

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Well – it's been a busy time this week with all the classes working hard as the term hits full speed. I have the pleasure of having children come to me to show off their work and it is always a joy to see the effort and progress they make. We know that this remains a difficult time for the school community as (despite news reports appearing to say the contrary) COVID is still making its way through us - and at an increasing rate. We also are aware that our enrichment offer, as well as our desire to have you back in the building sharing in the joys I've mentioned above, are still 'on hold'. We have and continued to plan for when we are able to open up more fully again. It is a huge frustration to us that we are unable to do so at present, however, until we can be certain that the community is not going to suffer extended consequences of any relaxation, our mitigations have to remain in place.

To that end, we do request that even when wider relaxations in society occur, on-site mask wearing and maintained social distancing continues where possible. In addition, none of the current arrangements we have in place internally (staggered breaks, one way systems etc.) will be removed over the next few weeks. We will remove these once we are certain we are through the worst of the spread. As I write this (on Friday morning) we have 3 more confirmed cases across the school, so being wary and vigilant will be crucial to the community over this tricky winter period.

My heartfelt gratitude to all of the school community for bearing with us as we go through this together. As I have repeatedly said, it is the cohesion of this wonderful part of North London that has enabled us to achieve so much in such tough times. But, we know we will be an even stronger community for having helped each other through this. **Phil**

Our H2 Festival is due to start in Autumn 2022!

This will involve up to 5 local schools and our very own Kate Hopewell, who many of you will remember from her time here and her great drama work.

The theme will be Transformation, and some of the suggested texts are: The Tempest, Frankenstein, The Odyssey, The Caucasian Chalk Circle and Macbeth.

Watch this space!

Friendship Squad

Great news! Our Friendship Squad is up and running properly now. The children are doing a fantastic job supporting the children in the main playground, in Froglets and in Ladybirds.

Not forgetting the fantastic work they do around the school in the dining hall, the library and the office. What would we do without their dedication?

Thanks, guys, you're doing a great job!

The Dog House

Set in Wood Green's Animal Charity in Cambridgeshire, this programme has been described as charming and compassionate.

Five Mile Films, who make this programme have begun a search for individuals, friends, couples and families who could offer a rescue dog a loving home and share their story with Five Mile Films as part of their next series.



Are you a potential dog rescuer?

Would you like to share your story?

If you are seriously considering rescuing a dog and would like to talk to the programme makers, please see boxes following this.

Follow this link for a glimpse of the programme: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-dog-house>





Star Learners!



Tadpoles – Jacob & Drake



Froglets – Abeera & Rosa



Ladybirds – Aaliyah & Cairo



Dragonflies – Hedayah & Millie



Butterflies – Harley & Oskar



Grasshoppers – Tiffany & Zayaan



Beetles – Hugo & Liam



Bats – David & Sasha



Squirrels – Josh & Aron



Hedgehogs – Torri & Nala



Foxes – Reis & Aqsa



Blackbirds – Richie and Eva



Woodpeckers – Adam and Mytheli



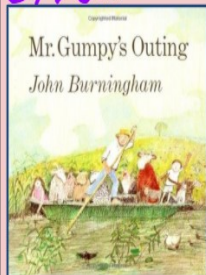
Heron – Maya P, Vesa & Hudson



Kestrels – Lisa & Max



EYFS...



Ladybirds have been reading Mr Gumpy's Outing and this week we have been ordering the story and putting it onto a story mountain. We were even lucky enough to have a visit from Mr Gumpy!



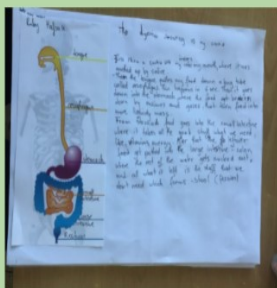
Year 1 & 2...

Year 2 have been writing their own fabulous food poems! We are making a class anthology which we will share with other classes - watch this space!

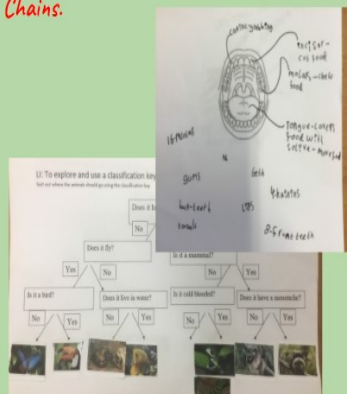


Husna is going to read her poem, Pizza! Pizza!

Year 4



Have been learning about the human digestive system (which involved us eating biscuits) including the different teeth we have and their purpose. We've also been looking at Classification Keys, Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores and Food Chains.



Year 5 & 6...



In Year 5, we have been investigating 'Changes and Properties in Materials'. We set up an experiment to find out what materials dissolve in water. After that, we investigated how to recover a substance from a mixture and a solution using filtration and evaporation.

SPRING HALF-TERM HOLIDAY SCHEME 14th - 18th FEBRUARY 2022

Ages 8+ : £30 per day / £5 concessions



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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: 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

Talacre Holiday Mini Camps 2021/22

May to February



Mini Camp 1
9am – 10:30am

Mini Camp 2
11am – 12:30pm

**Ages
4-7**

Holiday	Dates	Length
May Half Term	01/06/2021 – 04/06/2021	4 days
Summer Week 1	26/07/2021 – 30/07/2021	5 days
Summer Week 2	02/08/2021 – 06/08/2021	5 days
Summer Week 3	09/08/2021 – 13/08/2021	5 days
Summer Week 4	16/08/2021 – 20/08/2021	5 days
October Half Term	25/10/2021 – 29/10/2021	5 days
February Half Term	14/02/2022 – 18/02/2022	5 days

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Information, Prices and How to Book

- 1) You can book your place either at Talacre Reception or online www.better.legendonlineservices.co.uk (Please note: online bookings can only be made up to 7 days before the start date of the course).
- 2) You will need to complete a form either in paper or electronic form, before the start of the Mini Camp. You must complete a form even if you have attended one of our Mini Camps previously.
- 3) If you are booking at the centre please be aware that we **only accept card payments**.
- 4) Children attending the Mini Camps should; bring water in a labelled bottle (no glass bottles permitted), wear sports kit and socks, no jewellery and long hair must be tied up.

