

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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What a speedy week it has been! Spring has most certainly sprung fully and the trees in the playground are filling with blossom. I had the privilege of showing prospective parents (virtually) around the school on Wednesday and it was – as always – a real treat to see the creativity and hive of activity in every classroom. Yesterday I met with a local historian (and grandparent of some pupils) who has been researching the Victorian stables that backed on to the site where Camden Market is now. He visited because the wall to the east of the playground (by the side of Tadpoles) was suspected as being the outer wall of those stables. It turns out, it really is still there and remarkably intact! I walk past that wall every day and only yesterday did I really take note of the marks and wear on it. It was then that he told me that it was even older than the school itself. Around 170 years old! The industrial heritage that surrounds the school is incredible and we also discussed how the children could be involved in the possible production of a children's book to highlight it. Exciting times! **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!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance for last week dropped to **93%**, which is below our target of **96%**, please continue to strive for 100% attendance. Children who arrived late for school last week slightly improved to **131**, this figure is still extremely high. We will continue to make this a focus, 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.

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Bee On Time



PRIMROSE HILL CHOIR

Primrose Hill Choir are really excited to be singing at the **Camden Spring Festival** next **Thursday 24th March** at **Acland Burghley School**. There is no live audience this year but the concert will be professionally live streamed.

The link will go live at 5.45pm on the day of the festival.

The concert will start at 6.00 pm

The link will stay live for a few days after the event so you can re-visit the performance.

<https://bigdoorbroadcast.co.uk/events/CMS2022/event9/index.htm>

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed by Camden that unfortunately the school meal price will be rising from £2.24 to £2.29 per day. This increase will take place from 18th April 2022.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Thank you all for the amazing generosity you have all shown this week towards the Ukraine Appeal collection. Humphrey will be rattling the collection box one last time at pick up today, after which we will count the money and let you know next week how much we have collected.

We will be sending it to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Crisis) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

GUIDE TO HEADLICE TREATMENT FROM NHS

We are currently experiencing a lot of headlice difficulties with many children in school. If left untreated, other children continue to catch them. Please see below for treatment advice from the NHS.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice

tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies



Kentish Town Community Centre and Stage Academy - London's Leading Independent Performing Arts School for Children are working together to provide a fantastic, fully funded opportunity as part of the HAF Project, in conjunction with the Young Camden Foundation, for children who are eligible for free school meals.

This project allows parents to book their child in for a four day long interactive drama and performing arts based Easter holiday camp delivered by Stage Academy's industry professional teaching team, along with receiving a free hot lunch each day. It is completely free for children based in Camden who are eligible for free school meals and we have camps available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 ages children this Easter!

KENTISH TOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE - NWS ZSP

KEY STAGE 1 - 4TH TO 7TH APRIL
KEY STAGE 2 - 4TH TO 7TH APRIL OR 11TH TO 14TH APRIL
KEY STAGE 3 - 11TH TO 14TH APRIL
ALL COURSES 10AM UNTIL 2PM EACH DAY
COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE FOR KS1 AND KS2 CHILDREN IN CAMDEN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Join Stage Academy at Kentish Town Community Centre for a brilliant four day performing arts based holiday camp and a hot, nutritious lunch each day - **free to book for children in Camden eligible for free schools meals.**

Key Stage One aged children can look forward to a magical week as they Journey into the Enchanted Library with our Fairytale based holiday camp theme. This is a high energy course combining fun drama activities and games, singing, dancing and the power of imagination into one life changing experience that will help your child to make new friends, express their individuality and prepare them for the adventures and challenges of growing up.

Key Stage Two and Key Stage Three aged children can look forward to a brilliant West End Workshop week working with performing arts industry professional teachers on acting, singing and dancing straight from the West End! Your child will build their self-confidence, teamwork skills, ambition and responsibility whilst having brilliant fun.

All courses run from 10am until 2pm each day and are free to book for children in Camden eligible for free schools meals.

- KS1 children can join us from 4th to 7th April
- KS2 children can join us from 4th to 7th April OR 11th to 14th April
- KS3 children can join us from 11th to 14th April

We can't wait to have your child join us for this wonderful opportunity at Kentish Town Community Centre in partnership with Stage Academy - London's leading independent part time performing arts school!

To book simply visit: <https://ktcc.coordinate.cloud/>

If you have any questions you can email contact@stageacademy.co.uk or call 0800 808 5327.

Camden Cycle Skills



Camden offer free cycle skills training for children, adults and families who like to enjoy the freedom of going by bike. Perhaps you have never been cycling before, perhaps you want to improve your confidence in traffic—there will be a course available at your level.

Courses are held during school holidays at Haverstock School, near Chalk Farm station. Places for Tue-Wed 9-10 April can be booked now. We give priority to children aged 9 / year 4 or higher. For further information and to register, visit www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills or call 020 7974 1451.

'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 10 minute jump or family and friends can sponsor them for £3 or £5. This is one of our events to help raise money for our school and the children always love it!

It is so lovely to be able to have fun events that raise money for our school again.

Thank you as always for your support, FOPH.

Star Learners!

Tadpoles – Gabina & Kiki

Frogllets – 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

Heronns – Nina & Alfrey

Kestrels – Kalen & Nina

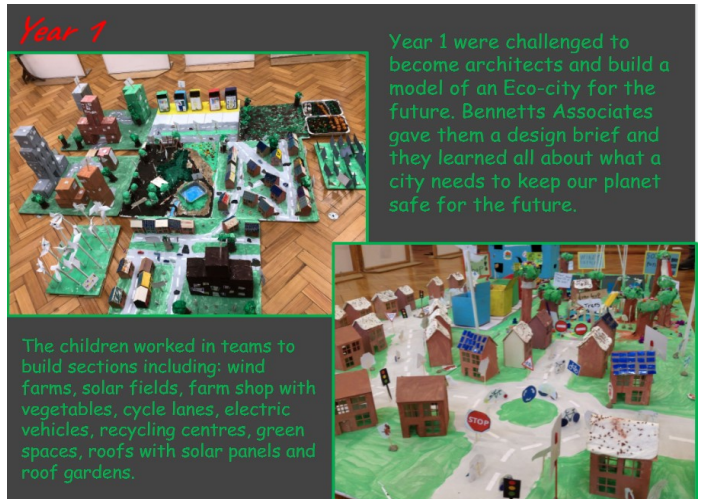
EYFS...



In Frogllets 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 have 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!

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Foxes - Alexander, Leo, Hanna

Hedgehogs - Noar, Andi, Zain

Blackbirds - Idris, Nathaniel, Teddy

Woodpeckers - Bert, Nora, Nazmin

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Kestrels - Lenny, Ethan, Elliot

Heronns - Rabah, Alfrey, Bertina

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

HERONNS!!