

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Primrose Hill Families,

'it is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed' - Theodore Roosevelt

This month the value of the month is 'perseverance' we will be exploring the meaning of perseverance in assemblies and across the curriculum lessons.



Perseverance is
 never giving up
having a go
 When you push yourself to work through challenges
keeping a positive attitude

Role Models



Can you think of anyone who kept going, even though things were tough?

It's not easy to keep going! It seems easier to just give up

There's the old adage that says, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." This captures the essence of perseverance. When things get hard, and often they do, it is the persistence and determination to carry on that ultimately brings success.



As we enter the new half term school year, we want the children to show true determination and perseverance so that come the end of the year 2022, we can all celebrate their successes together.

I firmly believe that your children can achieve anything they want, if they are prepared to keep trying, keep trying and keep trying. Various studies have shown that perseverance is an essential quality for success in life. In fact, perseverance often tops aptitude and raw talent.

Persevering entails effort and practice. This month, we will be talking to the children about persevering and believing in themselves. We will remind them just how important a 'growth mindset' is and celebrate their determination and willingness to always be their best.

To support our work at school, it would be great if you could discuss it with them at home. To carefully explain to them, not only the meaning of perseverance, but what it actually looks like in real life and how they can show it in school every day. **Harsha**

"Perseverance is the key to success. Never give up and keep making efforts. It's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock."

Poetry Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the 2022 Primrose Hill Poetry competition. This year's theme, 'My Primrose Hill', prompted many amazing poems. Our English Leader Marianne judged the competition. This was a difficult job on her hands deciding the winners.

Congratulations goes to:

- ⇒ Teresa G
- ⇒ Zita
- ⇒ Mythely
- ⇒ Rene
- ⇒ Badhi

These children came runner up:

- ⇒ Maria,
- ⇒ Cecilia
- ⇒ Nneka
- ⇒ David

Harsha's Home Talk Activity

PAC discussion suggestions 1

For age 3 - 5 years

Talking Points

- 1. What do you notice about the picture?
- 2. Why do you think the cat looks like a lion in the picture?
- 3. What do you notice about yourself when you look in the mirror?

Fun Activity

Make a list of things that surprised you that you might see in a picture. For example:

- 1. What might a rabbit eat? What about a wolf? What about a chicken, or a bear?
- 2. How your knowledge and imagination when you look at a picture.

PAC discussion suggestions 2

For age 6 - 9 years

Talking Points

- 1. What is the woman looking in the mirror?
- 2. What do you think Primrose had in mind when she painted the picture?
- 3. Do you think we see ourselves as we really are?
- 4. Would our friends see us the same way?

Fun Activity

Everyone in the family does the self-portrait activity on slide 6.

Then have a chat about everyone's self-portraits and what they see about you.

Thinking Move of the week

Observe Perceive Gather

Notice

Make sense

Apprehend

What do you see/hear/feel?

What have you gathered/found/noticed?

Discuss how LISTEN/LOOK works with.....?

Magnifying glass

Stethoscope

Pop Concert

Crossing the Road

WIKIPEDIA

Sign it.....

LISTEN/LOOK

Finally, a suggestion from Kew Gardens, London

Go outside, or open the window, and.....

LOOK at 5 things

LISTEN to 3 things

Smell & think

And don't do anything else for 5 minutes

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 9 th November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y1
Wednesday 16 th November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y3
Wednesday 23 rd November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y4
Wednesday 30 th November	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y5
Wednesday 7 th December	9:00-9:30am	Reading	Y6

Stay and Plays

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

Day	Time	Focus	Classroom
Froglets Tuesday 29 th November	9:00-9:30am	fine motor and mark making	Froglets
Ladybirds Wednesday 30 th November	9:00-9:30am	fine motor and mark making	Ladybirds
Tadpoles Thursday 1 st December	9:00-9:30am	fine motor and mark making	Tadpoles

Curriculum support for Parents / Carers – Maths workshop

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

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 4th 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

The Grove: Everyone R: Ladybirds - Koushan and Mariam
N: Tadpoles Aisha A & Maya
N: Froglets Amaya & Amelia- Rose

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Y1 and Y2 Star Learners

Y1: Butterflies **Genie & Fatima**
Y1: Dragonflies **Isra & Hanna**
Y2: Beetles **Tatiana & Lila**
Y2: Grasshoppers **Millie & Ismaeel**

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Y3 and Y4 Star Learners

Y3: Squirrels **Bliert & Emilia**
Y3: Bats **Salma and Felix**
Y4 Hedgehogs: **Amicie & Joshua**
Y4 Foxes: **Astrid & Samuel**

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Y5 and Y6 Star Learners

Y5: Blackbirds - **Fatimah E and Luca**
Y5: Woodpeckers
Y6 Kestrels
Y6: Herons - **Serra and Rahiem**

You are a star!

EYFS Reception

This week in reception we arrived to find some strange items left in the classroom: we investigated the clues. The children think it was visit from the witch from the story 'Room on the Broom'. She was kind enough to leave us the story and the characters from the book. It has got very spooky in ladybirds!

You are a star!

Y1

Year 1 went to London Zoo! We went to a special workshop where we looked closely at the skin coverings of different animals. This helped us to identify if the animal had been a mammal, bird or reptile.

Y3 - You are a star!

In Year 3 we read the story Gregory cool. The story was set in Tobago. We wrote poems all about the setting. We published them on palm leaves for our classroom displays.

you're AMAZING just the way YOU ARE