

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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The cold weather has bitten hard this week and I know the children (and staff) have battled against the chill. This is particularly challenging given our need for ventilating the building as part of our COVID mitigations. As I wrote last week – the virus has not gone away so it is vital we all take responsibility for each other's safety.

To that end I visited Cecil Sharp house for the first time on Monday to get an idea of the covid response to our concerts. Clearly this is the first event we will have had in a long time where the school community comes together. We really have missed these moments enormously. However, we do need to ensure we are as safe as we can be. At present having risk assessed it on site, we are happy (current case numbers permitting) to go ahead with the performances. There will be additional covid mitigations in place during it though to protect everyone as much as possible. I'm acutely aware that the timing of these concerts is around 14 days before Christmas itself and we do not want anyone to fall ill over that period. The additional details will be sent out next week in order that all attendees are aware of them. Thank you once again for keeping our community safe together.

On a different note, my assembly this week was all about Festivals of Light. Whether it be Diwali, Hannukah or Advent leading to Christmas the candle is a symbol of light where there is darkness all around. As I said to the children, it is no coincidence these festivals are celebrated at this time of year! The message is a simple and universal one; a small amount of light (hope) drives away darkness (fear and worry). I'm sure we will all agree that after the last 20 months that is one message that we can all embrace and look forward to! **Phil**

## SAFE AND HEALTHY STREETS

Have your say on permanent proposals for Primrose Hill Primary School Healthy School Street on Princess Road



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The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how communities in Camden live, travel and work. We want our streets to have more safe space for everyone to walk and cycle, for children to get to and from school safely and healthily, for you to be getting closer to school, to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles and for businesses to flourish.



### Princess Road (Primrose Hill Primary) Healthy School Street

We've been trialling changes on Princess Road for the past 12 months as part of our Healthy School Streets programme, to help make the street safer and healthier outside Primrose Hill Primary School. We are now consulting on making the changes permanent. We will be introducing measures to make the street safer for children to walk, cycle or scoot to school, with less air pollution, road changes, congestion, and more space for people to interact. The changes include:

- A limited road closure for motor vehicles outside Primrose Hill Primary School. This would continue to be enforced using signage and an Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera at the junctions with Chalton Road and Gloucester Avenue.
- Traffic restrictions in place between 8.30am - 9.30am and 3pm - 4pm Monday to Friday during school term time only.
- Building out the pavement at the junction with Chalton Road and adding a raised table, widening the pavement outside the school, planting two trees, and installing cycling parking. The junction improvements here require the removal of two residents parking bays.

The motor vehicle restriction on Princess Road was introduced as an 18-month trial and as promised we are now consulting on if this trial should be made permanent. Any exemptions agreed with us would remain in place including vehicles registered to properties and businesses on Princess Road. Emergency service and bin collection vehicles would also remain exempt. We are also proposing to introduce water planters and some planting outside the school to provide more space for pedestrians to walk and congregate.

The final decision will be made based on evidence including feedback received during the trial period, results of monitoring data, relevant policies, and results of this full public consultation.

### Have your say in the consultation

To find out more – including full details on the plans and monitoring data collected during the trial – and to share your views, visit our website to answer a few quick questions. You can use the QR code below to access the site from your phone, or visit:

camden.gov.uk/Princesse

The consultation finishes on Wednesday 15th December 2021. If you'd prefer a paper form, just get in touch with us on 020 7974 4444 and we'll pop one in the post for you. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

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## TRAFFIC CONSULTATION

The link below is to the consultation for the continuation and further development of the Healthy School Street on Princess Road. The consultation is designed to canvas views as to whether the measures should become permanent. In addition the council are proposing some pavement widening (and thereby road narrowing) measures along the stretch of road affected in order to make it a calmer/slower environment even outside of peak times. It will also make the pavements safer at the end of the school day. The consultation runs until 15th December. Please give your views – every suggestion will be looked at to make the area around school even safer!

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/primrosehillprimaryschool/>

## SNACKS

We have noticed a number of children coming into school with snacks that are beginning to resemble their packed lunches. Whilst we appreciate children do get hungry, a snack should be small, healthy (fruit, vegetable, dried fruit bag etc) and easily eaten at breaktime. Sandwiches and other larger items can't be finished in the time the children have for break, so please avoid providing them.

Thank you for your help in this.



## FESTIVE FIESTA

### 16th December



*To All of our wonderful families*

*Come and join us for some singing, delicious food, mulled wine warm drinks, arts, crafts and raffles. We are so looking forward to the community coming together again.*

16th December 3-4pm Phil Alman and FOPH

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2021/22

[Here are our school councillors for this academic year](#)

| CLASS        | COUNCILLORS   | VICE COUNCILLORS |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Dragonflies  | Millie, Nevo  | Nina             |
| Butterflies  | Evie, Oskar   | Matilde          |
| Grasshoppers | Husna, Ethan  | Ilhan            |
| Beetles      | Fifi, Albie   | Isolina, Thomas  |
| Squirrels    | Aron, Li lou  | Nneka            |
| Bats         | Ayub, Sasha   | Essey            |
| Hedgehogs    | Jordan, Clara | Hafsa O          |
| Foxes        | Samuel, Alice | Alex             |
| Woodpeckers  | Adam, Mytheli | Elyse            |
| Blackbirds   | Hiwaad, Erica | Adam             |
| Hérons       | Nuri, Maya L  | Alfrey           |
| Kestrels     | Maria, Eshan  | Saara            |

