

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Primrose Hill Families,

We continue to REFINE and IMPROVE.....

I can't believe we have nearly reached the end of the first half term already? The children have settled well in class and they are producing super work across the curriculum. I want to thank my wonderful staff and leadership team for their hard work and embracing the changes that have been made. This week we have had Steven Hall (Head of Camden Learning), Martin Pratt and Pauline Maddison (Camden Council) who were all so impressed with our children. Samy, Zahrah, Stran and Hiwaad our Year 6 Head of Ambassadors put them through their paces and asked them some very challenging questions. Tom West and the choir did some singing which was outstanding, they sang a song 'Home' which was written by a Camden resident. They were so impressed with our staff and their relationships with our children. Well done EVERYONE!

I would like to meet with parents in a series of workshops on developing a dynamic vision, I will talk to staff, governors and children and try and encapsulate this in a creative way. Start thinking of four words that underpin the vision for the school. We want to keep the language simple so that our children also understand our vision. **Harsha**

## October

October means so much to different people. Our Jewish families and staff have celebrated Rosh Hashanah, (Jewish New Year), our Sikh and Hindu families will soon be celebrating Diwali, (Festival of Lights). On the last Sunday in October our clock goes back by one hour, marking the end of British Summer and the start of shorter days.

I will be celebrating Diwali with my family and friends.

Currently, schools nationally are celebrating **Black History Month**.

Black History Month is a way to celebrate and recognise the contribution of Black people to British society.



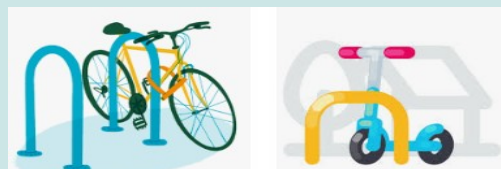
## Scooters and Bikes

We are so pleased to inform you that the scooter/bike park will be open after the half term holidays!

We encourage all the parents to park them into the scooter park in front of the school. Please make sure to lock your scooter/bike as school takes no responsibility for loss or stolen items.

The Muga is being used for the sports activities and having the scooters/bikes parked there is limiting access for the children to use it!

Thank you all for your co-operation!



## Harsha's Home Talk Activity

### P4C discussion suggestions 1

For age 3 – 5 years



#### Talking Points

- Which of these toys would be fun to play with - why?
- Which would be boring to play with - why?
- Do you think other children would think the same as you - why?

#### Fun Activity

- Print the sheet and cut out each image.
- Get, or draw, two big rings - one each for fun and boring toys. Have some overlap in the middle if they can't make their mind up.
- Ask your child to put the images in the appropriate rings and to say why.

### P4C discussion suggestions 2

For age 6 – 9 years

#### Stimulus



**New Friends** by David Shrigley  
David Shrigley is a British artist working in Brighton. This animation explores the question of needing to be like our friends - and whether it's right to try and change people so that they conform.

#### Talking Points

- How do they try to make the new friend fit in?
- Why do you think they would do that?
- Is it important to be like your friends?
- Is it OK to be the odd one out?

#### Fun Activity

- Draw a picture of yourself playing with your friends.
- Get your friends to do the same and then send each other the pictures.

### Thinking Move of the week



**DIVIDE**

How are x and y different?

Let's list the differences

Whereas  
Different  
Contrast  
Part Separate  
Exception Opposite  
Analyse List  
Element Tell apart  
Distinguish

### Sign it.....

<https://vimeo.com/406887338>



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## Parental Engagement

One of the strengths of our school is our work with parents and carers. Our learning is inter-linked: as we learn so much from you and we in turn hope to support you in knowing more about our curriculum and policies.

Please look at our curriculum and pastoral programmes and know that you are most welcome to attend.

Pastoral support for Parents and carers

Day	Time	Focus	Leader	Room
Tuesday's Every week	9:00-10:00am	Coffee mornings	Edina and Amal	Community Room
Thursday Every Week	9:00-10:00am	Knitting / Crochet club	Edina	Community Room

### Share a book

Day	Time	Focus	Classroom
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y2
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y1
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y3
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y4
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y5
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y6

### Stay and Plays

Day	Time	Focus	Classroom
Froglets Tuesday 8th November	9:00-9:30am	'share a story'	Froglets
Ladybirds Wednesday 9th November	9:00-9:30am	'share a story'	Ladybirds
Tadpoles Thursday 10th November	9:00-9:30am	'share a story'	Tadpoles

Day	Time	Focus	Classroom
Froglets Tuesday 29th November	9:00-9:30am	fine motor and mark making	Froglets
Ladybirds Wednesday 30th November	9:00-9:30am	fine motor and mark making	Ladybirds
Tadpoles	9:00-9:30am	fine motor and mark making	Tadpoles

### Curriculum support for Parents / Carers – Maths workshop

Day	Time	Focus	Leader	Room
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9:00-9:30am	How to help your child with Phonics and Reading for Reception Parents and Carers	Lia	Middle Hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:00-9:30am	How to help your child with Phonics and Reading for Y1 Parents and Carers	Lia	Middle Hall
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:00-9:30am	How to help your child with Phonics and Reading for Year 2 Parents and Carers	Sophie	Middle Hall
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:00-9:30am	How to help your child with Maths for Year 1 Parents and Carers	Marina	Middle Hall
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9:00-9:30am	How to help your child with Maths for Year 2 Parents and Carers	Marina	Middle Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00-9:30am	How to support your child with SATS – for Year 2 Parents and Carers	Sophie	Middle Hall



### School council

School council have been busy gaining ideas and views from their peers in deciding what to focus on this year. The wellbeing tuck shop has been a huge success as usual and they plan to rejuvenate the wellbeing post box to compliment and solidify our school values. The school council press officer will take over the newsletter updates after half term, so watch this space!

