

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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This week has seen the Key Stage 2 SATs week take place. Despite the natural nerves we know that all the children (and adults) can have, it has gone incredibly well. From the Y6 staff and SLT making sure the children had a healthy breakfast beforehand, to the other year groups being super quiet as they moved around the building, the support the children had was fantastic. Furthermore, we are immensely proud of the way Year 6 conducted themselves over the week. They have been superb and we know they could not have done any better. A huge well done to both children and staff in year 6.

There was also a milestone moment! On Wednesday afternoon I hosted the first face to face Parent/Carer Tour since I started last April. It was fantastic to have people back on site and in the school. We now hope to build on this for current parents, as many from lower down the school have not yet had the opportunity to come into the school. The last half term of the year will hopefully be packed with chances to engage with parents and carers. **Phil**



## Key Stage 1 SATs window

Now Key Stage 2 tests out of the way, the Key Stage 1 Assessment 'window' opens. This means that over the next two weeks children in Year 2 will be taking the assessment tasks that help to inform our teacher assessments. These SATs are referred to as 'Quizzes' as we want the children to feel it is as low key as possible. We will maintain a calm, supportive environment to allow the children to do their very best. So parents, please only refer to **QUIZZES** with your children. They aren't tests! **Good luck, year 2!**

## Junior Debating Competition

This Wednesday, 11 children from Y5 took part in the UK's largest junior school debating competition, hosted at South Hampstead High School. Across the evening, 84 debates took place with around 200 children participating and over 500 speeches being heard! The Three Silver Stars (Idris, Alannah, Mytheli), Primrose Proclaimers (Hiwaad, Jorge, Keturah) and Sastriyan (Samy, Stran, Riyan) each took part in three debates against different teams across Camden schools. Erika and Teddy, our two student judges, were able to participate in judging the competition alongside other students, using their fair reasoning skills to decide who should win!

The topics were tricky and the competing teams were exceptional. Considering that this was our first debate competition, our wonderful debaters managed to win four of their debates! I'm so proud of all our debaters and we're very excited to continue to develop our debating skills and challenge ourselves at more upcoming competitions.



## Winners Revealed

Thank you so much to everyone who voted, we had the highest votes from a London school



**Well done to Selena who received the most votes, Hiwaad came second and Asya came third.**

Click here to see their work <https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/primrose-hill-primary-school-153/> We look forward to celebrating at Camden Arts Centre in June where we will see their work displayed alongside other London schools. **Maria Felstead Art lead**



## FOPH - Summer Fair 2nd July

We are very excited to be able to organise the Summer Fair this year. Preparations are already underway so please save this date on your calendars. **Saturday 2nd July 12 - 4pm.**

We will need volunteers also donations! Lots more info to follow, so watch this space!

## Getting the most from Sleep



Do you feel as though you are getting enough sleep at night? Do you have problems falling asleep or staying asleep? Research conducted in 2021, found that 36% of UK adults struggle to get to sleep on a weekly basis and nearly half of the UK have trouble falling asleep at least once a month. The NHS recommends that we have 7-9 hours of sleep each night, and up to 10 hours for younger children. Here are some tips to help us get the most from sleep:

Try to sleep at the same time each night, and wake up at the same time each morning, even on the weekends.

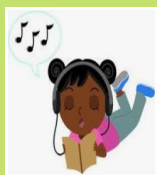
Avoid taking naps after 3pm, and don't nap for longer than 20 minutes.

Avoid caffeine after 2pm, if you are sensitive to its effects.

Exercise regularly but try to avoid this within 2-3 hours of bedtime.

Follow a routine to help you relax before sleep (e.g., reading or listening to music).

Aim to turn off the TV and other screens at least an hour before bedtime.



## Attendance Updates

Our whole school attendance for last week was a disappointing **92.85%**, which is significantly below our target of **96%**, please continue to strive for 100% attendance. Children who arrived late for school this week was 129, this figure continues to be extremely high and equates to over 20 hours of lost learning time. We will continue to send reminder texts, letters and invite parents in for meetings.

