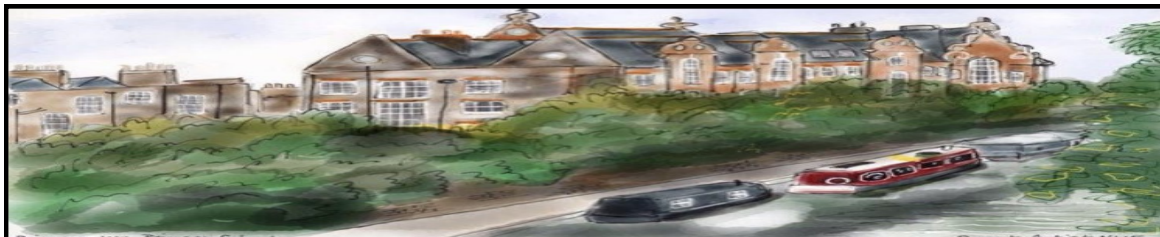


Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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This week has, without a doubt, been the most challenging one I have had in my entire career. As you will know we have been forced to close 2 of our bubbles, have 4 confirmed cases and 1 suspected one (at the time of writing) and some other staff self-isolating due to external contacts. The impact on learning is obvious, but it is the events and end of term joy that is also disrupted when such action is required – however necessary it may be. All of this emphasises the crucial aspect of the times we live in; our collective responsibility to protect and support each other.

I'm constantly bowled over by how this community comes together – even when physically we are distanced through no fault of our own. Children, staff, parents, governors; This is the glue that holds us together and ensures we know that as a community we will see it through.

With less than 2 weeks to go to the end of the academic year, we are desperate to get to the end with no more bubble closures. As a result, despite the news of society opening up on 19th July we will be **keeping all our bubbles and social distancing measures** until the end of term. Given the current closures, this is by far the most sensible thing for us to do as a school community. Thank you for cooperating with us on this.

In addition, because the last thing we want is to disrupt travel plans and holidays at the start of the summer we would ask that:

If your child has any symptoms, you immediately get a PCR test as well as keeping them away from school. In addition, if there are other siblings in other year groups too that they are also kept at home until the result of the symptomatic child is known. This will minimise any additional impacts on the school community.

As I have said, collectively as a school community, I know we stand strong, mutually supporting each other to stay safe over this last period of the school year. **Phil**

Class Lists

By the time you read this, your child's class teacher for next year will have been revealed to them. I hope they will be excited to find out and look forward to them developing the same fantastic relationships with their new teachers in September. Despite logistical challenges, we have planned a 'Transition time' next Friday morning for the classes to meet their new teachers. The aim is for them to get to know their new teacher better. To maintain safety in respect of covid arrangements we are having the teachers move to the children's current classrooms. This minimises movement and also means the social distancing can be maintained in the rooms. The children will take part in various activities to get them prepared for life in the next year at Primrose Hill.

Also contained in this newsletter is the full list of teachers and teaching assistants across the school. You will notice two new teachers joining us; Georgia Boyle and Jo Rose. Jo will be taking Beetles on next year and Georgia will be with Blackbirds. They are both enthusiastic and cannot wait to be part of the PH team!

Primrose Hill Primary School

CLASSES 2021-22

New Class		Class Teacher(s)	Current Class	Additional Adults
The Grove ARP		Alessia Ianacci		Dita Tafilaj Rokib Ali Nawel Djeheiche
Tadpoles 2 Year Old Nursery		Overseen by Lia Moss White		Chin Chu Morley Karen Doyle Hayeser Zorbas
Frogslets Nursery		Lia Moss White		Fitore Velliu Abu Shahidullah Edina Saadi/ Sora Bucaj Emma Wregg
Reception Ladybirds		Maria Felstead Chrystal Vidal		Roxan Cuervo Stefania Cocco Maggie Muir
Year 1 Dragonflies		Sophie Tait	Ladybirds	Bujar Bublica Kim Squires
Year 1 Butterflies		Hatty Bennett		Ardiana Statovci Gem Saunders
Year 2 Grasshoppers		Jemma Bourn	Butterflies	Kerri Ballard Heather Healy
Year 2 Beetles		Joanna Rose	Dragonflies	Ana Garrido Anna Kielczewska Tanya Santos-Lopez
Year 3 Squirrels		Sophie Keating	Beetles	Amal Ahmed
Year 3 Bats		Alice Doran	Grasshoppers	Lee Strode Isabel Murphy
Year 4 Hedgehogs		Jacob Barnes	Squirrels	Filanza Sfarca
Year 4 Foxes		Lucy Yates	Bats	Shqipe Hyseni Paulette Dale
Year 5 Woodpeckers		Paul Baron Thompson	Foxes	Saskia Devore Besa Merovci
Year 5 Blackbirds		Georgia Boyle	Hedgehogs	Carly Chapman Sandra Grogan Lisa Milson
Year 6 Herons		Nabila Harti	Blackbirds	Iuliana Rukmin Sabena Hilliard Suleha Khan
Year 6 Kestrels		Marianne Mattinson	Woodpeckers	Tijs Dardak

