

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Primrose Hill Families,

It was been a busy week at Primrose Hill. We are coming to the end of our value of the month – **Happiness**.

Values competition: Happiness

A great success with our values competition.

Harsha's tea party **Thursday 9th February** invites go to the following children:



Samy Y6 Herons

Ida Y3 Bats

Husna Y3 Squirrels

Zora Y4 Hedgehogs

Maria Y6 Herons

Sophia Y4 Hedgehogs

Cecilia Y4 Hedgehogs

Nneka Y4 Foxes

Mytheli Y6 Herons

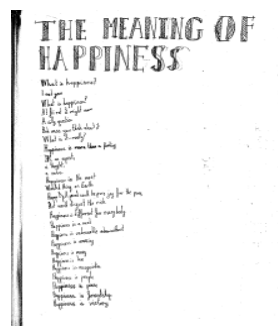
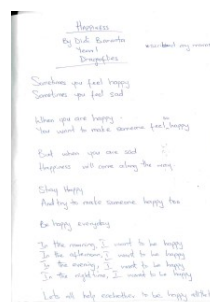
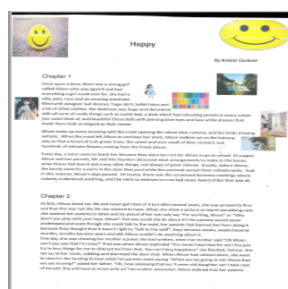
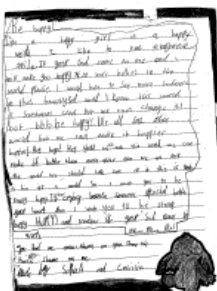
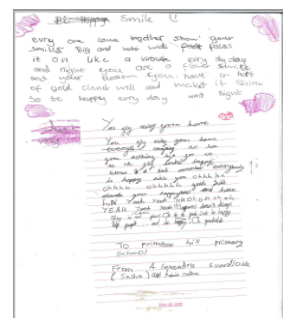
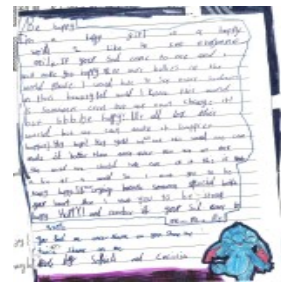
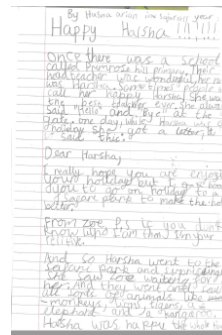
Greta Y6 Kestrels

Alexandra Y4 Hedgehogs

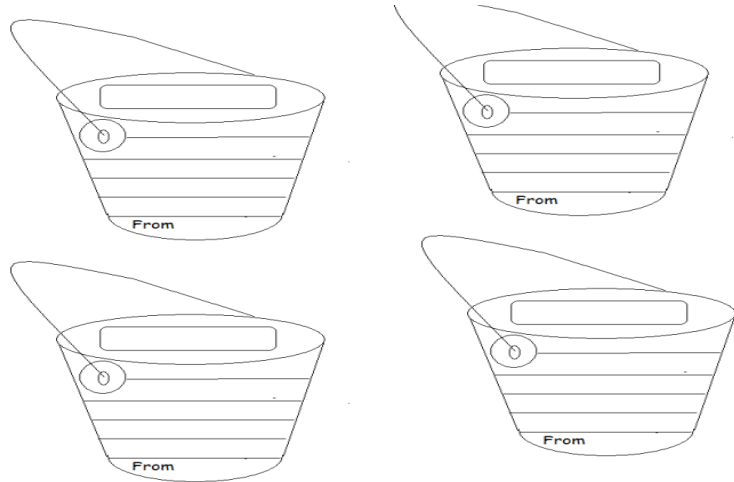
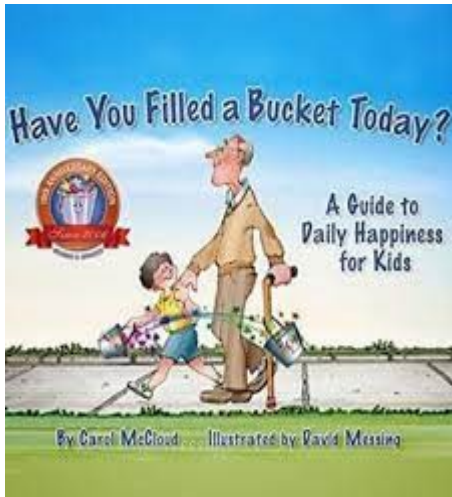
Elyse Y6 Herons