## Disability History Month

### 18th Nov to 18th Dec 2021



**Celebrating Disability History Month in Camden**

**18 November – 18 December**

*"As a deaf sign language user and lip reader, I would like to see barriers removed and improved communication access for Deaf and hard of hearing people in the workplace and also across our communities. This Disability History Month I'm encouraging everyone to join me and commit to making sure everyone in Camden gives and receives dignity, equal respect and acceptance for who we are."*

**Asif**

*"Disability History Month is about celebrating what makes us unique - it's about appreciating each other for who we are, being sensitive and thoughtful with each other, and not making assumptions. For me it's also a reminder that my disability isn't something to be ashamed of, or to be kept secret. I'm not defined by it - it's just one of the many parts that make up the person I am."*

**Kim**

*"I was diagnosed with epilepsy when I was 16. Disability History Month is so important as it helps raise awareness of various disabilities - both visible and invisible - and how services and support for Disabled residents in our communities should be adapted. For example, I am happy that my colleagues have learnt about different types of seizures and what to do if I have a seizure in the office."*

**Jo**

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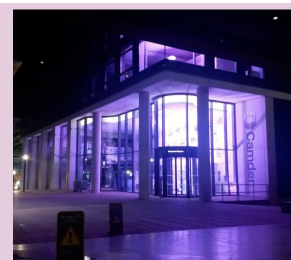
## Purple light

Camden Disability Network is pleased to shine a purple light at the 5PS office **on Thursday 2nd December in the evening**, to celebrate disabled people's achievements and to thank you to all, for contributing to our disabled community in Camden. Furthermore, Camden Disability Network has worked in partnership with the British Library's Disability Network to have their Purple Light shining in the Clock Tower **on Friday 3rd December 2021**.



## Camden libraries

Camden Disability Network is very proud to work with 8 local libraries in Camden to promote our Disability History Month...watch this space!



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

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022



## The Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal 2021

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal.

We have nearly 17,000 children (aged from birth to 17 years old) to provide a gift for. These children come from many different backgrounds and many are living in poverty.

In the last 10 years we have provided with the generosity of Londoners over 116,000 presents to children living in care, living in refugees or who are child carers.

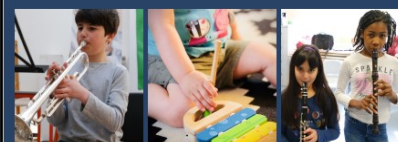
Please donate a gift this year to a child who may otherwise not receive a gift

<https://givegry.uk/christmastreeappeal2021?controller=home>

*Help a child have a better Christmas*

## WELCOME TO CAMJAM!

The Camden Music Junior Saturday Centre



**JOIN US ON SATURDAYS**  
at Brecknock School, NW1 9AL

- Foundation music sessions for babies up to Year 2
- Instrumental lessons
- Bands, orchestras and choirs
- Beginner cello group
- Music technology
- Adult choir



[www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres](http://www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres)



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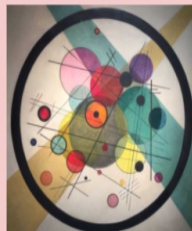
**Star Learners!**

★ Tadpoles – Zackary & Calaya ★  
 ★ Froglets – Taquah & Joseph ★  
 ★ Ladybirds – Afon & Isabella ★  
 ★ Dragonflies – Millie & Yusrah ★  
 ★ Butterflies – Magnus & Josephine ★  
 ★ Grasshoppers – Ursula & Mikko ★  
 ★ Beetles – Sisi & Abdulrahman ★

★ Bats – Cecilia & Yusuf ★  
 ★ Squirrels – Jinghan & Zak V ★  
 ★ Hedgehogs – Maahir & Caleb ★  
 ★ Foxes – Luca & Serena ★  
 ★ Blackbirds – Stran and Riyan ★  
 ★ Woodpeckers – Noah and Elyse ★  
 ★ Herons – Nuri and Wyatt ★  
 ★ Kestrels – Maria & Theo ★

## EYFS...

In Ladybirds, we've been exploring 2D shapes! We have got very creative with drawing circles and triangles in class. We got inspired by an abstract artist called **Wassily Kandinsky**. His art work has got us very excited to make our own pieces of art...what do you think?



## Year 1

### Who am I? Who are you?

Year 1 are learning to ask questions to find out about their past, where their families are from as well as lots of interesting facts. The children have made their own 'Special Box' which they presented to the class.



## Year 4 have been learning about the Roman armies and their invasion of Britain



## Year 5 & 6...



Year 5 used a 'Story Whoosh' to help them deepen their understanding of the events in Alfred Noyes' poem 'The Highwayman'. The Whoosh allowed them to visualize what happens in the poem and identify the characters' feelings and thoughts.