Last day of term Thursday 22nd July 2021 @ 1:30pm

Please make arrangement for your child/ren to be collected at 1:30pm on the last day of term, 22nd July

Children are expected back to school on Monday 6th September 2021

Term Dates 2021-2022

Coffee Morning with Mireille



Friday 16th at 9:30am Mireille will be drawing the raffle prize & announcing the winners at a special coffee morning next week. This will also be an opportunity for her to say goodbye to the PH community and to say thank you for all your support over the past 16 years, but especially this year when she was Acting Head. Please join her at 9:30am via zoom- link below. We will send texts with the link next week.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72056961722?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72056961722?pwd=WXJXcXl3aytMVjJla1FORDNod2JRUT09)

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Meeting ID: 720 5696 1722

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Year 2 going to Year 3

A reminder to parents that if you have a child in Y2, they will start getting charged for lunches from **6th September 2021 (unless you are eligible for Free School Meals)**. If you are unsure whether you are eligible for Free School Meals, please apply through this link:

<https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

If you would rather your child bring a packed lunch into school, please notify the office immediately to avoid any unnecessary charges.

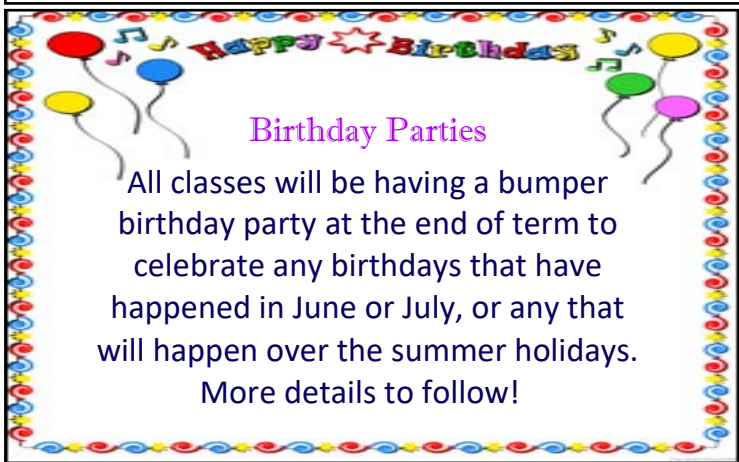


Y6 FOPH Fundraising Event!

There is still time for you to get your raffle tickets—it will end Thursday next week after school!

Each raffle ticket costs 50p or £2 for a strip. FOPH and some Y6 parents will be selling these each morning on the top playground 8:45-9:05am everyday and also on the line at the end of the day- **STARTING ON Wednesday 30th June**. Please come and buy a ticket! We will record the live draw on Friday 16th July! Good Luck!

If any parents/carers would like to donate directly to the school for this fundraising event, you will see a payment in your SchoolMoney account for £10 under 'Payments'. This is entirely optional. The SchoolMoney system does not allow for 'open' donations, however should you wish to donate more, multiples of £10 can be chosen. Thank you for your continued support.



Birthday Parties

All classes will be having a bumper birthday party at the end of term to celebrate any birthdays that have happened in June or July, or any that will happen over the summer holidays.

More details to follow!

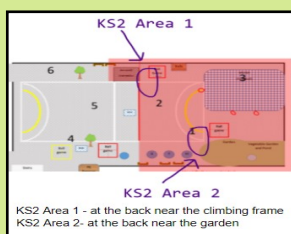
Reporting absences

Due to the current circumstances, it is important that parents continue to inform us via the absence line (option 1 after calling 0207 722 8500) and to please ensure that when reporting your child absence, you are giving full details of their symptoms. We will follow up with a phone call if not enough information was provided.