Amicie Y4 Hedgehogs

Didi Y1 Dragonflies



## VALUE of the Month: Happiness



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOJy8-OC0iU>

We read the book, Have you filled a Bucket Today. Through simple prose and vivid illustrations, this heart-warming book encourages positive behaviour as children see how rewarding it is to express daily kindness, appreciation, and love. This book explains to children that we all carry an invisible bucket in which we keep our feelings about ourselves. When our buckets are full, we are happy; when they are empty, we are sad. It is important to know that we can fill our own bucket and so can others. We fill buckets by saying nice things to the people around us. We fill buckets by doing nice things for people.



### World Book Day

World Book Day

**Friday 3rd March**

Which character will you dress up as for the parade?

Prizes for the best homemade costumes and a book fair in the playground after school too. Start planning now! Your character must be from a book.

More info to follow soon.

### A is for attendance

**Our whole school target is 96%**

This week's attendance is **92.54%** and our lates are a disappointing **115**. Well done to **Beetles** who managed **97%**. One of the most important ways in which you can support us and your children in 2023 (and beyond) is to ensure that your children attend school every day. Attendance in school is of paramount importance - any absence can have a profoundly negative impact on your child's learning as important aspects of a sequence of work can be missed.



### Nursery Admissions for September 2023

If you or someone you know has a child born between **1st Sept 2019 and 31st Aug 2020**, they are eligible for a space in our **3-4 year olds' Nursery, Froglets!**

Applications can be found on our website: <https://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/%20school-information/admissions/>

The deadline to apply is **15th February 2023** or you can email Tara on [dmissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:dmissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) for more information.



## New Signing in System

The school gate is open between 8.45 and 9am. If you are late, you now need to sign your own child into school using the computer system in the main entrance. This will register your child and indicate they are late. You will need to provide a reason. Please ensure you arrive to school on time to prevent you being further delayed by having to wait in a queue to sign your child into school.

## New Intercom System

There is new intercom system for everyone who needs to come into the office. Please be patient for the buzzer to be answered from a member of the office team and give them a reason for coming into school. You will be let in **only** if you have to talk to the office team and you will be asked to wait outside once you finished!

Also, the main gates will be open at **8:45 –9:00am and at 3:30 –3:45pm**. Please wait in front of the gates to collect your child.  
**Please respect our Office staff!**

## Harsha's Home Talk Activity



**Dialogue Works HomeTalk**  
Thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about... **Competition**

Thinking A2

**Quotes about competition**

You have competition every day because you set such high standards for yourself that you have to go out every day and live up to that.

Competition is great. And as long as it's friendly and not a malicious thing, then I think it's cool.

A horse never runs so fast as when he has other horses to catch up and outpace.

Thinking A2

**Thinking about competition**

**Caring thinking**  
Does your gain have to be someone else's loss?

**Collaborative thinking**  
Is it a single team that competes, or the individuals within it? Or both?

**Creative thinking**  
Look around your dinner table. How many different competitions can you think up using what you can see?

**Critical thinking**  
What might be the implications of everyone in a competition winning?

**Thinking A2**

Do you think humans will become more competitive?

How did you feel the last time you were involved in a competition?

Think of 5, or maybe 10, competitions. What is the same about them all?

Is life just one big competition?

What's more important, the beginning, middle or end of a competition?

Can you spot anyone being competitive?

Can you list all the different competitions at your school?

Thinking A2

**Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)**

**Stimulus**  
EYF5 NURSERY SPORTS DAY

**Talking Points**

- Which sport in the video do you think would be the hardest to play, and why?
- Some grown-ups were playing too. Would they be better than the children?
- Are there any competitions that children would be better at than grown-ups?

**Activity**

- Play 'concentration clap' with someone - see if you can clap once at the same time as they do. Take it in turns to be the one to start.
- Think of ways to get better at the game and try them out, then have a competition with lots of your friends and family. Is there a winner?

**Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)**

**Stimulus**  
This camel and this octopus and these bears are all psychic.

**Animals predicting World Cup match results**

**Talking Points**

- Are any of these animals more likely to be able to predict football results than the others?
- When we try to predict, is it just a guess?
- Is it even possible to predict the result of a competition - or anything?

**Activity**

- Pick a game to watch, either on TV or in real life. Make a list of all the things it would be good to know in order to help you predict the result.
- Have a go at predicting the result.
- How did you do? Would any other information have been helpful?

**Discussion suggestions (age 10+)**

**Stimulus**  
SPORTS TECHNOLOGY

**Technology in Sport**

**Talking Points**

- Of the range of applications of new technology in this video, are any more or less acceptable than others?
- Would you invest money to help you win?
- Is competition fairer now than it used to be?

**Activity**

- Search for examples where technology has been used to cheat, or gain advantage, in competitions. Make a list.
- Discuss with someone else whether you feel any of these examples are more or less justifiable than another, and what you think this means for the future of competition.

## Industrial Action- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

### School Closure

Dear Primrose Hill Families,

As reported in the news and other media outlets, and communicated in the newsletter last week, we have been informed by the NEU teachers trade union that there will be a day of strike action on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

The Chairs of Governors and senior leadership team have assessed the impact of the strike action.

**Our two year old provision Tadpoles will be open, but all other classes will be closed to the remaining children in the school.**

Teachers will not be providing online work on this day, however your child can access the usual online platforms for independent learning. We will provide details to support this early next week.

Primrose Hill Primary School will open as normal on Thursday 2nd February 2023.

We will further assess the situation for future planned strike dates (Wednesday 2nd, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March) and will write and share plans prior to these dates.

# 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 Alissia  
N: Tadpoles Maya and Stella  
N: Froglets Lucien and Xander  
R: Ladybirds - Bruce and Amanah

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## Y1 and Y2 Star Learners

Y1: Dragonflies - Harry & Adam C  
Y1: Butterflies - Afon and Noah  
Y2: Grasshoppers - Dalia & Luis  
Y2: Beetles - Kenny and Evie

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## Y3 and Y4 Star Learners

Y3: Squirrels Valentino & Emilia  
Y3: Bats Eli and Fifi  
Y4 Hedgehogs: Isaac and Sophia SZ (cupcake)  
Y4 Foxes: Yonis and Jinghan

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## Y5 and Y6 Star Learners

Y5: Blackbirds - Leo and Serena  
Y5: Woodpeckers Clara & Noar  
Y6 Kestrels - Keturah & Stran  
Y6: Herons - Adam & Neron

# You are a star!

**EYFS**

Froglets have been having an exciting week finding out about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. We have learnt and acted out the story of the great race, explored Chinese writing and numbers, having a go at our own mark making, our cafe turned into a Chinese restaurant and our week ended with building a Chinese dragon and learning how to do a traditional dragon dance. Apparently Chinese dragons are rather partial to lettuce.

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**Y2**

Year 2 have been learning about the North Pole and the South Pole and the animals that live there. They also did a 'Big Write' all about penguins facts.





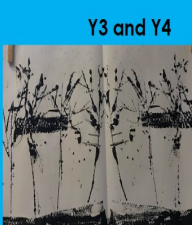



click on the link in the top right corner of the video

# You are a star!

**Y3 and Y4**

In year 3 we have been learning how to print. We have been practising different printing techniques. Here are some of our examples of spooky forests.



Upcoming Dates for your Diary:	
Friday 20th January: 9am in school 4pm virtually	End of Key Stage 2 SATs Information Session for Year 6 parents & carers
Friday 20th January	Chinese New Year
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10th February	Women in Science Day
Mon to Fri 13th to 17th February	<b>HALF TERM - school closed</b>
Mon 20th to Fri 24th February	Science Week
Thursday 23rd February from 1pm	Parents' Consultation
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Mon 13th to Fri 17th March	Careers Week
Tuesday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Fri 24th March	Earth Hour Day
Fri 31st March	<b>Last day of Spring Term</b> with Summer Term beginning for the children on <b>Tuesday 18th April</b>