



# Hunters Hall Primary School

## Snippets

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### Dates for the Diary

#### Spring Term 2022

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – School Nurse Drop In Session (8:45-9:30am)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day (wear red)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Rocksteady Concert (9:00-11:00am)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Yr1 Dinosaur Workshop (payment via ParentPay)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening (3:30-6:00pm)

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Parents' Evening (3:30-6:00pm)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Last day for all children

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

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#### Summer Term 2022

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – All pupils return to school.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you can see from this addition of Snippets, we have had a busy and varied week with lots of opportunities for our children. It is essential we equip all our children with the best academic education but these special events often provide them with their happiest memories and inspire them to develop a hobby and enthusiasm for opportunities and life experiences beyond the classroom.

Our staff are employed to keep all our children safe and provide the best education possible. This week so many of our staff have gone above and beyond that to provide children with those special experiences that truly enhance their lives. We want to thank all those staff who organised events both inside school and out and to all those who generously gave their free time to support and supervise our children in widening their life experiences. Without this dedication we could not provide such rich opportunities. Thank you to all staff involved.

The photographs on these pages show the enjoyment our children experienced from all that effort. There will be many more photographs to share as we have not posted any from our Year 6 children's experiences at Trewern. As we write, they are on the coach travelling home from a week of caving, canoeing, washing dishes and making their beds! Some new experiences are actually essential life skills!

We wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell,  
Co-Headteachers

### Thrive School of Excellence



### Nurse Drop In Session



### SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

If you have any medical concerns, please pop along on:

Date: **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Time: **8:45 - 9:30 am**

Location: **Main School Reception**

### Attendance

Congratulations to 1H in Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.70% this week and to 4G & 6L in Key Stage 2 both with 100%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	97.62	2M	96.56	4R	98.15
RH	92.92	2T	96.15	5N	95.10
RR	92.49	3D	90.65	5P	95.80
1H	97.70	3G	83.71	5R	97.33
1L	91.76	3T	96.33	6A	97.69
1R	96.31	4E	97.94	6L	100
2K	97.63	4G	100	6Y	92.74



## Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

**@HuntersHallIPS**

## School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

[www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/](http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/)

Or

Telephone: 01992 763679

Email: [info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk](mailto:info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk)



## Community Work

Last weekend, a few of our children took part in community activities that included planting trees with the LBBD Ranger, Ruth, and The Conservation Volunteer, David, at the Forest of Thanks in Parsloes Park. Some of the forest was planted using the Miyawaki method which involves planting two to four trees per square metre. Miyawaki forests are usually about the size of tennis courts, but Dagenham's forest covers a hectare.

The children also joined a litter pick to help Roding Rubbish clean up Ripple Nature Reserve. The reserve is currently closed but there is hope that it will be re-opened very soon for the whole community to enjoy. With collective effort, the group of 32 volunteers managed to collect 80 bags in 2 hours. The kids showed a lot of determination and great team work.





# MINI ROCKERS

**FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



# ROCK HEROES

**FOR YEARS 3 AND 4**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



# ROCK ICONS

**FOR YEARS 5 AND 6**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**  
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**  
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**  
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**  
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**  
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**  
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

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## Author Visit



Paul Geraghty came to visit Hunters Hall Primary School on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. He taught us about using our imagination and things we have seen and heard to write and illustrate stories. He was very funny and spoke a made up language sometimes which made us laugh





# March WRITING PROMPTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 A blizzard in summer? What would you do?!	02 What planet would you visit and why?	03 Here's one way that I'm weird and wonderful:	04 My amazing superpower would be...	05
06 I'd give Reception children this advice:	07 Three things I would buy if I won the lottery:	08 How the world might be different in 2222...	09 Advice I'd like to give my parents/carers...	10 Write an 'I'm sorry' letter from a villain's perspective.	11	12
13 These four things changed my morning and why:	14 10 things I'd like to ask my great-great-great grandmother:	15 If I had magic gloves, here's what they would do:	16 One fictional character I wish were real:	17 One subject I'd like to give up in school and why:	18	19
20 Write about a person, place and problem that all start with the letter P.	21 Here are three things I'd change if I were Prime Minister:	22 Write about two enemies stuck together in an elevator...	23 How I conquered my fear...	24 Write a story with three different endings.	25	26
27 Think of someone you don't like, now write give good things about them.	28 Here are three rules I'd make if I were an adult.	29 I was walking along the beach, and I saw this unbelievable thing...	30 If I had one wish it would be...	31		

Adapted from *We Are Teachers*

## Year 3 - Stone Age Workshop

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age and learnt lots more facts about that period of time. They acted out scenes from the Stone Age. One child in 3G said "That was so much fun. I learned lots more facts."



