

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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As spring is clearly on the way, I am reminded that longer days and (slightly) warmer weather is good for the soul! Walking my dogs in the light in the mornings is always a real treat! This also means that we are gradually in a position to return to some semblance of normality in school too. The aim is that by the end of term we will have had: the number of clubs increase, exhibitions visited and a bouncy castle day to name just three events!

I can't thank the entire school community enough for the effort to maintain things throughout the last year or so. Together we have worked through some of our darkest moments. Let's hope that this spring is an indication of the hope that new beginnings can provide!

Nigel had a long neck...

A former pupil of the school, Nick Cope, does a 'Popcast' on CBeebies. He kindly signposted this link to his show which tells the story of Nigel and some of the other zoo animals going to the top of Primrose Hill and looking over the city. It really is a lovely story and well worth a few minutes to watch it. The song is quite catchy too!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00158kd/nick-opes-popcast-series-2-2-nigel-had-a-long-neck>

Phil

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The latest round of parent consultations will once again be held on Zoom on **Wednesday 20th April**. This means **school will be closed to pupils** so that the consultations can take place. Home Learning will be set for your children for that day. Obviously as we open up school life further during the summer term, we hope to provide an opportunity for you to access your children's work and classroom areas - we are acutely aware that for many of you, the inside of the school is unknown because of the last two years!



'SPONSORED BOUNCE'- FOPH

The friends of Primrose Hill are organising a 'sponsored bounce' on Friday 25th of March, it will be during school hours. Children need to bring £2 for a 15 minute jump or family and friends can sponsor them. This is one of our events to help raise money for our school and the children always love it!

Thank you FOPH.

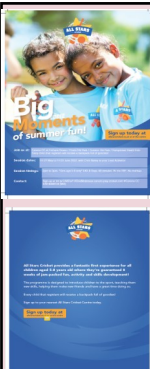


CRICKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

As you will see from the flyers attached to this newsletter there are increasing opportunities for girls to be involved in cricket. It is a great game that I have loved since being a child. If you think your daughter might be interested, do contact the club/organisation in the flyers. I know they are keen for new members!

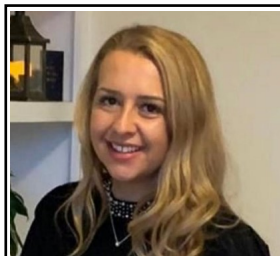
They are a parent run community cricket outfit affiliated with Middlesex, delivering Junior Girls cricket via the national programmes such as [All Stars](#) and [Dynamos](#), as well as 'area' friendly fixtures.

If any girls in year groups 3 to 6 have an interest in playing friendly fixtures this summer, Canons Cricket Club will be very happy to invite 1 or 2 teams of 8 to play softball pairs cricket with their U10 girls at their home ground, UCS Sports fields, Farm Avenue NW2, on Sundays during April - August. Canons CC have all the kit so there is no real cost to parents. It's done so the girls can play happily in the sun. Canons CC will be happy to liaise with a cricket parent from our school. Any parents who might be willing to do this - please get in touch!



STAFFING

A warm welcome to **Tara Kerrigan**, our new **Attendance & Admissions Officer**, who will be joining the Primrose Hill staff team, starting on Monday.



WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

A DAY FOR UKRAINE

FirstNews UKRAINE SCHOOLS APPEAL DEC

As a school we subscribe to First News – a newspaper publication specifically designed to explain and report on global events in a child friendly way. They have designated next Wednesday 16th March as ‘A Day for Ukraine’ in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). Children are encouraged to come to school wearing Blue and Yellow and give a £1 donation to the appeal if you can. All funds will go to the DEC appeal.

Many children (and adults) have been watching the news wondering what we can do to help – this seems like an ideal opportunity to do so. Should any parents/carers wish to give directly this is the link to the First News/DEC Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/first-news-schools-appeal>

Camden Parents & Carers FEEL GOOD Friday!

Come & get together with Camden parents of children (0-25 yrs) with SEND - and enjoy an event where focus is on your wellbeing!

CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

Keynote speaker @ 10.30am – Dr Joanne Griffin.
Emotional Wellbeing for parents and carers.

Dr Joanne Griffin is a parent carer (her son is 15 and has cerebral palsy, learning disability and autism) and Counselling Psychologist who has been researching emotional wellbeing in parents of disabled children. Author of “Day by Day: Emotional Wellbeing in Parents of Disabled Children”.

WHEN
Friday 25th March, 10am-2pm

WHERE
Greenwood Centre,
37 Greenwood Place,
NW5 1LB.
Nearest tube: Kentish Town

Hear from Camden managers of SEN education, Social Care and Health services.

FREE lunch, cake stall and goody bag!

Enjoy a bit of light hearted fun in the company of poet Paul Lyalls & help co-produce a poem!

BOOK NOW! Limited spaces so reserve your FREE place NOW!
Text 07826 671 523

Sorry – not for children.

To find out more:
Email maria.schultz@kids.org.uk
Follow us - we'll keep you posted!

