

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Another week gone in what is proving to be an action packed half term already! Year 6 were the first group to take advantage of the arrangement we have with the Zoo for a workshop on habitats. Their rainforest workshop was enlightening and engaging with lots of children keen to tell me about it. Ladybirds have a 'spooky kitchen' in their home corner, that I found out had numerous creepy crawlies and recipes for potions when I was taken inside by the enthusiastic children.

I met with the parent reps via zoom this week too, to welcome new and established members to the group. We discussed many things from fundraising to Christmas Concerts to COVID compliance. What is never in doubt is the commitment and support of parents across the school. It really is, as I've said repeatedly, one of the main reasons this school is so unique and special.

The other highlight of my week was visiting our Tadpoles. One of our new starters in September did not really speak when they arrived. However, upon visiting on Wednesday, they were speaking to me without pause for a whole 5 minutes! Admittedly, I only understood about 10 words, but what was clear was they had a LOT to talk about. It was truly wonderful to see the development and confidence in such a short space of time and a reminder of why we do what we do in this wonderful school. **Phil**

FOPHS

It was lovely to meet with your parent reps this week. I am looking forward to working with them during the next academic year.

Some exciting news! We are going to have our first whole school event since the start of the pandemic.

Our Festive Fiesta will be in the playground on **Thursday 16th December From 3 to 4pm.**

Watch this space for more information, but please put this date in your diary.

We will be holding a Christmas raffle and need your help.



We will be making our famous luxury hampers so are asking if you can bring one (or more) items that would be suitable e.g boxed biscuits, chocolates, wine, sweets, crackers, olive oil, bubble bath, beauty products....the list is endless.

There will be boxes in the reception foyer from **Monday 15th November to Tuesday 13th December** for you to put the items in.

Thank you so much for your support as always.

Amal, on behalf of FOPHS

CECIL SHARP HOUSE CONCERTS

The children are now in full swing preparing their songs and dances for their Cecil Sharp Winter Concerts. This year the Key Stage 1 concert is on the 7th December and the Key Stage 2 concert is on the 9th. Please make sure to read the letter sent home yesterday, 11th November, about how to buy tickets on [SchoolMoney](#). After a long period of not being able to perform, this is definitely going to be a show to remember! **Tom**



PE NEWS

A big well done to the boys and girls who are taking Part in the annual CSSA football league!

Both teams have started really well, considering we only began training again last week. We look forward to getting more children involved in the competition as the year goes on. **Jordan**



Anti – Bullying week

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year or so has underlined how little acts of consideration and charity can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

This is one of the reasons that ‘One Kind Word’ has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week, which takes place **next week from 15th to 19th of November 2021**.

One Kind Word can be a turning point. It can change someone’s perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. We can all play a part in a chain reaction that powers positivity.

We think this upbeat message will resonate with children who know all too well how unkind words can hurt and undermine them.

We will be kicking off the week by wearing odd socks on Monday. Check out the [website](#) at the end of next week to see some of the amazing work we will have done around this theme.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch is coming back **on 10th December!** Lyra has sent out an email to parents about booking a lunch so please look out for this.

Please note – only complete the form attached on email **IF** your child usually brings a packed lunch.

If your child takes up a school lunch, then it will be automatically added on the day. Any questions, please speak to the office.

ATTENDANCE

Another **AMAZING** week at Primrose Hill.

We had 96.69% attendance across the whole school! **PLUS**, we had 5 classes with 100% attendance yesterday! Well done everyone, we have some awesome things planned for this festive period, so let’s keep up the good work.

Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback on the attendance letters we sent last week. It is important that we have conversations about this so we can find ways to best support you.



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.camdencleanair.org/community/camden-eco-champion-awards/



THIS POSTER IS FULLY RECYCLABLE ♻️

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS SEPT 2022

The deadline to apply for Reception September 2022 is **15th January 2022!**

Please book in to (virtually) see our lovely school in action <https://forms.office.com/r/FiUGjFrzxa>.

If you have any further questions about admissions please contact Lyra at:

admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Star Learners!

Tadpoles – Lucien & Noah

Froglets – Bear & Alaya

Ladybirds – Jessica & Shin

Dragonflies Joseph & Lily

Butterflies – Halima & Hugo

Grasshoppers – Husna & Khadra

Beetles – Beau & Sisi

Bats – Lottie & William

Squirrels – Aisha & Yonis

Hedgehogs – Ruby & Hafsa O

Foxes – Tayyiba & Harry

Blackbirds – Henry and Eron

Woodpeckers – Josie and Zahrah

Hérons – Jahrell & Nnene

Kestrels – Kalan & Eshan

EYFS...

