# Prímrose Híll Prímary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Primrose Hill families,

Children have only been back 25 days. However, the amount of progress that has been made in such a short time is amazing! Well done the whole Primrose Hill Team.

We have had an exciting week, our chair of governors Deborah Issacs and Magen Inon made a visit to the school to see Little Wandle Phonics, Early Reading, and Guided reading in action. They met with Marianne (Leader of Learning for English) and went on a walk through the school to see Reading in action and the impact it is having on our children. Deborah met with Lia (Leader of Learning for Early Reading) and Sophie (Leader of Learning for Phonics) to talk through the impact of Little Wandle and Early reading. All in all, they were really impressed with how we prioritise reading in our curriculum and how much our children are engaged in their learning. Reading has been a whole school priority and we have reaped the rewards of the actions we have taken to ensure that all our pupils have a love of reading. In the summer, these were our outcomes in Reading:

Reception	
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Primrose Hill is slightly below Camden outcomes.

	School	Camden	National
Word	72%	75%	tbc in
Reading			November

١	Y1 Phonics				
		School	Camden	National	
	% of pupils working at the expected standard	83%	77%	75%	

We introduced Little Wandle in January 2022 and we have seen some successful outcomes. We are pleased to say we are above National and Camden with pupils achieving the expected standards in phonics. Y2 Reading

		School	Camden	National
	of pupils working at the expected andard	68%	72%	67%
% (	of pupils working at greater depth	24%	22%	18%

Our reading outcomes were above National and just below Camden schools. In addition, we are thrilled that our pupils achieving greater depth outperform pupils both in Camden and Nationally.

#### Y6 Reading

ſ		School	Camden	National
ĺ	% of pupils working at the expected standard	89%	85%	74%
ĺ	% of pupils working at greater depth	44%	38%	28%

Our reading outcomes in Year 6 at both expected and greater depth are well above National and Camden outcomes.

Our high achievements are due to our ambitions for all our pupils. Primrose Hill pupils make exceptional academic progress and achieve very well compared to their local peers in Camden and Nationally. We are extremely proud of all our pupils and will continue to improve year on year.

Nothing stops us even in a pandemic, this did not affect our ambitious relentless drive to improve pupils outcomes. Learning to read occurs in the Early Years of a child's education and this is where our synthetic phonics programme Little Wandle comes in. The children continue to be progressing through this stage until they achieve fluency in reading, where they are ready to tackle difficult texts across the curriculum and begin to 'Read to Learn'.

Camden Learning has set all Camden schools a challenge for 2030 for every child to be a reader by 7. I want us to take this challenge on now as we want every child to have a love of reading when they leave Year 2.

If you would like to be a reading volunteer and can help us to achieve our target of every child is a reader by 7, please follow this link, and sign up to give us 1hr of your time every week. We will invest in you and train you to be a Reading Champion for our children. **Reading Champion expression of interest:** <u>https://forms.gle/9Q8T7Y6UBK2Twv6c7</u>

# Values for Year 1

Definition: A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour

September: Friendship **October: Kindness** November: Perseverance December: Gratitude January: Happiness February: Empathy March: Resilience April: Positive May : Integrity June: Respect July: Persistence August: Honestv

# **Kindness is** .....sharing and caring .....thinking of others ...being kind to **NDNeSs**

Imagine a world where everyone is kind. How

Task: Kindness Jar

can we make that come true? Can you think of any ways to be kind?



This could include ways to be kind to your family, friends, others in your community, animals and the world. There are lots of great ways we can be all be kinder.

What can you do to be kind today?

Why don't you make a list and challenge yourself (and your family) to do as many things as you can.

Why not encourage kindness at home by making your own Kindness Jar?

All you need is an empty jar and some slips of paper. Decorate your jar using any materials you have home. On each slip of paper write down an act of kindness that you and your family could do. Add all your slips into the jar and pick one act of kindness each day.

#### Black History Month: Theme is Time for Change: Actions not words.

My Top 6 books that our children will love -and so will you!

#### Here are some books the children will learn about and celebrate during Black History month:











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# Harsha's Home Talk Activity





How do they work?

We suggest a Thinking Move of the

We give you ideas to explore and activities to do at home

You pick the appropriate activities for your child's age

You should feel free to make up your own activities too

# https://youtu.be/XFQZfeHq9wo

### Talking points

- o What made the tree happy?
- o Did the boy get too greedy?

o Does giving people things make you happy? or is there a tree that you really like?

