

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Primrose Families,

Last week I valued my time getting to know the staff and families. This week, I have been busy getting to know the children, visiting classroom and getting an understanding of what makes Primrose Hill a place where everyone is welcome.

It was lovely to see the Reception and Nursery children officially start. You are now part of our Primrose family and I hope that both you and your child enjoy being part of this special community.

Words that resonated with me this week:

Harsha



## What is mindset?

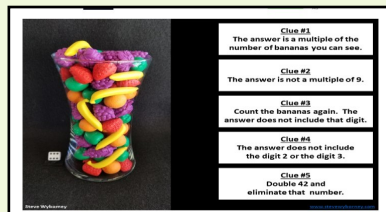
Growth Mindset

Research shows that there are different beliefs about ability:

- **Fixed Mindset:** intelligence is fixed and it can't be changed; give up easily; failure or mistakes is proof that they are 'no good at maths' or are 'rubbish at writing.'
- **Growth Mindset:** ability and intelligence can be developed through effort, persistence and learning from mistakes; bounce back from difficulties because failure or mistakes are part of improving and learning.

At Primrose Hill, we believe every child is capable of learning anything: we are a Growth Mindset School. The Growth Mindset principles support and develop metacognition and help children remember more.

We believe that the best thing to do is to teach children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy the effort, and keep on learning. For children who find work easy, we make sure that they encounter more difficult tasks. I noticed our children recognise and value the importance of effort, persistence and embrace their mistakes as part of the learning process as what helps them improve. Our teachers modelled this during training session delivered by Jemma (one of our Y5 teachers) where she set everyone problem solving exercise. I noticed how the staff were thinking critically, applying their mathematical skills, working collaboratively and were persistent till they solved the problem on the right.



The children are rewarded for effort as well as outcome and are encouraged to challenge themselves. There is no ceiling for their learning and all children are encouraged to try, even when they feel stuck. Indeed, being 'stuck' is seen as an important part of the learning process.

I want to introduce you to another person that inspired me, Dr Carol Dweck. <https://youtu.be/hiiEeMN7vbQ>.

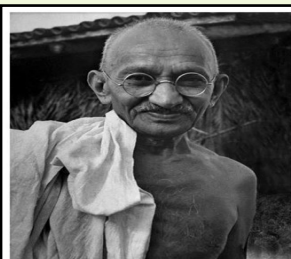
Carol Dweck's theory are embedded in the school ethos and the staff and children relish challenges, embrace mistakes as part of the learning process, value effort, respond carefully to feedback and take inspiration from others.

Think of some brilliant people – now think about their route to becoming brilliant. Did this happen overnight or because they worked really, really hard at it?

We hope to continue to create a culture of aspiration, determination and resilience.

Boost motivation and achievement = SUCCESS.

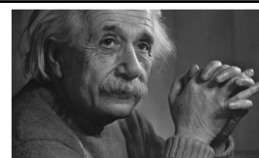
Effort



Satisfaction lies in the effort, not the attainment; full effort is full victory.

Mahatma Gandhi

It's not that I'm so smart; I just stay with problems longer.



Albert Einstein

## Toys and board games

We want to refresh our wet play games and activities, so we are reaching out to parents for pre-loved lego, small world play, games and books. We will collect them from you at the bottom of the stairs next week.



Thanks so much!

## Y6 ex pupils parents

We are happy to have a coffee morning for our Y6 ex pupils parents to come in and share their experiences of secondary education with our Y5 and Y6 parents.

