

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Another whistle stop week ended with a howling gale and torrential rain! I do hope everyone I saw this morning got inside quickly and was able to get warm and dry! On a warmer note, there has been much to celebrate this week. We have had year 3 complete their swimming fortnight and it has proven to be a huge success. Many previously non-swimmers are now loving the water. Whilst it is difficult to organise such a truncated session, the benefits for the children are clear showing how quickly they improve. Our raffle last Friday was a real sign of things to come. We have several ideas for how we can engage parents on site more over the next half term and as I said in last week's newsletter, the development of enrichment activities for the children is also taking place.

All of this, however, is still taking place in the backdrop of the pandemic. Whilst normality is resuming to a point, the number of cases in school amongst staff and children remains high. A huge thank you to the entire school team for all their hard work keeping school functioning at the high level it is, despite the inevitable difficulties that continue to be caused through staff absence at this time. I've said it many times but I feel hugely privileged to lead such a fantastic and committed team of adults. Alongside your support as a community it is the thing that makes Primrose Hill as wonderful as it is. **Phil**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Unfortunately, a number of parents will be receiving texts and emails today saying your child cannot continue to have school dinners until their lunch debt has been paid – this will mean your child will need to bring in packed lunches from **Monday 7th February** if you receive a text.

To all parents/carers: a reminder to please ensure you do not get into arrears: lunches must be paid in advance; the school does not have the budget to cover these lunch arrears

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to Lisa or Ilirjana in the office who will be able to assist you in how to apply.



## NURSERY ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

If you or someone you know has a child born between **1st Sept 2018 and 31st Aug 2019**, they are eligible for a space in our **3-4 year olds' Nursery, Froglets!**

Applications can be found on our website: <https://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/%20school-information/admissions/>

The deadline to apply is **11th February 2022** or you can email Ilirjana on [admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) for more information.

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – 7-13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – GROWING TOGETHER



**GROWING TOGETHER**

WE'RE TAKING PART IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

## OUR (BELATED) CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As you know we had to cancel our Festive Fiesta before Christmas but were able to have the raffle last Friday. It really was fantastic to see so many parents on site with us and enjoying being a community together. Congratulations to all the winners.

We raised £400 through this and it will be used to support the rejuvenation of our book corners over the next few months. Thank you all so much (parents, carers and parent reps) for your support and donations.

# CHARLIE THE HORSE EXHIBITION

## CAMDEN MARKET

Join us for the official unveiling of our new horse statue, designed by the children of Richard Cobden Primary School, and the opening of the Charlie the Horse Exhibition.

We're delighted that the Mayor of Camden, Barbara Frankel, will be joining us on this very special occasion. We hope you can come along!

The Charlie the Horse Exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 10th January. Opening hours will be updated on the Camden Market website.

To ensure we can keep our visitors safe, we kindly ask that you wear a face mask if you are not wearing a mask.

Primrose Hill, Camden Market  
8th January 2022  
10am - 4pm

You may remember last term, children from Primrose Hill took part in the **Camden Stables Horse Sculpture** project alongside other Camden schools.

We recently found out that **Emi-Li Butterflies, Emma Butterflies, Ida Beetles, Isaure Ladybirds, Marianne Hedgehogs and Teddy Lee Blackbirds** designs were picked for the final selection.

A panel of judges met and were impressed by the creativity of the Primrose Hill students, however they decided on the final design from Richard Cobden Primary school.

To recognise the amazing talent from Primrose Hill they invited these 6 students, Phil and myself, to a very special ceremony where the horse sculpture was unveiled and the exhibition opened. The Mayor of Camden was also there. It was very exciting for the children as they were treated like VIP's for the afternoon. I will be sending out information soon as the Charlie the Horse Art trail is open to the public and is something you may want to do with your children.

Maria Art lead



## TCHAIKOVSKY AND THE MAGICAL TOY BOX LIVE



### 50% discount to see Tchaikovsky and the Magical Toy Box live

*This year your child has had special advance access to an exciting new online music education programme created by Aurora Orchestra. Tchaikovsky and the Magical Toy Box introduces children to music and instruments in a playful and entertaining way, with lots of opportunities for participation. This digital programme is being piloted this year ahead of a public launch next academic year, Reception Ladybirds visited before Christmas so has been one of the first nationwide to experience the resources in the classroom.*

*As a thank-you for being part of this pilot, Aurora Orchestra is kindly offered discounted tickets to Primrose Hill Primary School to live concert performances of Tchaikovsky and the Magical Toy Box at Kings Place over half term. Families can book for the show on the Kings Place website using the booking code FFA50 to get 50% off their purchase. Discounted tickets are limited so book quickly to avoid disappointment!*

## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S BEST YOUNG BAKERS AGED 7 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022

Enquiries: [applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

My name is Conor and I'm a Casting Assistant Producer at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 8<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

Please do feel free to contact us on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.

Best wishes,

The Junior Bake Off Team

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## Star Learners!



Tadpoles – Levi & Gabina



Froglets – Dyala & Albert



Ladybirds – Annabella & Cairo



Dragonflies – Chloe & Emad



Butterflies – Athina & Pierre



Grasshoppers – Ayman & Iqra



Beetles – Iyan & Bodhi



Bats – Bats (swimming)



Squirrels – All of them!



Hedgehogs – Lily & Caleb



Foxes – Yaseen & Tayyiba



Blackbirds – Nathan and Teyha



Woodpeckers – Yahya and Bibi



Hérons – Ayub & Rhemi



Kestrels – Saara, Destiny & Elliot



## EYFS...



### Tadpoles

This week is Chinese New Year. The children are having fun with noodles. They also did the Lion Dance with a mask that they decorated with glitter and different materials. Gong xi fa cai!



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## Year 1 & 2...

Year 2 have been learning about the features of non-chronological reports. They have conducted research about emperor penguins life cycles, habitats and diets so that they can create their own non fictional text.



Year 4 went to the Zoo to learn more about teeth and different types of eaters (Phil came too).



## Year 5 & 6...

Over the past two weeks, some children in Y5 have been working with an artist, called Katie, from a charity called RIVA (Residencies in Visual Art). They have been creating all different types of artwork, using different materials to create different effects.





# 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](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Check the news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://camden.gov.uk/staywarm)
- For general advice on how to stay warm and well this winter, visit [nhs.uk/keep-warm-keep-well](https://nhs.uk/keep-warm-keep-well)

### Mental health

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

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