

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Autumn has well and truly arrived over the past week, which has been a shock to the system! With the temperature dropping it is vital the children have the right clothing on. Whilst I know many are hardy souls a full day in shorts may prove chilly! As those of us who enjoy the outdoors irrespective of the weather know *'There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong type of clothing'*. Given the amount of time the children spent away from school, we will be getting them out as much as the weather allows – the right clothing will help with that enormously.

Another piece of great news is that we are entering a new Access Scheme with London Zoo. The facilities are so close to our doorstep and yet I know many will rarely get the chance to go. As our relationship with the Zoo develops we will have access to hugely subsidised visits and workshops to enrich the curriculum. It is a fantastic opportunity that, as the closest school to the zoo, we are delighted to be able to take up. Watch this space! **Phil**



PARENT REPS

Now all the children are fully in school (including EYFS) we are intending to send out the letter regarding parent reps for classes next week. If you are interested there will be a google form for you to fill in online. Our intention is to get a meeting with the new parent reps before half term to look at the year ahead.

COLD AND FLU SEASON!

As you will know, having entered the cold and flu season, symptoms of these can be similar to COVID-19. None of us wish to send children home unnecessarily but the guidance we have from Public Health is clear. If any of the three main symptoms are present: continuous cough, high temperature/fever or loss of smell/taste, then we **MUST** insist on self isolation and then taking a **PCR test** to confirm whether your child is positive. If it comes back negative then your child can return to school as soon as they are well (as they do not have Covid). However, if it is positive NHS Test and Trace will inform you of the length of self isolation required.

We cannot accept LFTs for symptomatic cases. This is because they are not recommended for those WITH symptoms. It should also be noted that obtaining a PCR test from NHS Test and Trace is completely FREE and not anything to do with the companies offering testing for travel. The link to NHS Test and Trace is below should you need it.

[Click here to get a FREE PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Thank you for working so hard as a community to keep everyone safe over this period.



KS2 CHOIR

Thank you to everyone who signed up for Key Stage 2 Choir. I am looking forward to preparing the children for a series of exciting concerts this year. There are still places available so please encourage your child to attend. Being in a choir is a great experience.

Due to a timetabling issue I cannot run the choir on Friday lunchtimes. Instead, choir will take place every Thursday lunchtime starting next week (7/10/21). Choir will go to lunch at 12.30 and then we will rehearse for about 30 minutes so they will still have time to play! **Tom, Music Teacher.**

ATTENDANCE

Happy Friday every one!

Attendance this week has been low across the school standing at 92.88%. We know that a lot of colds and bugs have been going around at the moment, so please take this weekend to rest and recover so we can have a fantastic week next week. Remember, we are aiming for 95%+ attendance across the whole school!

We are starting to put some of our Attendance & Punctuality posters on display next week, so please take some time to read through these to remind yourself of some of the protocols and information.

As always, thank you for your support on this. **Lyra & Mandy.**



Parent Consultations Mon. 1st November 2021 & Wed. 20th April 2022

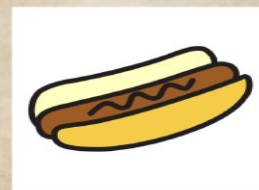
We intend to run our autumn parent consultations on **Monday 1st November 2021** and our summer parent consultations on **Wednesday 20th April 2022**, please put these **important dates on your calendars**. They will run throughout the day and as a consequence school will be **closed for all pupils** with learning provided for all children to complete at home. The consultations will be undertaken remotely, via Zoom and booking will be via Teachers2Parents. Links will be sent prior to half term. If you have changed your email address recently and have not informed us, please email:
admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk



After School Clubs

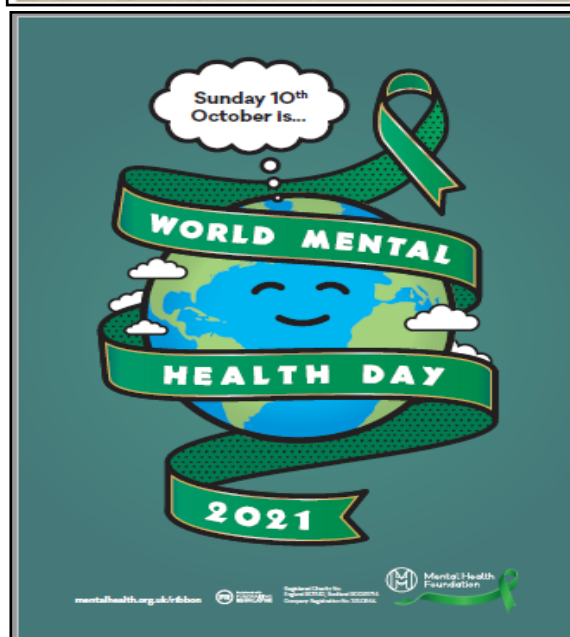
While we know how much the children have missed their after-school clubs, we are unable to offer a full menu at this time. Due to staff shortages and limited space, there will be no sports clubs before school until at least next half term. However, there is currently a Street Dance Club on Mondays and Wednesdays, which can be booked directly with Rob from Elevate Arts at: <https://forms.gle/bQaBmwVB5YZSrFzt8>. There will soon be a Trampoline club starting on Wednesdays for children at 3.30, followed by a Trampoline Club for adults—look out for their flyer and information in your emails coming soon!

'Snack Shack' is back! 8th October.



All Parents

The famous Friday Primrose Hill
Hot Dogs are back. Enjoy a hot
dog on your way home for £1 each
September 2021 Friends of Primrose Hill



Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

shout 85258
here for you 24/7

**Feeling overwhelmed?
Struggling to cope?**

24 hours a day
7 days a week

Text AFC to 85258

Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical specialists

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)
<i>(New Year's Day - Saturday 01 January 2022 (Monday 03 substitute day))</i>	
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 <i>(Including Good Friday: 15 April, and Easter Monday: 18 April)</i>	
Summer Term 2022	
Wednesday 20 April to Friday 27 May 2022	(27 days)
<i>Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022</i>	
Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 <i>(Including Spring Bank Holiday 2 June, Jubilee Bank Holiday 2 June)</i>	
Monday 6th June to Friday 22 July 2022	(35 days)
INSET DAYS	
Wednesday 1 st , Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3 rd September 2021	
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	

Families for Life Community Champion Programme

Starting on:
Tuesday 14 Sept - 19 October 2021
10.11.30am

Virtual MS Teams sessions

Does to build on your skills and knowledge to create a happy, informed and healthy community?

Happy to support and share information about free, fun, and healthy lifestyle programmes available in Camden?

Want to develop key communication skills, building stronger connections?

Confident on how volunteering can boost your CV, offer valuable skills and improve your career opportunities?

If your answer is YES! join us and make a real difference in your community.

We offer a FREE 6-week programme for Camden parents/carers who has what it takes to become an Inspirational Volunteer Families for Life Community Champion.

Sessions run on Tuesday's at 10-11.30am from 14 September to 19 October 2021.

For more information on how to register and join our amazing Champion team, please contact:
Sylvia Chowdhury, Community Champion Coordinator:
m: 07734 603 004, e: sylvia.chowdhury@camden.gov.uk

These sessions are organised by Camden Health and Wellbeing Team.

CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

AUTISM Coffee Morning

When: Wednesday 15th Sept @ 10.30-12pm
Wednesday 10th Nov @ 10.30-12pm
Where: ZOOM (Register for a link)

Join us for a chat about Autism and to meet other parents!

Meet us on Zoom and join in the chat with other parents about the challenges and joys of living in Camden with a child or young person with autism.

What are your experiences? Do you have any top tips? Would you like advice from other parents? What do you want to talk about? Come along to share your experiences or simply listen to the conversation.

13th September - we will be joined by Rachael Bond who helps facilitate the Autism Partnership Board in Camden and Sandra Soteriou who works with parent/carers to provide feedback to the board.

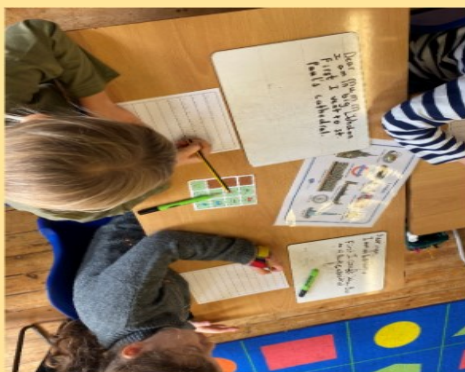
If you are new and haven't joined one of our chats before - why not make this your first time? We are a really friendly bunch and we'd love for you to join us!

To book a place please email maria.schultz@kids.org.uk, call or text 07826 671 523
<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

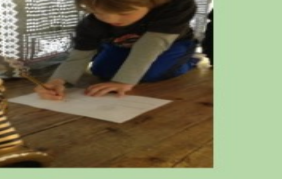
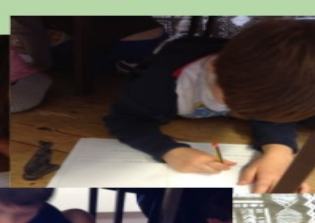
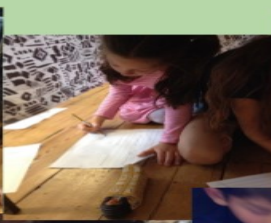
★ *Star Learners!* ★
 ★ Tadpoles – ★
 ★ Froglets – Jack & Stella ★
 ★ Ladybirds – ★
 ★ Dragonflies – Joan & Nevo S ★
 ★ Butterflies – Cora & Oskar ★
 ★ Grasshoppers – Safaa & Valentina ★
 ★ Beetles – Bodhi & Lylah ★

★ Bats – Oli & Farida ★
 ★ Squirrels – Sam & Sara ★
 ★ Hedgehogs – Noar & Andi ★
 ★ Foxes – Jeremiah & Iqra ★
 ★ Blackbirds – Adam, Jorge, Eron ★
 ★ Woodpeckers – Noah and Nora ★
 ★ Herons – Maya P, Zakaria & Kayden ★
 ★ Kestrels – Nabiil & Lisa ★

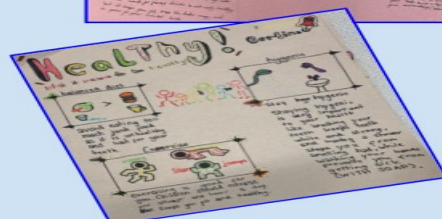
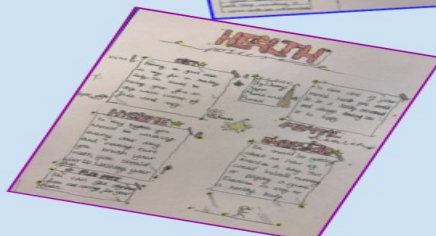
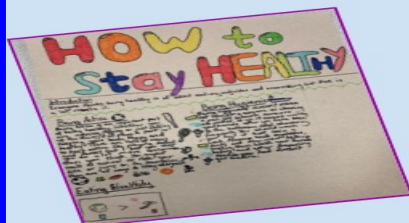
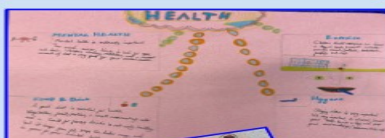
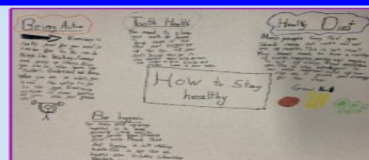
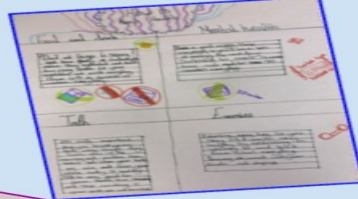
Year 2 have been creating their role play area and making postcards about London.



Year 3 have started learning all about Ancient Egypt. We were very excited to discover a tomb in our classroom and spent the afternoon being archaeologists, trying to use the artefacts to find out more about the Egyptians.



Year 6 have been thinking about how to keep healthy in PHSE. They have made these beautiful posters to inform everyone.



COVID-19: 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 news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 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 for 12 to 15-year-olds

All young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) to help protect them from catching and spreading the virus within schools and to family members. The NHS is delivering the vaccine programme in schools, similar to the way that other school-aged vaccinations such as HPV and flu are delivered. Parents and carers will be asked for consent beforehand and are encouraged to make this decision jointly with their children. For more information, visit nhs.uk/coronavirus

Where to get your COVID-19 vaccine this week

- **JP Pharmacy, 139 Camden High Street, NW1 7JR**, open Monday to Friday 9.15am to 6.45pm, Saturday 9.15am to 5.45pm, and Sunday 11.15am to 4.45pm (Pfizer and Moderna)
- **Macey Chemist, 68 Mansfield Road, NW3 2HU**, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5.15pm, and Saturday 9am to 3pm (Pfizer)
- **Essentials Pharmacy, 169 Drury Lane, WC2B 5QA**, open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 1pm and 2 to 5.20pm (Moderna)
- **Bldborough House, 38-50 Bldborough Street, WC1H 9BT** (entrance on Mabledon Place), open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5.30pm (Pfizer)
- **Vaccine bus stop at NW5 Community Play Project, Islip Street, NW5 2TU**, Saturday 2 October, 10am to 4.30pm (Pfizer)

To find out more visit camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine

Got questions about the COVID-19 vaccine?

How was the COVID-19 vaccine developed so quickly? What are the benefits and risks of vaccination? Where can you get trusted information? These are just some of the questions a group of young people from Camden asked GP Dr Frances Baawuah. If you're undecided about getting the vaccine, or know someone who is, you can catch up on their conversation by searching 'On the Fence podcast Camden' on YouTube, or by scanning this QR code. You can also find out more about the COVID-19 vaccine at camden.gov.uk/covid-vaccines



The past 18 months have been hard for many of us. With furlough ending today (30 September), we know some people will be losing much-needed support and have concerns. Please know we're here to help you – If you are worried about your finances, call our team on 020 7974 4444 (option 9). We also offer free employment support through Good Work Camden, which you can read more about below.

From tomorrow (1 October), we're proud to be celebrating Black History Season in Camden with a fantastic programme of events and activities that runs until mid-December. This year there's a focus on the Black African and Caribbean diaspora, their rich culture and history, and the invaluable contributions they've made to our borough. We hope everyone gets involved – find out more at lovecamden.org/blackhistoryseason

If you haven't yet had your COVID-19 vaccine, the rollout is continuing and has recently been expanded to include 12 to 15-year-olds and booster vaccines for those most at risk who had their second vaccine over 6 months ago. You can find information on the NHS website (nhs.uk), as well as at camden.gov.uk/covid-vaccines. There is also a really informative podcast called 'On the Fence' for young people who have questions about the vaccine – details below.

Councillor Georgina Gould, Leader of Camden Council

COVID-19 booster vaccine

Booster vaccine doses are now available to book through the NHS national booking system for all frontline health and social care workers who have had a second dose of a vaccine at least 6 months ago.

If you are aged 50+ or 16+ with a condition that puts you at higher risk from COVID-19, please wait to be contacted by the NHS before booking your booster appointment.

For more information visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.

Free employment support

With the national furlough scheme coming to an end today (Thursday 30 September), we know many residents may be struggling in an unstable job market.

Good Work Camden offers free, personalised employment support, whether you're looking for work or training, or need some support to update your CV or to prepare for an interview.

Find out more and register online at camden.gov.uk/employment-support or call 020 974 1666.

Need support? Camden Council is here for you

We know that it's still a difficult time for many people. If you're struggling in any way, or know someone who is, please reach out. You are not alone, and Camden Council can offer support or advice on a range of issues like:



Mental health



Homelessness



Finance



Accessing food



Self-isolating

Call the Council Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, on 020 7974 4444 (option 9), or visit camden.gov.uk/support-for-individuals