2020-21					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery playground	Sophie T Frogllets				
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	Marianne - Y6 Kestrels	Lucy - Y5 Blackbirds	
KS2 Playground Area 2		Alice - Y4 Hedgehogs	Marina- Y4 Foxes	Paul - Y3 Squirrels	Jacob - Y3 Bats



KS1 Playground- Near the stage



KS2 Area 1 - at the back near the climbing frame  
KS2 Area 2 - at the back near the garden



### Attendance

Welcome back everyone! It's so lovely to see and hear the kids in the corridors from my office, I've missed the sound of children's chatter!

A reminder to all that school attendance is officially compulsory from **Monday 8th March** and we will be continuing to monitor attendance across the school. We understand that the building is cold but we have to keep the windows open for ventilation due to Government regulations, so please ensure that your children arrive to school with lots of layers to keep warm. **Lyra.**

### Tina - Lollypop Lady

Thank you for all your concern about Tina, who helps in the morning and afternoon on our roads and on the crossing. She is fine, she is shielding and therefore not able to come into work to help at the beginning and end of the day. I have passed on our your kind messages!

### Red Nose Day - Next Friday 19th March



Comic Relief is Friday 19th March. We're asking children to prepare a joke and wear red for a day of laughter. Then in their classes we may sprinkle the jokes throughout the day, or devote a session to holding our own comedy gig. I am already working on my joke (the Senior Leadership Team and I will be competing to get the most laughs).

<b>Star Learners!</b>	
★	Tadpoles – Rayan
★	Frogllets – Ted & Elissha
★	Ladybirds – Nevo & Emma
★	Dragonflies – Naia & Liam
★	Butterflies – Zoe & Husna
★	Grasshoppers – Eddie & Lottie
★	Beetles – Jinghan & Mohamed

<b>Bats – Alice A &amp; Hanna</b>	
<b>Squirrels – Caleb and Marianne</b>	
<b>Hedgehogs – Mayson &amp; Alicia</b>	
<b>Foxes – Taleyah, Selena &amp; Adam</b>	
<b>Blackbirds – Onida &amp; Theo</b>	
<b>Woodpeckers – Destiny &amp; Kalan</b>	
<b>Heron – Haytam, Ismaiel &amp; Chloe</b>	
<b>Kestrels – Everyone</b>	

### Dates Until the End of Year

**Wednesday 31 March – Last day of Term**  
**- 1:20 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

### Primrose Hill Primary School



#### Term Dates 2021 - 2022

##### Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September to Friday 22 October 2021 (35 days)

*Half-term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021*

Monday 1st November – Friday 17 December 2021 (35 days)

*Christmas break: Mon 20 December 2021 to Monday 03 January 2022*

##### Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 05 January to Friday 11 February 2022 (28 days)  
*(New Year's Day – Saturday 01 January 2022 (Monday 03 substitute day))*

*Half-term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022*

Monday 21 February to Friday 01 April 2022 (30 days)

*Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 4 April to Monday 18 April 2022.  
(Including Good Friday, 15 April, and Easter Monday, 18 April)*

##### Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20 April to Friday 27 May 2022 (27 days)  
*Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022*

*Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022  
(Including Spring Bank Holiday 2 June, Jubilee Bank Holiday 3 June)*

Monday 6th June to Friday 22 July 2022 (35 days)

##### INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Tadpoles...

This week we welcomed back all our lovely Tadpoles! They all settled in really well. We read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we did lots of activities related to the story. We even tasted all the different fruits just like the hungry caterpillar!

The children have also been very busy helping to keep themselves clean by washing their hands well and helping to clean the tables.



### Froglets...

Sorting the animals into their correct habitat.

Making animal patterns using masking tape to block the paint.

Making a puppy from a paper plate.

The children were comparing the difference between a giraffe and human boy!

Exploring jungle animals in their habitat.

Here we are in the animal rescue centre, checking the animals for surgery.

**ALL ABOUT ANIMALS!**



### Ladybirds...

We were so pleased to welcome back all of our lovely Ladybirds! They happily skipped through the door with smiles on their faces on Monday.

We have had a great week continuing our learning with the story Dear Zoo. Everybody made their very own page of the story, choosing an animal and thinking of fabulous words to describe them. We have been busy making habitat boxes and animals out of clay.