With that being said, if your child has any of the **main 3 Covid-19 symptoms** (*high temperature or hot to touch, a persistent cough or a sore throat*), please ensure that you call 119 or book a PCR test, **NOT** a rapid LFT test as we cannot accept those results due to DfE guidance keeping in mind, the school must be informed to protect the community.

Parent Liaison Timetable

Liaison times will continue after the half term break 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 the guidance has changed, you no longer need to wear a mask, but do ensure you socially distance from the teacher and parents.



Parent Liaison Timetable Summer 2 2020-21					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery playground	Sophie T Froglets				
KS1 Playground	Heather am Becca - 3:00pm via phone each day Y1 Dragonflies	Maria and Lia - Reception Ladybirds	Hatty - Y1 Butterflies	Sophie K - Y2 Grasshoppers	Chrystal - Y2 Beetles
KS2 Playground Area 1	Jemma - Y5 Woodpeckers	Nabila - Y6 Hérons	Mireille - Y6 Kestrels	Lucy - Y5 Blackbirds	
KS2 Playground Area 2		Alice - Y4 Hedgehogs	Marina- Y4 Foxes	Paul - Y3 Squirrels	Jacob - Y3 Bats

Star Learners!

Tadpoles – Nicolas & Taqua.

Froglots – Myles & Genie

Ladybirds – Annelee, Kenny & Yusrah

Dragonflies – Maisie & Thomas

Butterflies – Clara & Eleri

Grasshoppers – Lottie & Fernando

Beetles – River & Aron

Bats – Eti- Eno & Alex

Squirrels – Masud & Aliza

Hedgehogs – Alicia & Jorge

Foxes – Sinead, Noah & Le'Shae

Blackbirds – Rabah & Onida

Woodpeckers – Lenny & Grace

Hérons – ALL OF THEM

Kestrels – ALL OF THEM

EYFS...



We have been looking after them since they were tiny weeny baby caterpillars. We gave them food and they got bigger and bigger each day. When they had enough to eat and they had grown big enough, they stopped eating and crawled to the top of their pots. They built a cocoon around themselves, turning into chrysalides. We waited and waited and waited (for 10 days) and finally out popped 25 beautiful Painted Ladies! We invited Phil to our special releasing ceremony, we all gathered round and set the butterflies free!

It was such a fantastic experience as the butterflies didn't want to leave. The children held their fingers close to the butterflies legs and they crawled onto them for a ride. The children were so careful with the butterflies, they kept flying off and coming back again. They stayed until all the children went home so they got to show their grown ups too.



Year 1 & 2 ...



In year 2, we went on a trip to the park! We drew the London skyline from the top of Primrose Hill Park and identified the monuments from the Victorian era. We then went on a hunt for local trees and plants which allowed us to see how beautiful nature really is. We love the park!



Year 3 & 4 ...



In Squirrels, we have been looking at shadows and how they are formed. While looking at shadow, we have started to answer these questions:

- What happens when you change the position of the torch?
- What happens when you move the torch closer?
- What happens when you move the torch further away?
- What affects the size of the shadow?



Year 5 ... This week, Year 5 explored the Maya! The Maya were an ancient civilisation of people who lived in an area that used to be known as Mesoamerica. Here are some of our presentations we put together on PurpleMask!

All about the Maya

The Maya civilization began in 1500BC in Mexico. The Mayas believed that chocolate was a gift from the gods and they used the seeds as money.

The Mayas who are known for their pyramids, built one of the most famous pyramids called El Castillo. They built all of their pyramids without any metal tools. There are two different types of pyramids one of them has a temple on the top. The second type is made to a god.

The Mayas did not have prisons so they were punished or depending on how bad it was death. The punishments included fines or slavery. If you are found guilty you may have your head shaved as a sign of shame.

The most important food to the Mayas was maize. They used maize for many things such as porridge and even drinks. They had a very different diet to us they ate frogs, fish, squashes, snakes and insects.