In Reception, we have got very spooky and created our very own witches house! We were inspired by our class story of 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler.

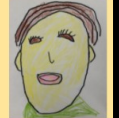
We then wrote our own spells in hope that we could create a magnificent broom from magic.

What a spooky, magical and creative week we have had!



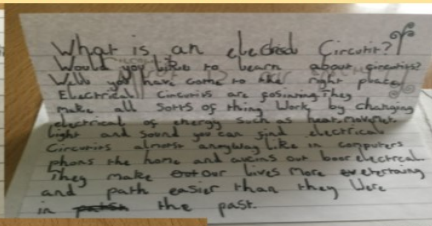
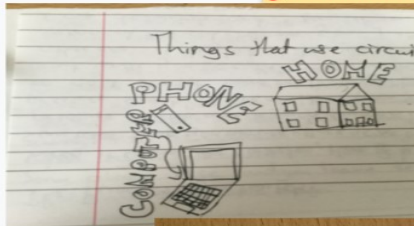
Year 1 & 2...

Year 1 have been learning how to draw self-portraits as part of our new topic: 'Who am I? Who are you?' We used iPads to take photos of ourselves and then look carefully at our faces. Can you guess who is who??



Year 4 published books about electricity and circuits.

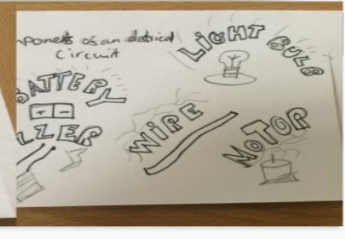
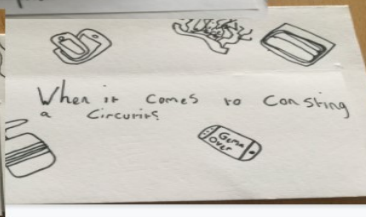
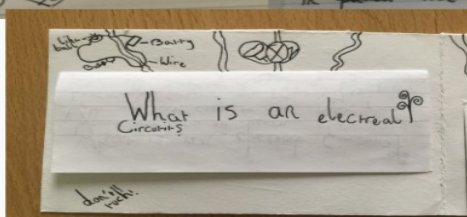
You should also check out our display on the top floor.



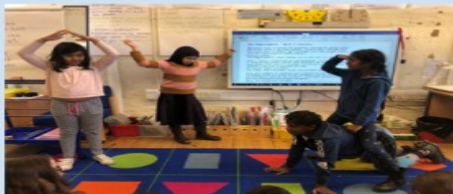
Components of an electrical circuit.

The most powerful component is a battery since it provides the electricity so it can go through the wire. The wire is important because it connects all the electricity to the light bulb and the buzzer also closes the circuit.

When it comes to constructing a circuit you can have series circuit. There is one path for electricity to flow. There are more than one ways for electricity to flow.



Year 5 & 6...



Year 5 made freeze frames to depict the opening events of a poem, The Highwayman, that they are reading. They will use their knowledge of the poem to write complex sentences about each frame.

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 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 at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Get your COVID-19 vaccination

Whether it's a first, second or booster dose, the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself against coronavirus. Boosters are available 6 months after your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, but you can now book yours if it's been 5 months (152 days) and you're:

- Aged 50+
- Aged 18+ with a health condition that puts you at high risk from COVID-19

To get your COVID-19 vaccination, including a booster if you're eligible, you can choose to:

- Book online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119
- Visit a walk-in clinic - camden.gov.uk/walkin
- Drop by Camden's COVID-19 vaccination bus, which runs Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm throughout November at:

- Regent's Park Estate, Access Way, NW1 3QJ**
Friday 12 and Saturday 13 November
- 1 Palmerston Road, NW6 2DG**
Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 November
- Swiss Cottage Market, Eton Avenue, NW6 3EU**
Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 November
- Brunswick Square, opposite UCL's School of Pharmacy, WC1N 1AX**
Friday 19 November

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

Test regularly to check you're COVID-free

You can still catch and spread COVID-19 without symptoms, even after vaccination. Taking regular rapid tests, including before going out to work, going shopping or meeting with friends or family, prevents you passing the virus on to others without knowing. All rapid tests are free and take 30 minutes. To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms, please self-isolate and book a PCR test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Join People's Question Time

Have your say on the issues that matter most to you. Join the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the London Assembly for People's Question Time on Tuesday 23 November, 7 to 9pm at Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3LS. Topics will include transport, policing and safety, air quality and the environment, housing and London's economic recovery from COVID-19. Register for free tickets at london.gov.uk/events/2021-11-23/peoples-question-time-camden or call 020 7983 4762.