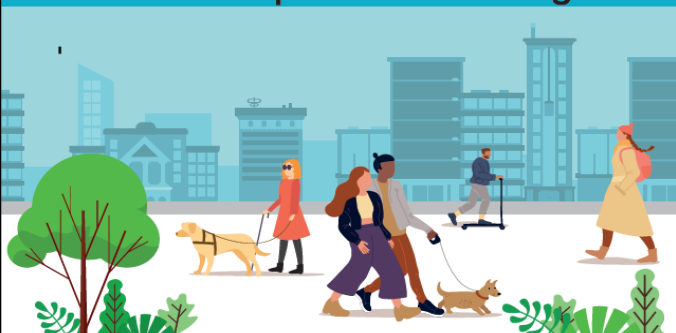
**Soft start is from 8.45-9am. The gate will now close promptly at 9am and all those who are late will need to enter through the office. If your child arrives after 9.15am in the morning this will automatically be registered as an unauthorised late. If the lateness is due to an appointment please let the office know and provide an appointment card.**

### Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

#### Bee On Time



## Princess Road permanent changes



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## Y6 School Journey is Approaching!

School journey is around the corner and the children are very excited. To avoid any disappointment, please make sure you have made your full payment by 1st June, otherwise your child would not be able to attend and no refund will be available. If you have difficulty with the payments please contact us and we will endeavour to help. Please login to your [SchoolMoney](#) account to finalise your payment.

In November and December 2021 we consulted on whether to make the trial changes on Princess Road permanent. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views.

On the 4th February 2022, Camden's Director of Environment and Sustainability made the decision to make the trial changes on Princess Road permanent. The scheme restricts motor vehicles from entering Princess Road (with exemptions) during the following times: 8:15am - 9:30am and 3pm - 4pm, Monday to Friday during term time only.

Exemptions for the scheme are available for residents and businesses on Princess Road, as well as for Blue Badge holders that require access. Other exemptions (including temporary or one off exemptions) may be agreed with the council on a case by case basis. In order to find out more about exemptions for the scheme, including how to apply, please visit [www.camden.gov.uk/healthyschoolstreets](https://www.camden.gov.uk/healthyschoolstreets). All previously agreed exemptions remain valid.

We will also be making some changes in late Spring 2022, which include: 1. Widening the pavement outside Primrose Hill Primary School. 2. Installing a raised area of road and extending the pavement at the junction of Princess Road and Chalcot Road. 3. Planting two new trees and installing cycle parking outside the school.

To make these changes we need to remove one parking bay on Chalcot Road and one on Princess Road.

You can read the decision report and our feedback to the consultation responses on our website, which you can access using the link or QR code below.

If you have any questions you can email us at [healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.school.streets@camden.gov.uk) or call us on 020 7974 4444.



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**PRIMROSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
LUNCH MONEY**

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

PER DAY .....	£ 2.29
PER WEEK .....	£ 11.45
FIRST HALF TERM (26 DAYS) .....	£ 59.54
SECOND HALF TERM (34 DAYS) .....	£ 77.86
WHOLE TERM (60 DAYS).....	£137.40

- ❖ Payment is online only through your **SchoolMoney** account
- ❖ Payments must be made **in advance**: weekly, half termly or for the whole term
- ❖ Anyone wishing to change to or from school lunch is required to give **2 weeks'** notice to **Lisa or Tara in the office in writing (letter or email) [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)**

❖ If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply through the Camden website:  
<https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals/isxt>

If your application is successful, please let the school know as soon as you receive your confirmation. *Please note, free school meals cannot be backdated – but will only apply from the date the school receives official confirmation from Camden – so don't delay!*

Pupils in **Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2)** are all **automatically** entitled to Universal Free School Meals – however, if you are in receipt of benefits please do apply to Camden as above, as you may be eligible for Non-Universal Free School Meals, for which the school receives additional funding for resources etc.