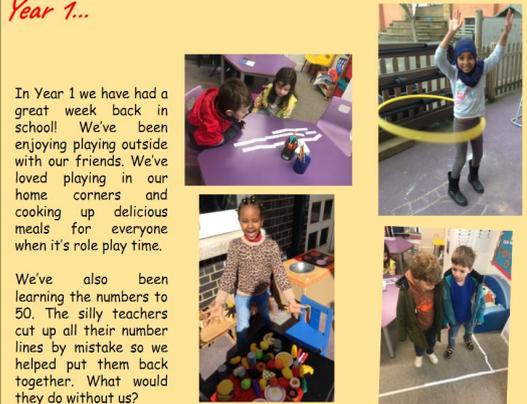
We are so happy to have you all back. Well done Ladybirds!



### Year 1...

In Year 1 we have had a great week back in school! We've been enjoying playing outside with our friends. We've loved playing in our home corners and cooking up delicious meals for everyone when it's role play time.

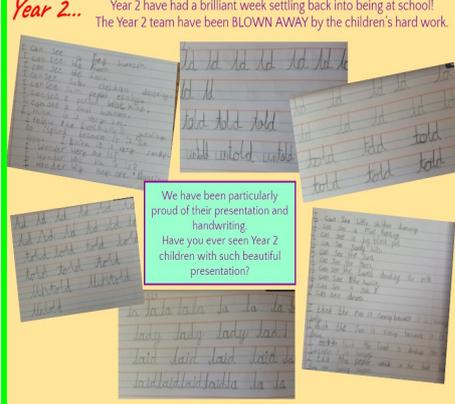
We've also been learning the numbers to 50. The silly teachers cut up all their number lines by mistake so we helped put them back together. What would they do without us?



### Year 2...

Year 2 have had a brilliant week settling back into being at school! The Year 2 team have been BLOWN AWAY by the children's hard work.

We have been particularly proud of their presentation and handwriting. Have you ever seen Year 2 children with such beautiful presentation?



### Year 3 - watercolour techniques - flat wash and gradients



### Year 4...

During online learning we began exploring electricity. Since coming back to school, we have all been able to use the electrical equipment to create working circuits. We have enjoyed creating simple circuits and making more complex ones using multiple batteries, wires, bulbs and motors.



### Year 5...

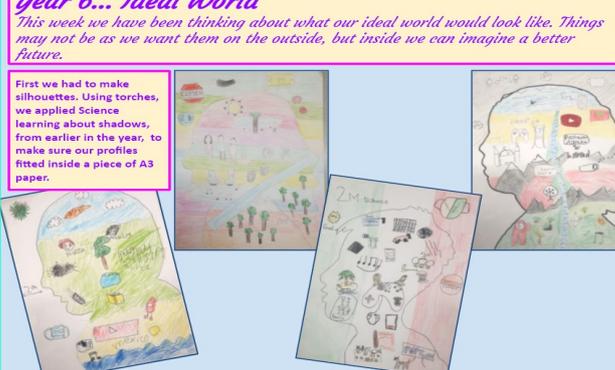
Year 5 have been learning about the life cycles of plants and how different plants reproduce! Some plants reproduce by pollination of their flowers, while others reproduce through bulbs, tubers or growing tiny baby plants (vegetative reproduction). This week, we played a pollination game where children took on the role of pollinator between two flowers. We also propagated some plants from cuttings and planted some bulbs and tubers too!



### Year 6... Ideal World

This week we have been thinking about what our ideal world would look like. Things may not be as we want them on the outside, but inside we can imagine a better future.

First we had to make silhouettes. Using torches, we applied Science learning about shadows, from earlier in the year, to make sure our profiles fitted inside a piece of A3 paper.



### A Special Mention...

Well done Grace & Robin - we're so proud of you! ❤️

[showandtellphoto](#) @showandtellkids - Feb 21 Listen to Grace on BBC Oxford today at 12:20! This incredible 11 year old from Primrose Hill Primary School will be live on radio talking about her experience with the show and tell project alongside her teacher @DauSeblauExeCHT @NW11PrimroseHill

Show this thread

789 views

Grace, age 11 001 / 024

**Grace**



### A Special Mention...

**HOW ARE YOU FEELING?**

Calling all 11-18 year olds! Choose the words that explain how you are feeling and bring them to life with a photograph for the Show and Tell exhibition. Your voice and vision matter.