**We would like to have a coffee morning  
Monday 26th September at 9:00am**

If you are interested, please email  
Ilirjana Sfarqa at  
isfarqa@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk



## Celebrating International day

**Thursday 29th September 3.30-5pm**

**We are all very excited to announce a fabulous opportunity for our wonderfully diverse school community to come together and celebrate International day!**



**We will have the most amazing food from around the world, cooked with love by the whole school community.**



## Coffee Morning

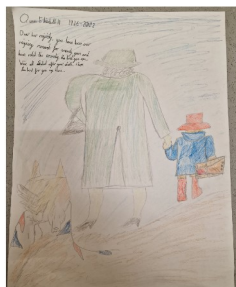
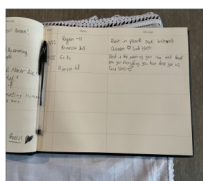
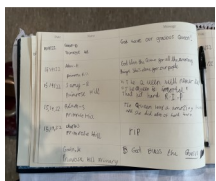
Parents coffee morning on **Tuesday 20th September** will provide an IT support. If you have problems with login google classroom or any other general IT questions, please come in the community room at 9.00 am.

Google Classroom



## Visit to St Marks Church

8 children from Year 6 and I paid our respects to our queen through writing messages in our condolences book. - Harsha



Special drawing from Bert who paid respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We think he captures Her Majesty and Paddington Bear perfectly, just as they were at the Jubilee celebrations!

## ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Our whole school attendance for this week is **94.2%**, which is a vast improvement and getting closer to our 96% target. Please continue to strive for 100% attendance. **A huge clap for Grasshoppers who had the highest attendance of 99.65%.**

Number of late arrivals this week was **51**, which also shows a pleasing improvement. We will continue to send reminder texts, letters and invite parents in for meetings. **Soft start is from 8.45-9am. The gate will continue to 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.**

Primrose Hill Primary School



Term Dates 2022 - 2023

### INSET DAYS

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

### Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October 2022 (35 days)

Half-term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Monday 31st October - Friday 16th December 2022 (35 days)

Christmas break: Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023.

### Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February 2023 (28 days)

Half-term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March 2023 (30 days)

Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023.  
(including Good Friday, 7th April, and Easter Monday, 10th April).

### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2023 (29 days)  
Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 14th May 2023

Half-term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023  
(including Spring Bank Holiday 29 May)

Tuesday 6th June to Friday 21st July 2023 (34 days)



Open Evening & Mornings at Parliament Hill School for Girls!

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

5pm – 7.30pm

# OPEN MORNINGS

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9am

Open Evening – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 17.00-19.30

Open Mornings – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

9.00-10.30

Gospel Oak Primary School Only Open Morning – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

9.00-10.30

Parliament Hill School, Hyde Road No need to book

# Families

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## October Camp!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to October Camp 2022! We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and **Football** and **Dance** at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)!

We will be running for 1 week, from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. Bookings made before **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts, and you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£27.50** for a day, or **£99** for a week!

Head to our website to book now:  
<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

## You are a star!

We are so proud of each and every one of you!  
A big special mention for these children this week.  
Well done!

### EYFS Star Learners

Tadpoles **Emilia and Jack**

Froglets **Kiki and Noah**

Reception Ladybirds **Riana and Roy**

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### Y1 and Y2 Star Learners

Y1: Dragonflies Kayan & Marwa

Y1 Butterflies: **Dominica & Deen**

Y2: Grasshoppers: **Ruby & Lucas**

Y2: Beetles **Cora & Yehia**

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### Y3 and Y4 Star Learners

Y3: Squirrels **Henry & Iqra**

Y3: Bats **Aiyana and Destiny**

Y4 Hedgehogs: **Sasha & Louise**

Y4 Foxes: **Jinghan & Toby**

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### Y5 and Y6 Star Learners

Y5: Blackbirds **Flora and Iqra**

Y5: Woodpeckers **Ruby & Andi**

Y6 Kestrels **Ylli & Keturah**

Y6: Herons **Maria & Neron**

## You are a star!

Y1 went for a walk along the canal to search for minibeasts. Some of us even saw a dragonfly! Back at school, we wrote about what we had seen.

I saw a fly and a spider. The spider was brown.

I didn't see any things. I really wanted to see a dragonfly.

I really wanted to see a dragonfly. I didn't see ANY insects.

## You are a star!

### Y3 and Y4

In Year 3, we have started our new text Gregory Cool. We have been doing drama in class to help us think about how the characters are feeling.