### Tuck Shop

I am pleased to inform you all that the wellbeing tuck shop made £150. Thank you to all who supported and we hope everyone enjoyed the experience.

Riyan (Treasurer)

School Council



### STEAM Exhibition

Y4 will be having their STEAM exhibition on **Friday 4th November, in the Middle Hall, from 8.45 until 9.15.** All Y4 parents only are

invited to come to see the exhibition when dropping off their child. Please arrive by 9.00. thank you, Marianne and Jacob.

### Library Books

Please have a good hunt at home for school library books and return them the first week back after half-term as the shelves are looking a bit empty! If a book has been lost, please pay the £5.00 fine to the office who will inform Marianne. The book can then be removed from your child's account. Thank you.



### Artists, designers, craft makers and architects

We are looking for these creative people 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 [ad-min@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:ad-min@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

**Half term holiday, why not visit the Tate Modern and Tate Britain for creative family activities**

<https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/families-at-tate>

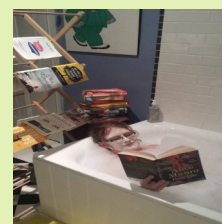
<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/story-space/story-space-family-day>

### Extreme Reading

We all love reading and we all know how important reading is but how far are you prepared to go?

Marianne loves to read in the bath! And sometimes ends up with soggy books! Some people will read anywhere! After all, every minute spent reading is a minute well spent. Extreme Reading Day is coming. We want you to take photos of yourselves reading – anywhere and everywhere. What is the most extreme reading situation you can find?

1. Choose a book.
2. Find an unusual (but safe) place to read it.
3. Ask your parent/carer to take your photograph.
4. Email your photo to [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) or print it off and hand in to your class teacher.
5. Don't forget to include your name and class on the photograph.



Please send all entries into school by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November so that we can reveal the winners on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. **There will be a prize for the most 'extreme' reader in each year group.**

All the photographs which are sent to school will be used on display in school or on the school's website.

Have fun reading!

### Attendance Expectations

Our whole school attendance for this week is **93.21%**, which is a real drop this week, with lots of illnesses throughout the school.. Please continue to strive for 100% attendance .

**A clap for Butterflies who had the highest attendance of 96.79%.**

Number of late arrivals this week was a disappointing **120** . 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.**



## London Zoo - Perfume wanted for predators!

The zookeepers are looking for unwanted fragrances to stimulate our predators. They have an incredible sense of smell, and adding scents to their environment can be very stimulating for them. Once they find something they like, they tend to roll themselves all over it!

If you have unwanted or leftover bottles of perfume/ aftershave in your house, we'd happily accept these as donations. We will collect the scents at school, and then send them all to the zoo in one load.



## Donations for Simon Community

<https://www.simoncommunity.org.uk/>

A key value of our school community is the ability to come together and support those in need. As we know many people will struggle this winter to afford even the basics and our school council are leading an initiative to support those that are less fortunate.

We would like to collect non - perishables to donate to the Simon's Community. Please see below for ideas of what are the most useful donations.



Please send in your donations with your children or give those items to the office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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**

<b>The Grove</b>	<b>Adal</b>	<b>R: Ladybirds - Aisha and John</b>
<b>N: Tadpoles.</b>	<b>Noor and Ilan</b>	
<b>N: Froglets</b>	<b>Leni and Xander</b>	

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**Y1 and Y2 Star Learners**

**Y1: Dragonflies** **Neo & Elissha**

**Y1: Butterflies** **Abbas & Isaure**

**Y2: Grasshoppers** **Preston & Eden**

**Y2: Beetles** **Emma & Matilde**

### You are a star!

**EYFS**

This half term in Froglets we have been learning all about the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell.

We had so much fun retelling the story and discussing the events. We used photos from the book to place onto our Story Mountain to say which parts were the opening, the problem and the ending.

### You are a star!

**The Grove**

This week in the Grove, we had a visit from the Wicked Witch and she taught us how to make very yucky potions.

We have been using our communication board to make requests.

We also made our magic potion and learned about quantity, measuring and lots of new words.

We had a fabulous time!

### You are a star!

**Y2**

**NEWS FLASH!**  
Year 2 have learnt how to be newspaper reporters and have made their own newspapers covering an event that happened 356 years ago!

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**Y3 and Y4 Star Learners**

<b>Y3: Squirrels</b> <b>Valentino &amp; Husna</b>	
<b>Y3: Bats</b>	
<b>Y4 Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Farida &amp; Nurali</b>
<b>Y4 Foxes</b>	<b>Sam &amp; Ronnie</b>

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**Y5 and Y6 Star Learners**

**Y5: Blackbirds - All Blackbirds!**

**Y5: Woodpeckers - Ryan & Maahir**

**Y6 Kestrels - Adam & Rita**

**Y6: Herons - Bibi & Mythell**

### You are a star!

**Year 4 have completed our Design and Technology Project - Buzz Wire Games**

### You are a star!

**Y5**

As part of our STEAM project to design earthquake-proof buildings, Y5 have been investigating what makes a strong structure. We are currently designing our building using very sophisticated software called SketchUp. Watch this space!