- What are Thinking Moves? A way to describe different types of thinking A way to help children improve the way they think A combination of verbal, written, visual and activity-led learning
  - A new idea which is taking off quickly in schools around the world





## Thinking Move of the Week

Thinking moves for Early Years (The Grove, Tadpoles, Froglets and Ladybirds)





Can you remember a dream you had?

#### **ATTENDANCE UPDATES**

Our whole school attendance for this week is 94.13%, which, sadly, has dipped from last week. We really need to work together to reach our 96% target. Please continue to strive for 100% attendance. A huge clap for Kestrels who had the highest attendance this week 98.57%.

Number of late arrivals this week was 68, a great improvement on last week (72). We will continue to send reminder texts, letters and invite parents in for meetings when we are concerned about a child's attendance and punctuality.

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.

National Poetry Day was yesterday, and its main purpose is to celebrate Poetry Tools language and communication. rhythm A poetry competition. line breaks makes you tap your foot Writing in Shorter lines to slow the reader Follow this link for a BBC live lesson: simile Comparing using like https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/ezmp8g/live/cffnc8 down metaphor The theme of the poem is 'My Primary School' – celebrating what our children Saying that one thing is something else personification enjoy. giving human traits to something that is not human As a reward for taking part there will be a special tea party with Harsha and imagery some poetry books for your classroom. helping the reader form a picture in their mind All winning poems will be celebrated in the newsletter and a poetry book will alliteration using the same sound at the be shared with the community. Grepetition (9 beginning of neighboring words Please bring in all entries to the competition by Friday 14th October repeating something Very cute bunny looking for a new home with a garden. He is absolutely gorgeous and he is great around children. If you are interested please contact Georgia Robins M: 020 379 60000 Artists, designers, craft makers and architects We are looking for these creative people E: georgia.robins@crick.ac.uk amongst our Primrose Hill community. If you have any of these skills and would be happy to give some time to share them with the children in our school Please contact Maria Felstead Art and Design lead via the office admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk **Effective Study Strategies:** Free webinar for parents/carers with Kate Jones Looking for fun-filled, flexible childcare for this October and Christmas? Some study strategies are more effective than others. Find out in this free webinar, aimed at parents and carers, the study approaches Venue: Holy Trinity CE School, Hampstead, NW3 5SQ. wc 25th October 2022 + wc 19th December 2022 students should avoid and those that should Rated 5\* by parents on Netmums and Feefo, our Ofsted-registered Holiday Camps bring together the very best of music and childcare to engage and inspire your child every school holiday. be embraced! There will be lots of useful and onderfully different and includes our "Learn Tog orning lessons. Choose from either guitar, violin a cation and dates. Free hire of an instrument for e practical advice, based on the latest evidence from research, offered to parents/carers to is not set our carefully-created workshops, designed by our red Head Office team and based on the theme of the week. Worksho range from dance, music, art to sport. support learning outside of the classroom. iss out on our End of Holiday Camp Grand C end to a Friend for 10% Off - For Both of You! Thursday 17th November 7 - 8pm. You: a 10% off voucher for your next b ing with us Your Friend : can also claim 10% off their booking with us Free tickets via Eventbrite. Hosted by teacher thestringsclub.org or call our Head Office team on 0121 296 9204 Why Consider Us? and best-selling author Kate Jones via Zoom. Ofsted-registered so we can welcome childrer • Feel free to book one day to the whole exp • Free hire of an instrument • £50 per day + 10% sibling discount • Qualified, experienced, fully DBS checked • Standard hours and Extended Hours ava Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare a Primrose Hill Primary School Term Dates 2022 – 2023 ok forward to seeing you so 2022 🚖 🚖 🚖 🚖 feefo<sup>ee</sup> Gold Trusted Service Award Amy and The Strings Club Team Autumn Term 2022 ber to Friday 21# Octobe r 2022 (35 days) day Et Sonto Monday 31# October - Friday 16th December 2022 (35 days) STRING Spring Term 2023 ednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (28 days) day 20th February to Friday 31# March 2023 (30 days) CREATE CALM Summer Term 2023 NO CHILD THO Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (29 days) Early May Bank <u>Holiday: Monday 14 May 2023</u> **NORD** STRING iday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 Jing Spring Bank Holiday 29 Mayl SEARCH LOOKING FOR sday 6th June to Friday 21# July 2023 (34 days) SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR THE SCHOOL WORD SCRAMBLE INSET DAYS Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Ser Tuesday BAIS <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> Fnday 2<sup>nd</sup> Septem <sup>1</sup>Uesday 3<sup>id</sup> January 202 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 HOLIDAYS? Avec rd \* \* \* \* \*