Sorrow

Adnan, age 16 North London

**Adnan**



### A Special Mention...

All the pictures submitted were so emotive especially these students from @NW11PrimroseHill

Lorenzo Carnepart- Friendship

Malik Saifia- Scared and Worried

Ort Bulbica- Sweet and Sour

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**Ort, Malik & Lorenzo**



### A Special Mention...

**ISMA**  
Age 11  
Restrained

**JONATHAN**  
Age 11  
Boredom and need to go out

**Isma & Jonathan**



## Protocol Champions

### Behaviour Expectations

- Safe Space Captains (Zones of Distancing)



- Catch it, Kill it, Bin it!



- Hygiene Kings & Queens (don't share resources, help out with cleaning) but if you forget, clean again!



## NO SYMPTOMS BUT MUST LEAVE HOME?

### BOOK A FREE, RAPID COVID-19 TEST

- 33-35 Jamestown Road, NW1 7DB, open Monday to Friday, 7.30am-7.30pm
- Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA, open Monday to Friday, 7.30am - 2.30pm
- London Irish Centre, Kennedy Hall, Murray Street, NW1 9XB, open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7.30am-2.30pm
- The Dome, 170 Weedington Road, NW5 4NU, open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
- Triton Café at Regent's Place, 17-19 Triton Street, Regent's Place NW1 3BF, open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
- Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD, open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
- JW3, 341-351 Finchley Rd, London NW3 6ET, open Monday to Friday, 7.30am - 2.30pm

Results available in 45 minutes.



Book now: [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)  
Call: 020 7974 4444 (option 9)



## 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:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- 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/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)

### Changes to restrictions

Lockdown restrictions are still in place and you should still only leave home where necessary. However, since 8 March:

- You can now socialise – as well as exercise – outdoors with your household, support bubble, or one person from another household.
- Care home residents are allowed one regular visitor – with conditions.
- Schools and colleges have reopened for face-to-face classes.

To keep yourself safe, please keep following the rules, including those below. For more information, go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Please use Camden's parks and open spaces safely

To keep yourself and others safe, please keep following the rules, and be considerate in parks and open spaces:



Please do not leave home if you have symptoms.

Find out more about parks at [camden.gov.uk/parks](https://camden.gov.uk/parks)

### Extension to financial support

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (known as the furlough scheme) and the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme have been extended until 30 September 2021. The £20-a-week top-up to Universal Credit has also been extended for another six months.

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



This week marks the first step in the Government's plan to ease lockdown, which includes schools and colleges reopening for face-to-face learning. It's brilliant to see so many children going back to school and I want to say a huge thank you to all the school staff working so hard to make sure this happens safely. While this brings a great deal of hope, there is still a long way to go. There are still restrictions in place, and we need to follow them carefully to ensure the timeline for lifting lockdown stays on track. If we all do our bit, we'll keep each other safe and give ourselves the best chance of things beginning to look more like normal.

I know that many of us will be feeling anxious after all the difficulty and pain of the last year, and about what lies ahead. Please remember there is support for you – including additional financial support for individuals and businesses, some of which is detailed below. There is also free, rapid testing available for anyone who needs to leave home for work, care and for parents and carers of school children.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

### Rapid testing for pupils and parents

Pupils have been returning to school for face-to-face classes this week. To help keep everyone safe, rapid testing is taking place on secondary school and college sites to help identify pupils and staff with COVID-19 who don't have symptoms but are still infectious. This will help prevent further spread of infection.

Pupils will be offered three rapid lateral flow tests, three to five days apart – and will then be given kits to regularly test themselves at home.

Parents and carers of primary and secondary school, and college-age children, can also get free rapid tests or pick up a home test kit – as can people who need to leave home for work, or care or volunteering responsibilities.

Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)



### COVID-19 vaccine

The vaccine is safe, effective and gives the best protection against coronavirus. To help you make an informed choice about the vaccine when it's your turn to have it, you can find a variety of information on Camden Council's website including answers to frequently asked questions, stories from local people about why they're choosing to be vaccinated, and downloadable resources.

Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/covid19vaccine](https://camden.gov.uk/covid19vaccine)

### Funding available to support businesses

Local Restriction Support Grants are available for businesses in non-essential retail, hospitality, leisure and cultural sectors that have been impacted by 2020 and 2021 lockdown restrictions. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2021.

Find out how to apply at [camden.gov.uk/business-support](https://camden.gov.uk/business-support) If you have any questions, email [businessgrants@camden.gov.uk](mailto:businessgrants@camden.gov.uk)

Grants available

