

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Well, we've made it! This has been simultaneously the quickest and longest half term many of us have know. Normal and yet not quite normal at the same time. We have so many things taking place now that didn't before the summer and it is a testament to the community that our covid rates have not increased at the level of other schools. Half term should help this but we cannot be complacent. With cases increasing it is even more important we don't take unnecessary risks. I cannot express enough how much we want full halls and face to face meetings with parents but when it is definitely safe. To that end may I wish you a healthy, peaceful and rested half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on TUESDAY 2nd November. **Phil**



Parent Consultations Mon. 1st November 2021

As you will have seen in this newsletter over the past few weeks, **Monday 1st November** is Parent Consultation day which is once again being completed via Zoom. This means that the school will be CLOSED and it is a home learning day for all children. Your children will be provided with project based learning for the day. Additional information for you to sign up for your appointments and the **Zoom links** will follow later this afternoon.

If you have changed your email address or contact number recently and have not informed us, please email:
admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE

We made it to the end of term! There have been a few **other** viruses going around which we are aware of, so thank you to those parents contacting GP's and getting medication to treat them. It's important to call your GP or 111 if you require any medical advice at this time.

Now moving onto some figures...

For this half term, we have 94.50% across the whole school for 7 weeks, which is lower than last year's figures (96%). This is not an ideal figure, however we trust that everyone will have a restful break so we can come back stronger in the new half term.

Last year, the attendance figures were 96.10% - so we have this to beat. With that being said, the weather is starting to get colder, so please ensure your child comes in with a warm jacket that has their name in it.

As previously mentioned, there will be some attendance letters going out in the new half term, please look out for these and if you have any questions, please let us know. Have a good break everyone.

Lyra & Mandy.



Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs)

Whilst the use of the internet has transformed our lives, mainly for the better, there has never been a more important time for us to educate all our children on the perils of using it. We have a responsibility both at home and school to ensure our children's safety online.

To that end on Tuesday 2 November for the first hour we will be having an online safety hour across the whole school. This will start with an live online assembly led by Phil followed by some activities (age appropriate) for the children to do. They will also look at and sign their age appropriate 'Acceptable Use Policy' which is their agreement of how they will use the internet when both in school and using our remote learning facilities.

These AUPs will be shown to you in advance and represent an agreement between user (children) and provider (the school) of responsible use. They form one part of our programme to keep all our children safe online. Thank you for your help in supporting this.

Look out for a letter about food vouchers next week

If you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support and have dependent children under 18, or if your child attends a Camden school and receives free school meals, you should receive a letter about supermarket vouchers to support the cost of food over half term.

You will receive a code for each of your children that you will need to activate to receive your choice of supermarket voucher. If you have any problems redeeming the voucher, call **0344 693 9901** or complete the [online contact form](#). If you do not have access to the internet or cannot download the voucher to a smart phone or tablet, visit your local library or children's centre who can help you download or print off the voucher. If you need more help with food or have money worries, you can also call us on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit one of the following websites for further information on where to get support: camden.gov.uk/advice-money-benefits-debt or findfood.camden.gov.uk.

Lastly, if you do not receive a letter but meet the eligibility criteria or the number of codes you receive is incorrect, email covidlocalsupportqueries@camden.gov.uk. Please include your name and address in the email so we can easily find your details. We aim to respond within 10 working days.



DO YOU KNOW AN ECO CHAMPION?

Is there someone in your community who goes above and beyond to protect our environment? If yes, then nominate them today!



MINI WARRIORS
Win a VIP tour for six at Kentish Town City Farm plus more



JUNIOR HEROES
Win a free Youtube tutorial to develop your channel plus more



LOCAL LEADERS
Win four free tickets to the Jazz Cafe plus more

FIND ALL INFORMATION AND THE APPLICATION FORM ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.camdenecleanair.org/community/camden-eco-champion-awards/



THIS POSTER IS FULLY RECYCLABLE ♻️

Focus on: Half-term activities for children and young people

Half-term starts next week! There's so much to do in Camden for children, young people and families, there's something for everyone. If you're looking for things to do, check out the links below:

Find holiday play schemes near you.

Find out about [half-term youth centre activities](#).


Find out more about [sport and physical activities](#) in Camden.

For arts and cultural activities, including Camden's Black History Season and Camden Together, visit [the Love Camden website](#).