Ages 4-7 Mini Camp 1: 9:00-10:30am

Ages 4-7 Mini Camp 2: 11:00am-12:30pm

Membership type	Price for 5 days
Full Price - No Membership	£69.60
Standard	£45.00
Concession	£26.30

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Talacre Holiday Multi Sports Scheme 2021/22

May to February



**Ages
8-12**

**9:30am
– 3:30pm**

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*Special courses week, no regular Holiday scheme.

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- 3) If you are booking at the centre please be aware that we **only accept card payments**.
- 4) Children attending the Holiday scheme should; bring a healthy packed lunch, plenty of water in a labelled bottle (no glass bottles permitted), wear sports kit and trainers, weather appropriate clothing e.g. a sunhat or a waterproof jacket and no jewellery.
- 5) We encourage you to ensure that children leave valuables at home as there is no access to lockers and we cannot take responsibility for valuables.

Ages 8-12, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Membership type	Price for 5 days
Full Price - No Membership	£143.50
Standard	£82.50
Concession	£38.25

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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
- 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 at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

New 5-day self-isolation rule

If you've been self-isolating after a positive COVID-19 test and don't have any symptoms, you can now choose to stop self-isolating after 5 full days – as long as you receive two negative rapid tests on days 5 and 6.

If you test positive, please stay at home and continue to self-isolate until you receive negative tests on two consecutive days, or until the end of day 10.

For the latest updates to COVID-19 guidance, visit gov.uk/coronavirus



Where to get your COVID-19 vaccine

It's not too late to get your first, second or booster dose. Everyone aged 12+ is eligible to get vaccinated, with boosters now also available to 16 and 17-year-olds 3 months after a second dose. Book an appointment online or visit a vaccination clinic for a walk-in appointment:

- **Aqua Pharmacy**, 59 Mil Lane, NW6 1NB – Monday to Friday 10am to 7.30pm, Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm
- **Bidborough House**, 38-50 Bidborough St, WC1H 9BT – Monday to Sunday 9am to 6pm
- **Bloomsbury Surgery**, 1 Handel Street, WC1N 1PD – Thursday to Sunday 10am to 6pm
- **Essential Pharmacy**, 168 Drury Lane, WC2B 5QA – Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm
- **JP Pharmacy**, 139 Camden High Street, NW1 7JR – Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm, Sunday 10am to 5.30pm
- **Sandylight Pharmacy**, 131 Queens Crescent, NW5 4EG – Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm

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

If you or your child is aged 12 to 17 and ready to get their COVID-19 vaccination, the NHS is hosting free clinics 4.30 to 6pm:

- **Friday 21 January** at the Roy Shaw Centre, 3-5 Cressy Road NW3 2ND
- **Thursday 27 January** at the Peckwater Health Centre, 6 Peckwater Street NW5 2UP



With the latest news that restrictions are beginning to be removed by the Government, please remember that COVID-19 hasn't gone away. It's important we all continue to look after each other and take steps to keep ourselves and others safe.

While it's been reported that cases of Omicron in London have peaked, cases still remain high. Continuing to take regular rapid tests, wearing a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, and getting your vaccine and booster doses as soon as possible, are some of the best ways to keep safe. So far in Camden, over 437,000 vaccinations have been given, including over 106,000 boosters. If you haven't had your vaccine or booster yet, there are lots of locations available across Camden, including local pharmacies, vaccine clinics and health centres – see below.

Finally, we know winter is a hard time for many – below you can find a range of support and help available to you from the Council and our partners. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know is struggling.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for pregnant women



If you're pregnant, getting both doses of the vaccine and a booster offers the best protection against COVID-19 for you and your baby. The Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are both recommended for those who are pregnant. However, if you had AstraZeneca for your first dose you should get it again for your second dose. If you have questions, speak to your midwife or a health professional at a vaccination clinic. There is more information about the vaccine, pregnancy and fertility at nhs.uk/coronavirus

Help and support available this winter

Money worries

- If you're struggling with debt or your finances, find out how to access a range of benefits, grants and discounts at camden.gov.uk/finances or call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)
- If you need support making a Universal Credit claim, call Citizens Advice Camden on 0800 278 7835

Staying warm

- If you're 66 or over, you may be eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment worth up to £300. To find out more, call Age UK Camden on 020 7239 0400
- If you're on a low income and receive benefits, you may be eligible for a £140 discount on your electricity bill under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. Find out more about this and other available support with your energy bills at camden.gov.uk/staywarm
- For general advice on how to stay warm and well this winter, visit nhs.uk/keep-warm-keep-well

Mental health

- If you're struggling with your mental health, speak to your GP, visit icope.nhs.uk or call iCope on 020 3317 6670
- Young people can also visit kooth.com or camdenrise.co.uk/emotional-wellbeing
- For more information, visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health

To access help and advice on other issues, visit camden.gov.uk/winter-booklet or call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).