# World Book Day



Hunters Hall Staff



Gabriele (3G)

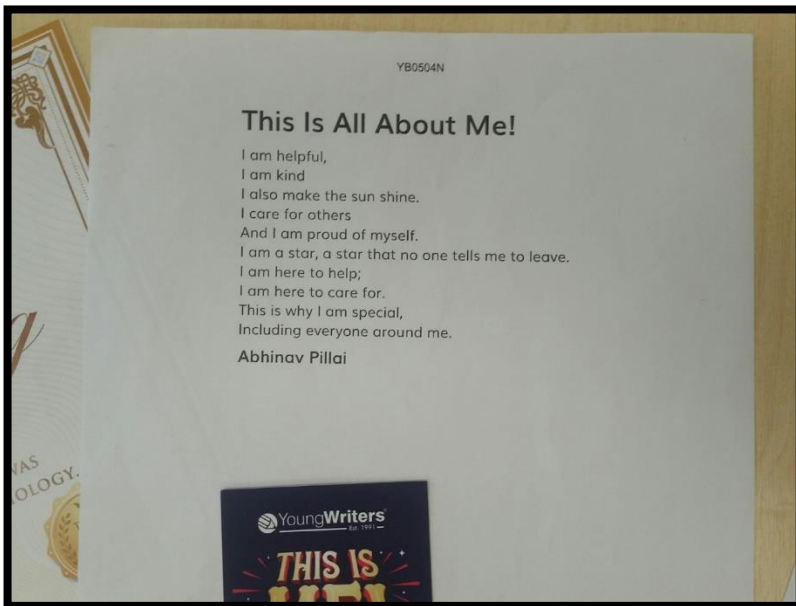
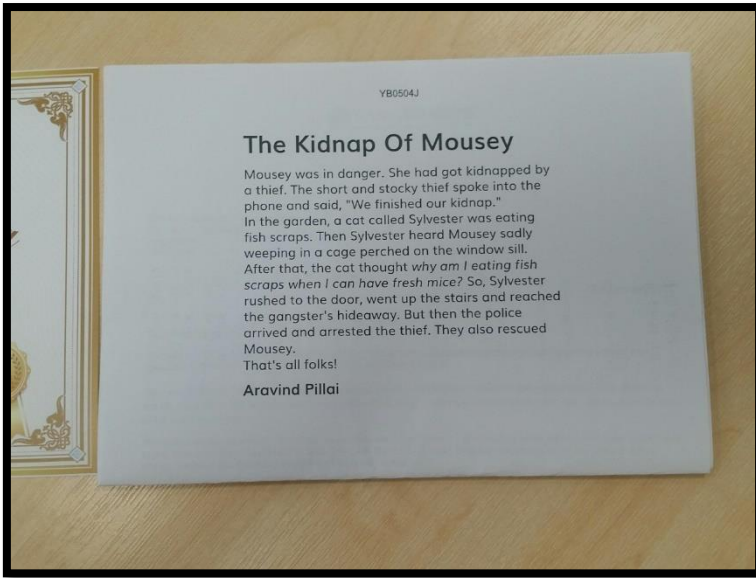
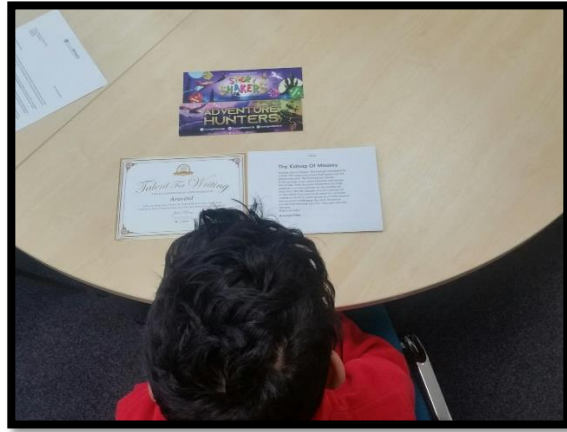
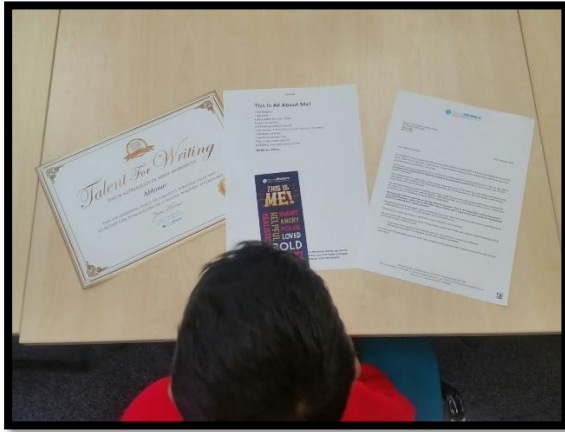


Jaireh (4E) & Jaizelle (3G)



Ayaan (1L)

# Budding Writers



# Mindful March

## Mindful March 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

19 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today  
dayofhappiness.net

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Mindfulness can help us respond more calmly, even in dark times. With war featuring within Europe, many of us are experiencing a complex mix of emotions, including fear and sadness as well as compassion and hope.

This month we are being encouraged to pause, breathe and find ways to live more mindfully. Inner peace can contribute to outer peace too.

The Mindful March calendar is full of ideas to help you live with awareness and kindness this month. Please print it, use it and share it too.

Visit <https://actionforhappiness.org/>



Pancake Day



Ekaterina (1H) & Arthur (Nursery)



Emilia (2K) and Oliver (1R)  
enjoyed making delicious pancakes



Gabriele (3G)



made by Fisayo (2T)  
with the help of her mum

Year 6 - Outdoor Week