Kids Giving disabled children a brighter future

Parenting your Child with ADHD

Group for parents and carers of children aged 5-12 years with a clinical diagnosis of ADHD

Brandon Centre
Here for Young People

What people say about our ADHD programme:

“Thank you thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.”

“Good facilitation with some good advice in response to real questions.”

“It worked well - thank you!”

Brandon Centre

For parents and carers of children with ADHD

For parents and carers of children with a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) aged 5-12 years. This is a 6-week group programme that meets for 1.5-2 hours a week. The group is facilitated by a qualified mental health professional with experience in supporting parents and carers. The group is run several times a year either online or face to face.

The group builds on what parents are doing well and teaches parents and carers skills and strategies to improve and manage difficult behaviour in children in this age group. It also incorporates the 123 Magic™ approaches, which complement and enhance the programme. The sessions cover the following areas:

- Providing information on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Setting household rules
- Developing and implementing schedules and routines
- Realistic expectations
- Giving clear and calm instructions
- Rewards and praise
- Staying positive and looking after yourself
- The 123 Magic™ approach to effective discipline.

Referrals
To find out more information about the programme and upcoming groups please email us at family@brandoncentre.org.uk
Self-referrals or professional referrals are accepted and can be made by calling 0938 838 088 or emailing family@brandoncentre.org.uk

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ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance for this week was over **95%**, which is definitely moving in the right direction, well done everyone.

Punctuality, however, is not doing as well (**136** children late this week), so it is something we really need to focus on to ensure our children do not miss the introduction to their learning for the day. **Soft start is from 8.45-9am**, after this time the gate will close and children will be marked in as late.

Let's see if we can drastically reduce the number of lates for next week! Try to aim for an 8.45am start instead of 9am, factoring in a little room for any unforeseen delays.

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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 – Sunday 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 – Parent Consultations: via ZOOM (School Closed for pupils)
Thursday 21 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 Thursday 21 July 2022 (35 days)
(Friday 22 April 2022: extra day for Jubilee Bank Holiday)

INSET DAYS
Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022

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Monday 05 September to Friday 21 October 2022 (35 days)
Half-term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022
Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December 2022 (35 days)
Christmas break: Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

Spring Term 2023
Wednesday 04 January to Friday 10 February 2023 (28 days)
Half-term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023
Monday 20 February to Friday 31 March 2023 (30 days)
Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023
(Including Good Friday, 7 April, and Easter Monday, 10 April)

Summer Term 2023
Tuesday 18 April to Friday 26 May 2023 (29 days)
Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2023
Half-term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
(Including Spring Bank Holiday 29 May)

Tuesday 06 June to Friday 21 July 2023 (34 days)

INSET DAYS
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022
Tuesday 5th January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 3rd June 2023

Star Learners!

Tadpoles – Gabina & Kiki

Froglets – Rosa & Ezaan

Ladybirds – Khalifa & Carla

Dragonflies – Chloe & Emad

Butterflies – Emi Li & Lila

Grasshoppers – Adam & Rena

Beetles – Kamyar & Albie

Bats – Essay & Jannet

Squirrels – Lev & Theresa

Hedgehogs – Aliza & Nevadah

Foxes – Harry & Suleiman

Blackbirds – Keturah and Ylli

Woodpeckers – Nora, Sinead and Taleyah

Herons – Nina & Alfrey

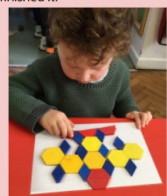
Kestrels – Kalen & Nina

EYFS...



In Froglets this week we have been learning all about shapes! We have been learning the names of shapes and their properties. eg how many sides and how many corners.

We had a go at tessellation and completing the pattern using the different shapes. We were so proud of ourselves when we finished it!



Year 1



Year 1 were challenged to become architects and build a model of an Eco-city for the future. Bennetts Associates gave them a design brief and they learned all about what a city needs to keep our planet safe for the future.

The children worked in teams to build sections including: wind farms, solar fields, farm shop with vegetables, cycle lanes, electric vehicles, recycling centres, green spaces, roofs with solar panels and roof gardens.



Year 4...

This week, Year 4 were very fortunate to have some visitors from STORY contracting lead a STEM workshop on building bridges. They had a lot of fun building a bridge out of straws, masking tape and rubber bands. It had to be strong enough to hold a can of baked beans!



Year 6 have been looking at shading techniques to create depth and contour.



HALL of FAME

Beetles - Maisie, Thomas, Albie

Grasshoppers - Henry, Dean, Blert

Bats - Whole Class!

Squirrels - Whole Class!

HALL of FAME

Foxes - Alexander, Leo, Hanna

Hedgehogs - Noar, Andi, Zain

Blackbirds - Idris, Nathaniel, Teddy

Woodpeckers - Bert, Nora, Nazmin

HALL of FAME

Kestrels - Lenny, Ethan, Elliot

Herons - Rabah, Alfrey, Bertina

And this week's class with most children logging on 3 times or more is...

HERONS!!