However, pupils in **Nursery (Froglets)** and **Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)** have to pay for meals unless they have applied for free school meals through the Camden website and are found to be eligible.

**Nursery 2-3 Year Olds Admissions for  
September 2022**

If you, or someone you know, have a child born between **1st Sept 2019 and 31st Aug 2020**, they may be eligible for a space in our **2-3 year old Nursery**, Tadpoles! Applications can be found on our website <https://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/%20school-information/admissions/> or you can email **Ilirjana or Tara** on [admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) for more information.

**Free childcare  
for 2 year olds**



**School Dinner Payment:**

A reminder please to always ensure you are paying for lunches in advance – not in arrears.

We are having a big push on lunch debts as sadly the school is not in a position to finance these.

Reminders will be going out weekly by text and email. Tara (Admissions & Attendance Officer) and Julia (School Business Manager) will be individually contacting those in arrears over the next week.

We do understand that these are difficult financial times for many of our families, so if you think you may be **eligible** for **Free School Meals**, don't hesitate to contact the office and they will advise you on how to apply.

Please click [here](#) to make payments.

**Half-term**  
Enjoy **FREE** family workshops around our exhibition  
**Superheroes, Orphans & Origins: 125 years in Comics**



**WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?**  
Tuesday 28 May  
Design a shadow puppet with superpowers & perform a shadow puppet play.

**SUPER STORIES**  
Wednesday 1 June  
Learn to make superhero comic strip illustrations.

**CAPE CRUSADERS!**  
Thursday 2 June  
Make your own superhero cape & mask.

**SUPERHERO JUBILEE BUNTING**  
Friday 3 June  
Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by creating large-scale bunting.

12:00-13:00 & 14:00-15:00  
Suitable for age 5+

Book your **FREE** places at [foundlingmuseum.org.uk](http://foundlingmuseum.org.uk)

**Foundling  
Museum**

*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 - 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 (34 days)  
*(Friday 22 July 2022 - extra day for Jubilee Bank Holiday)*

**INSET DAYS**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022



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**Term Dates 2022 – 2023**

**Autumn Term 2022**

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

**INSET DAYS**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

# **Last day of term Thursday 21st July 2022 @ 1:30pm**

Please make arrangement for your child/ren to be collected at 1:30pm on the last day of term, 21st July

Children are excepted back to school on Monday 5th September 2022

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

## *Star Learners!*

**Tadpoles – Aseel & Jack**

**Froglets – Everyone**

**Ladybirds – Adam W & Florence**

**Dragonflies – Erina & Luat**

**Butterflies – Halima & Katie**

**Grasshoppers – Everyone**

**Beetles – Aiyana & Eli**

**Bats – Zora & Isaac**

**Squirrels – Alice & Noga**

**Hedgehogs – Maysa & Torri**

**Foxes – Leonel & Zita**

**Blackbirds – Y5 Debaters**

(Alannah, Idris, Riyan, Stran, Hiwaad, Teddy, Erika, Jorge, Keturah)

**Woodpeckers – Y5 Debaters**

(Mythell and Samy)

**Hérons – Everyone**

**Kestrels – Everyone**

## *EYFS...*

Wow it has been another busy and exciting week in Ladybirds. It started on Monday with a basket and letter from the Little Red Hen. She wanted us to look after her eggs whilst she is on holiday. She also left the ingredients for us to make our own bread rolls! The eggs arrived on Tuesday, she said they may even hatch while she is away...we are watching and waiting.



## *Year 1 & 2...*

Year 2 have been learning how to write explanation texts. This week, they have been designing and creating their very own machines to write about! We had some fantastic ideas; ice cream machines, unicorn machines and even a machine which turns teachers into frogs! They have also created a prototype for their puppets which they will be sewing soon!



*Year 4. We are fashion. D&T project of sustainable clothing. Upcycling outfits to reduce waste.*



*In preparation to make cushion covers for School Journey, Year 6 have been doing some therapeutic sewing in between their Sats tests.*

