

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Another week has flown by with a huge amount of work going on in the school. Year 6, having completed their SATs, were able to start a science topic learning about using Morse Code, the chicks in Ladybirds hatched this week causing huge excitement and the caterpillars in Froglets are all in their chrysalises. Year 4's sustainability project and Fashion Show was a rip-roaring success and budding Coco Chanel's and Jean Paul Gaultier's showed off their skills. Next week we welcome two Ukrainian families into the Primrose Hill community. It is a privilege to be able to actively help them in their situation and I know the entire community will give them the huge Primrose Hill welcome that we all recognise makes the school an extra special place to be. **Phil**

RAILINGS!!

Despite the strange sounding title of the article I am delighted to let you know that we have been accepted for full funding to replace the railings at the front of the school. This was part of the Community Infrastructure Levy that local councillors Pat Callaghan and Richard Cotton sponsored us for. The bid was accepted on the grounds that it would positively enhance the front of the school for future generations. The current ones are 138 years old so it's time for them to be replaced. However, the front of the school won't look any different — to comply with the strict planning regulations we are even using the same colour paint they would have had in 1884!

Attendance Updates

Our whole school attendance for this week has dropped again to **91.75%**, which is significantly below our target of **96%**. Please continue to strive for 100% attendance. **A huge clap for Dragonflies who had the highest attendance of 99.33%. 126** children arrived late for school this week. Although this shows a slight improvement, 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 to school after 9.15am this is marked as an unauthorised late.

We appreciate you all making a huge effort to arrive at school before 9am.

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Bee On Time



Instagram Page



Follow us [@primrosehillprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/primrosehillprimaryschool)

We have a NEW Instagram account! Please search for [primrosehillprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/primrosehillprimaryschool) on Instagram and follow the one with the picture of the school. This will give updates of all things that are taking place in school over the weeks and months!

Tuck Shop

Our extremely popular wellbeing tuck shop is back by popular demand next week. The tuck shop will happen on Wednesday and Friday of next week. All items will cost between 50p - £1 so please save your change to enable your children to visit the School Council's exciting tuck shop!



Y6 School Journey is Approaching!

School journey is around the corner and the Year 6 children are very excited. To avoid any disappointment, please make sure you have made your full payment by **1st June**. 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.

MHST Transition to Secondary School Webinar for Parents or Carers of Year 6 children

Dear parents and carers of Year 6 children,

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are excited to offer all primary schools within Camden a parent and carer webinar around supporting young people in Year 6 as they prepare to move from primary to secondary school in September 2022.

The webinar will be held online via Zoom and lasts for 60 minutes, with an optional follow-up slot of 30 minutes for questions and comments.

Parents and carers of Year 6 children may choose one of two dates:

• Thursday 9th June 12:00-13:30

Friday 8th July 12:00-13:00

To sign up, please use the following link or QR code:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/291183516737>



Families, Food & Feelings Parenting Group

Free 6 week parenting programme for parents and carers of children aged 5-17 who live in or are registered with a GP in Islington or Camden. This group is aimed at parents of children who are struggling with excess weight.

The friendly facilitators provide strategies and insight to help parents feel confident in:

- Having routines around mealtimes
- Setting healthy boundaries around food
- Encouraging children to eat more fruit and vegetables
- Modelling healthy behaviours
- Managing emotional eating
- Helping children to have a healthy relationship with food and more...

The groups are run 4 times a year. We accept referrals from professionals or self-referrals from parents/carers.

Email brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net to refer or find out more information

Brandon Centre



What is it?

Race to Health is an award winning online physical activity challenge for primary and secondary school children that encourages them to participate in daily physical activity. The aim is to increase the number of children that are meeting the physical activity guidelines of 60 minutes per day.

This year's race is themed around the Queen's Jubilee, celebrating her 70 years in the throne. The race route takes us on a jubilee journey through some of London's most iconic landmarks and the beautiful Royal Parks.

How it works

Your child will receive log in details from their class teacher and will be encouraged to log in to the website regularly to record their daily physical activity. Each minute of physical activity equates to distance in miles and collectively the physical activity minutes accumulated by pupils at your child's school will help the school move along the route and edge closer to the finish line.

Schools will be competing to be the first in Camden & Islington to make it to Moscow, Russia, while classes will be competing against each other to be the most active.

Each week, your child will be eligible to win a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal in three areas; participation, improvement and time. Participation relates to how often your child enters their physical activity data, improvement relates to increases in physical activity levels for that week compared to the previous week and time relates to how close they are to achieving the recommended 60 minutes of activity per day.