Looking after our health is important at any time of the year. But this winter, with 'flu season' likely to hit harder than last year, and COVID-19 rates high, we are urging all residents to take extra care.

There are several things you can do to stay well this winter and protect others. The first is to have the COVID-19 vaccine, and the booster too, as soon as you are eligible. You can also get a flu vaccine (check below to find out if you qualify for a free one). These will help to protect against getting seriously ill from both viruses and have been shown to provide the best forms of defence.

Improving health and wellbeing for everyone in Camden is one of the borough's highest priorities. COVID-19 has had a profound impact, putting pressure on local health and care systems and shining a stark light on deep-rooted inequalities. It's never been more important to work together to build back a fairer, healthier Camden.

Find out below how we're starting to tackle this issue and how you can get involved.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Free flu vaccinations available

Having COVID-19 and flu at the same time can make you seriously ill, particularly if you have underlying health conditions or work with people who do. Free flu vaccinations are currently available to:

- People aged 50+
- People aged 16+ with underlying health conditions
- Pregnant women
- All frontline health or social care workers

Remember, getting both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time or closely together won't cause any harm.

Find out more and book your appointment at nhs.uk/flujab

Viruses like COVID-19 and flu spread more easily in autumn and winter, so it's important to take care of yourself to avoid getting ill. Keep your home warm, have hot drinks regularly and at least one warm meal a day. If you're struggling, contact Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit camden.gov.uk/support-for-individuals

Have your say on health and wellbeing in Camden

Camden Council and local health partners want to tackle growing health inequalities, which have been made worse by COVID-19, and are keen to hear your views on a new draft health and wellbeing strategy.

The draft strategy aims to make Camden the best place to start well, live well and age well. Give your views on how health and wellbeing can be improved across the borough, both now and in the longer-term, by 13 December - visit camdenhealthandwellbeingstrategy.com/placeholder

Introducing Camden's new mobile health bus

On Saturday 20 November, Camden Council and NHS partners are hosting a free health and wellbeing event to help launch the borough's new mobile NHS health bus. Join outside Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA, 12 noon to 4pm for a host of fun free health-related activities, including exercise taster sessions, face painting, live music, healthy food and smoothie bike, NHS health checks and health information and advice.



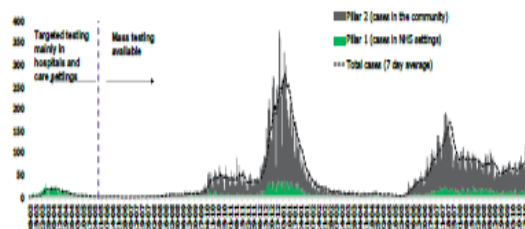
COVID-19 in Camden

Last week (25 October - 31 October)

Deaths 0

New cases per day average 75

Number of daily cases in Camden, 08 March 2020 to 31 October 2021



It is important to note that as mass testing wasn't available until 28th May 2020, many cases early on will not have been tested. Therefore, current number of cases cannot be compared to the start of the pandemic.

Camden has had a total of 26,315 confirmed cases.

Weekly incidence rate = 188 per 100,000

This is lower than London's rate at 262 per 100,000 and is the 3rd lowest amongst the 32 London boroughs. This is similar to last week (210) and is rated dark red.

4.4% of tests are positive

For every 1,000 tests taken 44 on average are coming back positive. A weekly percentage of 4.4% is rated amber.

These indicators are RAG (red-amber-green) rated to indicate whether they are good or bad.



London's R number = 1.0-1.2

An R number between 1.0 and 1.2 means that on average every 10 people infected will infect between 10 and 12 other people. If the R value is above 1 the pandemic is growing; if it is below 1 the pandemic is shrinking.

More information on COVID-19 in Camden is available on the [council website](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)

This infographic has been created by Camden and Islington's Public Health Intelligence Team, contact PHASS@Islington.gov.uk for more information

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