Young people can also discover London youth opportunities in one place with the [Local Village Network app](#).

You can also find a number of activities for children and young people on the [Camden Rise website](#).

Join our chalk pavement art workshops held at Whitfield Gardens with Camden Black Creatives! The workshops are free and there's no booking needed, just turn up. Find more information and times [on our website](#)



Are you interested in pursuing a career working in Adult Care, Nurseries or Schools?

We have a great range of courses to start or consolidate your career, from Level 1 up to

Levels 2 & 3 in the following subject areas: Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care, Supporting teaching and learning, and Childcare.

Childcare courses - for those interested in working in the Early Years (0-5) sector.

Supporting Teaching and Learning courses are for people who would like to work in schools with (5-18)

Adult Social care courses will prepare you to work in an Adult Care setting - both residential and domiciliary

New courses start in January 2022 (week beginning January 10th)

Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to work in Adult Social Care

Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children

Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning

Please check our website for further information -

www.wmcollege.ac.uk or email vocational@wmcollege.ac.uk

Stay safe over half term and check your children are COVID-free before returning to school

Whatever your plans this half term, please keep following public health advice to stay safe:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Unless exempt, wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces
- Stay a safe distance from others
- If you're socialising indoors, keep windows and doors open to ventilate the room
- Get both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can to protect you and everyone around you.
- If you're travelling abroad, please follow the advice for the country you're travelling to before, during and after your trip

Before your child returns to primary or secondary school, please make sure they've done two rapid tests during the week of half-term to check they are COVID-19 free and try to make sure that the second one is done the night before they return to school.

After half-term, secondary school aged children should continue testing twice a week while primary school aged children no longer need to, unless advised otherwise. All tests are free and can be accessed in the following ways:

- Pick up free rapid test kits from a local pharmacy. Find your nearest one at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest
- Order free rapid test kits to be delivered to your home within 24 hours at gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests
- Get a free rapid test in person by visiting a local test site. Find your nearest one at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest or [book an appointment](#)
- If you need a hand with the above, please call us on 020.7974.4444 (option 9)

If your children test positive, they will need to do a PCR test to check the result and everyone in your household will need to self-isolate for 10 days, or until you receive a negative result. PCR tests are free and available by calling 119 or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus. We know that self-isolating is hard so please remember that a range of help and support is available to help you self-isolate - and on a range of other issues - by calling us on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

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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, 13 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 2 June)

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

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

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.

15th 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>



STRONGER FUTURES NETWORKING EVENT

27TH OCTOBER 2021 @ 15:30-18:30

LONDON CITY HALL THE QUEEN'S WALK, SE1 2AA

(NEARLY OPPOSITE TO LONDON BRIDGE)

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE VIA THE QR CODE BELOW:



DRESS CODE: DRESS EMPOWERED (NO SPORTSWEAR)

JOIN US AS WE BRING TOGETHER YOUNG LONDONERS, INDUSTRY LEADERS, EMPLOYERS AND PARTNERS FOR AN AFTERNOON OF NETWORKING, OPPORTUNITIES, AND HAVING YOUR VOICE HEARD.

SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE OFFERED TO YOUR AND YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

FOR AGES 15-25 YEARS OLD

MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
WE LOOK FORWARD TO NETWORKING WITH YOU!

UNDER-18'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OUR GUESTS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS WHEN MOVING AROUND THE BUILDING. WE REQUIRE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT A NEGATIVE LATERAL FLOW TEST (WITHIN 48 HOURS)

MAYOR OF LONDON

Star Learners!

Tadpoles – everyone (again!)

Froglets – Nico & Alice

Ladybirds – Zoe & Tommy

Dragonflies – Leo & Jannah

Butterflies – Emi-Li & Adam

Grasshoppers – Blert & Eleri

Beetles – Naia & Hugo

Bats – Louise & William

Squirrels – Aisha & Yonis

Hedgehogs – Ruby & Masud

Foxes – Samuel & Alice

Blackbirds – Riyan and Alannah

Woodpeckers – Ameera and Oriel

Heron – Vesa & Theo

Kestrels – Saara & Ethan

YFYS...