The medals also correspond to points and if your child has participated in a Race to Health previously, you can encourage them to try to gain more points than they received last time!



Getting Started

To get started your child will need to click **Log In** and enter their log in details on the website <https://www.racetohhealth.co.uk/>. If your child has forgotten their password, please ask them to speak to their teacher as they will have it recorded – please **do not** click forgotten your password?



This will then take you to the **Home Page**. Your child will have the option to select his or her own character by clicking on their name, which will appear in the top right corner of the page. Your child will be able to select a character of their choosing.



How to enter minutes of physical activity

To record physical activity, click **Log Book** at the top. This will take your child to their log book where they will be able to record details of their physical activity.



To log an activity, your child will need to select the **Date** it took place, the **Location**, (either during school hours, or outside of school hours) the **Activity Type** and the **number of minutes** they participated in that activity.

If your child participated in many different types of physical activities, they will need to make separate entries for each.

What counts as physical activity?

Physical activity is any activity that gets you breathing a little heavier and your heart beating a little bit faster. Some examples include walking, active games, running, swimming, scooting, football, tennis, karate, gymnastics, netball and dance.

How can I support my child?

You can support your child by reminding them to log in and record their physical activity levels daily. If you have a very young child, you may need to log in and record their physical activity levels for them. Ideally it is best to log in and record physical activity every day as your child may forget how active they were if a few days go by.

You can also support your child by encouraging them to be physically active, by suggesting games and activities that they can take part in, or best of all, by getting active with them! Physical activity not only improves our health and physical fitness, but also our confidence, social skills, coordination, concentration, learning, sleep and overall makes us feel good! Take this opportunity to increase your own physical activity levels – you'll be surprised how much better you will feel and how much fun you will have with your child!



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

❖ 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.

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.

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 for more information.

Free childcare for 2 year olds



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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 - 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 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Tuesday 19th 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 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 5th 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 expected back to school on Monday 5th September 2022

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Star Learners!

Tadpoles – Hannah & Colt

Froglets – Amelia- Rose and Ketevan

Ladybirds – Juliana & Romeo

Dragonflies – Erina & Ismaeel

Butterflies – Lila & Emma

Grasshoppers – Mohamed & Ursula

Beetles – Hugo & Ahil

Bats – David & Ajana

Squirrels – Aisha & Samuel

Hedgehogs – Yasin & Maahir

Foxes – Hanna & Poppy

Blackbirds – Asya and Nathan

Woodpeckers – Rahiem and Ilan

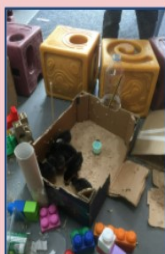
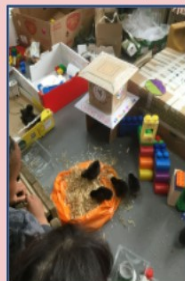
Heron – Frankie, Wyatt & Prudence

Kestrels – Nina & Alex

EYFS...



It's been a very lovely week with our new chicks. Unfortunately they hatched on Saturday but what a great surprise for all the Ladybirds to arrive on Monday to see 8 little black chicks in the classroom. We have had a lot of fun looking after them and finished the end of the week making them a playground. We are sad to say goodbye to them today as The Little Red Hen is back from her holiday and is taking them home to the farm. We are so pleased she asked us to look after them.



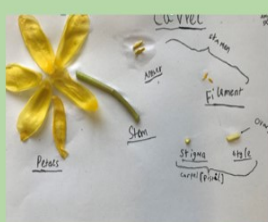
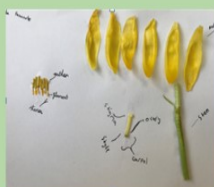
Year 1 The Wonders of Water

Year 1 have had fun exploring the Wonders of Water! We have been reading a book called Billy's Bucket, which is about a boy who imagines seeing lots of sea creatures in his bucket. We made our own buckets and filled them with fish, mermaids, turtles and more! We were also very surprised to see a fish tank and real fish in our classrooms! They are our new pets and we are going to look after them really well.

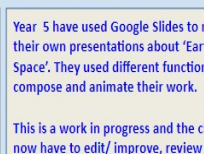
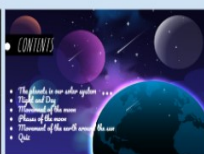


Year 3 & 4...

In Year 3, we have been learning all about plants. This week we have learnt about the different parts of a flower and their functions. In science we dissected tulips and labels the parts.



Year 5 & 6...



Year 5 have used Google Slides to make their own presentations about 'Earth and Space'. They used different functions to compose and animate their work.

This is a work in progress and the children now have to edit/improve, review and present their work.