Pok A Tok

Pok A Tok was a fast-paced game that was invented by maya's over 2000 years ago. It was a very famous game it was mixed with football and basketball. The number of players in each team depended on which the area they were playing at. This is how it was played there was a ball that they use to put threw a narrow stone hoop on the court wall. The hoop was often as high as 22 feet.

Pok A Tok was often played by prisoners of war and the losing team was sacrificed to the god as it was so hard to score the games could last for many days and the game normally ended when a team scored a goal.

All about Maya Gods

The Mayas believed in many gods. They were called them gods or underworld. Earth and the heavens that gods were involved in all or most aspects of daily life. They were worshipped every day and these were considered a common way to worship their gods.

They had a very tall stone called a stelae. It was the most important of the Maya gods. It was the one that was used to put the gods' heads on.

It was a god who was connected to many things, such as the sun, the moon and the stars. It is also believed to be the same as our modern day.

Food list

The Maya civilization developed new farming techniques to help them grow more crops. They made corn, beans, squash and beans. Maize made up 80% of their diet. They made tortillas, beer and a type of porridge with the maize. The Maya also grew cacao and chilies. They also ate squashes, frogs, snakes and even insects! They did eat fish. Cacao and turkey which is a lot more modern.

Chocolate was important to them. They considered chocolate as a gift from the gods. They used seeds from the cacao tree as a currency. They cut patches of chocolate from their land the seeds were planted crops there.

Mayan citizens were bad at keeping and so after 2-4 years, they became poor.

ATTENDANCE

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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 and 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 – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- 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



This week the Government announced that current restrictions will likely be lifted from 19 July, with confirmation expected next week. Cases are still rising rapidly in Camden so we will be asking people to continue to be careful and for now the rules currently remain in place, so it is really important that you keep following these. This includes wearing a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces (unless exempt), continuing to socially distance, washing your hands regularly, letting fresh air in if you're meeting indoors, and taking rapid tests twice a week. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and take a PCR test.

As cases continue to rise in Camden and London, I urge anyone who has not yet had their vaccine to come forward as soon as possible to keep yourself and loved ones safe. Over 143,000 people in Camden have now had their first dose. Second doses are now available to everyone 18 or over eight weeks after the first dose. You must have the same type of vaccine for both doses.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support each other in Camden.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment now

If you're 18 or over and haven't had the COVID-19 vaccine, please have it as soon as possible because it will help to keep you and those around you safe.

- Call 119 for free
- Visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine
- Not registered with a GP? Complete the online form at camden.gov.uk/form

Need support to book? Call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

Walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics

You can get the COVID-19 vaccine without having an appointment at pop-up vaccination centres, on Camden's vaccination bus and at walk-in clinics across the borough.

Find out more at camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine

Get your second dose

Getting both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine is vital to give you maximum protection against the virus, especially the Delta variant. Everyone can now get their second dose 8 weeks after the first, but you must have the same type of vaccine as the first. Make sure you continue to follow public health advice even after you've been vaccinated.

Find out more at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine

Why I had the COVID-19 vaccine

"It was traumatising to work in intensive care throughout the pandemic, so I'm glad to be doing all I can to help people protect themselves and loved ones. I chose to have the vaccine to protect myself and loved ones. So far, everyone I've spoken to about their concerns has gone on to have the vaccine too." Kadja Hassan, Intensive care nurse and vaccination programme clinical lead, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH)



Free rapid COVID-19 tests

Rapid lateral flow COVID-19 tests are for people without symptoms. With cases rising, taking tests twice a week will prevent you passing the virus on to others.

Pick up home tests from test sites or pharmacies – find your nearest at maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcentre.html

Order home tests for delivery at gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Take tests in person:

- Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD: open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 9.15am to 4.30pm
- Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA: open Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 2.30pm
- Triton Cafe at Regent's Place, 17-19 Triton Street, NW1 3BF: open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
- Kingsgate Community Centre, 107 Kingsgate Road, Camden, NW5 2JH: open 7 days a week, 2.30 to 6pm

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate and get a PCR test at gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119.



Support for private renters

The Government's eviction ban put in place to protect private renters during the pandemic has ended. This means that landlords and letting agents now have legal powers to serve eviction notices.

If you are struggling to pay your rent, or you are being told to leave by your landlord, please get in touch with Camden Council for help and advice.

Call 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid