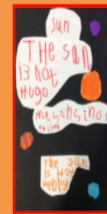
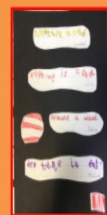
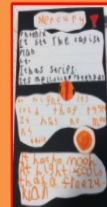


This week in Froglets we have been celebrating Black History Month by taking part in lots of different activities. We read and acted out the story of Handa's Surprise. We explored the fruits in the story and then chopped them up to taste them - so yummy! We made our own African necklaces - look at how amazing they are.. And we also learnt the song Che Che Kule and sang along playing different musical instruments.

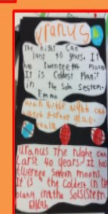


Year 1...

...have been learning about the Solar System. Each class became experts on a planet and together made information posters about the facts they learnt.



They also made each planet by covering a balloon with glue, newspaper and coloured tissue.



Year 4...



Thank you to everyone for coming to our STEAM exhibition! We loved being able to share our toys with you!

Year 5...

This week, Year 5 had Science Day! We focussed on the life cycle of a plant, first looking at the different parts of a plant and a flower. We painted the different parts of a flower in the style of Linnaeus and then used our artwork to create puppets for performances showing the full life cycle of a flower!



Coronavirus: 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

Where to get the COVID-19 vaccine in Camden

If you're due your first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, there are a number of ways you can get it. If you're 16+, turn up to a local walk-in vaccination centre or Camden's COVID-19 vaccine bus. Find out more at camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine. If you're 16+, you can also book a vaccine appointment – call 119 for free or visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine

Please keep wearing a face covering, unless you're exempt, to keep those around you safe

Coronavirus cases remain high across Camden and London. Please keep wearing a face covering over your nose and mouth in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces – including communal lifts, public transport and shops. Doing this will help to keep people safe, including those that can't get the vaccine, because it will prevent infectious particles from coughs, sneezes, breathing and speaking reaching others.



Book an appointment for your flu vaccination

Flu season is coming, and while the flu vaccine won't protect you from coronavirus, having COVID-19 and the flu at the same time can make you seriously ill – particularly if you have underlying health conditions. A flu vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, your family and your community against flu this winter. It's free for:

- People aged 50+
- Pregnant women
- All frontline health and social care workers
- People with a long-term and/or underlying health condition/s
- People who are the primary carer for an older person or someone with an underlying health condition

Please do not put off getting your flu jab. Speak to your GP, pharmacist or midwife to book your appointment. For more information visit nhs.uk/flujab



Even though many of us are returning to some form of 'normal', there are still a lot of challenges. Whether you're struggling with the return to work, with the impact of the end of furlough or the national Universal Credit cut, or getting used to more people out and about, I want to remind you that there is lots of support available in Camden. No matter what you are going through, I urge anyone who needs help, or knows someone who does, to reach out. Please know you are not alone. You can find some useful resources and tips on this page.

As we enter the autumn months, taking care of ourselves and those around us is particularly important. For those who are eligible, getting a flu vaccine will help protect you from getting seriously ill from flu. Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself, friends and family from the spread of dangerous viruses. You can find out more, including how to book your flu vaccine, below.

The past 20 months have shown what amazing community strength there is in Camden. Let's continue to look out for each other as we navigate the next phase of this pandemic.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Need some help? Support available in Camden

It's a difficult time for lots of people, so if you're struggling, support is available on a range of issues:

Mental health advice and support

Many people are feeling overwhelmed and anxious at the moment. If you are worried about your mental health or need some extra support, there is a range of help available. You can speak to your GP, visit [100pe.nhs.uk](https://www.100pe.nhs.uk) or phone 100pe on 020 3317 6670. If you're experiencing a mental health crisis, please phone the 24-hour crisis line at St Pancras Hospital on 020 3317 6333.



As well as accessing support when you need some extra help, there are small ways we can look after our wellbeing day-to-day too. That might be taking some time out during your working day, getting out and about in Camden's green spaces, checking in with loved ones or taking some time away from your phone or computer screen.

For more information on available support and tips to look after your wellbeing, including specific resources for young people and in other languages, visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health

Finance and debt support

If you're struggling to pay your rent or bills, or worried about debt, call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit camden.gov.uk/financial-support-for-residents



Housing support

If you're worried about paying rent or service charges, or need support on any other housing issue, call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit camden.gov.uk/housing-and-hostels



Domestic abuse and violence support

Please get in touch with Camden Safety Net – phone 020 7974 2526 (Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm), email camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk or visit camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence in an emergency, call 999.



If you're not sure who to speak to, call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) who can provide help and advice, or visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus