



# Hunters Hall Primary School

## Snippets

Issue: 8  
November 2022

### Dates for the Diary

#### Autumn Term

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Trewern Talk to Year 5 and parents/carers

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – BBC Children in Need – Wear spots

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 4 St George's Church visit

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 4 Christmas singing performance 2:15pm Pagoda playground

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 4 WWI workshop

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Community Carol Concert

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Children finish for Christmas Holidays 1pm

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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET Day (no pupils)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** – 4B start swimming

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our message this week centres around health and safety, which ultimately lead to having an effect on our wellbeing.

We published on ParentHub an alert that was sent to us from one of our neighbouring schools. Please ensure that you discuss with you children about stranger awareness. This site offers excellent advice and tips:

[https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning\\_resource/stranger-danger/](https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/stranger-danger/)

As a Healthy School, we want to remind you that for break-time snacks we encourage the children to bring in fruit such as cut up grapes, melon, pineapple; whole fruits such as apples, bananas, pears; Low-fat yoghurt pouches; cheese strings; crackers or vegetable sticks such as carrots, cucumbers and peppers. Please do not send your children in with sugary snacks. We will contact parents/carers if deemed necessary. To find out more about Healthy Schools please visit:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/health/healthy-schools-london/awards/home>

Thank you in advance for supporting the school's ongoing mission to safeguard your children.

We wish you a very safe weekend especially if you are attending a firework display. There are safety tips within this edition of Snippets.

Best wishes,

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell,  
Co-Headteachers

### Thrive School of Excellence



### Wanted

The Reception classes are in need of a toy till. Do you have one that is no longer played with. Please send in to the school office.



*Many thanks.*

### Poppies

Remembrance Day poppies and other items are now being sold at the school reception in aid of the Royal British Legion.



Price list below:

Item	Suggested
Poppy	20p
Silicon Wristband	50p
Snap Bands	£1.00
Reflectors	20p
Zip pull	20p

### Attendance

Congratulations to **RR** who achieved **96.30%** this week and to **5A** in Key Stage 2 with **100%**

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	92.05	2D	94.05	4R	94.89
RH	93.87	2K	84.62	5A	100
RR	96.30	3G	93.42	5D	98.35
1H	92.65	3T	95.40	5Y	96.00
1K	87.74	3TB	93.87	6E	96.44
1L	90.94	4B	91.59	6L	99.26
2A	93.31	4G	93.19	6N	96.84



## 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)



## 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**

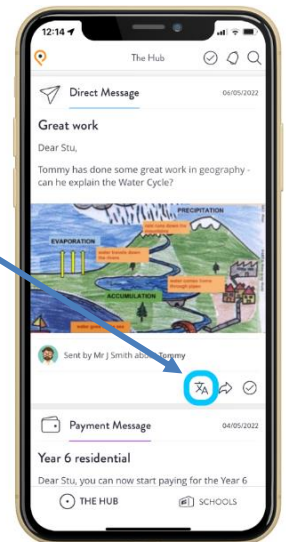
### How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>



## PAYMENT REMINDER - Year 4








On Thursday 15th December, an all day workshop for Year 4 will be taking place here at the school

Please remember to pay the **£6.50** cost through your child's ParentPay account.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

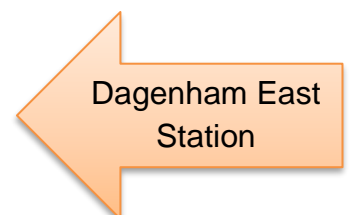
## Team Points

<b>TEAM POINTS</b>		
	<b>Tigers</b>	<b>881</b>
	<b>Bears</b>	<b>851</b>
	<b>Wolves</b>	<b>566</b>
	<b>Sharks</b>	<b>716</b>
	<b>Komodo Dragon</b>	<b>711</b>

## Year 4 - WW1 Topic

Year 4 have started their WW1 topic. This week they learned about a WW1 soldier called Charles Henry Thomas who survived the war and later came to live in Hunters Hall Road with his family. They even had a chance to walk past the house where he once lived.

We spoke about how Dagenham would have been mostly farm land in WW1 and looked at some photographs of the local area from that time including the farm which our school is named after.



Pop along and meet the Mental Health Support Team on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm in the Training Room.



# Mental Health Support Team



## Who are we?

We are a team of 4 Educational Mental Health Practitioners who are working in schools as part of the Government's national plans to support mental health in schools.

We aim to support schools and parents to improve children's emotional wellbeing and build resilience.

## How can we help?

We work with parents and carers whose child may be struggling with:

**Difficult or challenging behaviour** (up to age 8)

Does your child struggle to follow rules?  
Struggle with temper tantrums? Have difficulty following requests?

**Mild anxiety** (any age - primary school)

Does your child seem nervous and easily frightened? Does your child worry a lot? Does your child need continual reassurance?



If the answer is yes to all or any of these then we may be able to help you!  
The first step is to reach out

Barking and Dagenham primary parents



For more information and how to get in touch please see overleaf

## What do we offer?

We can meet with you for 6 to 8 sessions weekly to support (individuals or groups) to provide information, advice, guidance and tips on how to support your child with their behaviour or anxiety.

Our goal is to provide you with new skills to help your child to manage challenges, regulate their emotions and build confidence.

## How else can we help?

We offer:

Workshops for whole classes and groups of children, such as 'Managing the transition to secondary school' or 'Building resilience'.

Parent workshops, such as 'Understanding your child's behaviour' and other topics related to emotional wellbeing.

Sign-posting and advice about other support services.



For copies of this information in a different language, or a different format, please contact the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Team  
Equality&DiversityAdmin@nelft.nhs.uk  
0300 555 1201 Ext 65076

If you need urgent support, advice or guidance you can reach out:

NHS Mental Health crisis helpline  
24/7 - all ages,  
nhs.uk/urgentmentalhealth

CAMHS urgent support  
24/4 helpline  
0800 6444 101

NELFT Mental Health support line

If you live in Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Barking and Dagenham or Havering, you can call  
0800 995 1000  
available 24/7

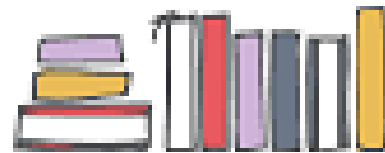
## How do I get in contact?

If you are a parent or carer and think that you and your child could benefit from our support, please ask at reception or email [MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk)



Introducing our 'Little Free Library.' It is located in the Pagoda playground at the side of the log cabin.

Please take a book to read with your child. If you have any to share, we would love it if you added them to our 'Little Free Library' for others to enjoy.

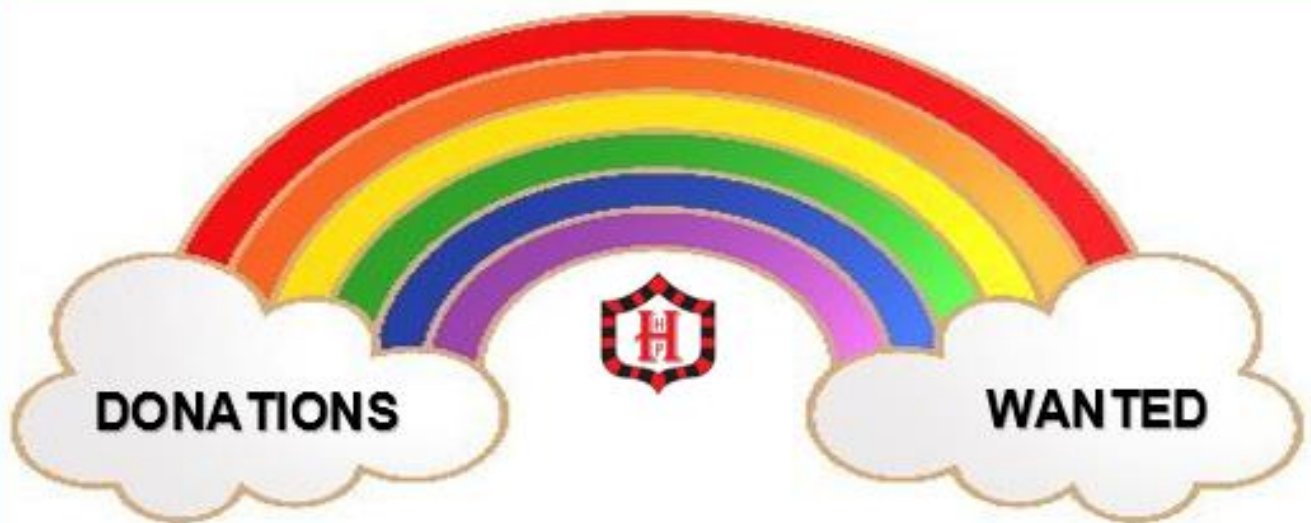


Student contribution

During the half term holiday I had karate every morning. It started at 9:30 and ended at 11:30. We had a 5 minute break for eating a little snack and a drink. This was a course to prepare me for grading. I had my grading on Friday and I passed! Now I am an orange belt. On Sunday I had a competition when I had to fight boys. I won second place 2 times. I now have four medals, on gold, two silver, and 1 bronze.

By Angel (6E)





# RAINBOW ROOM



**Pots and pans & wooden spoons for music**



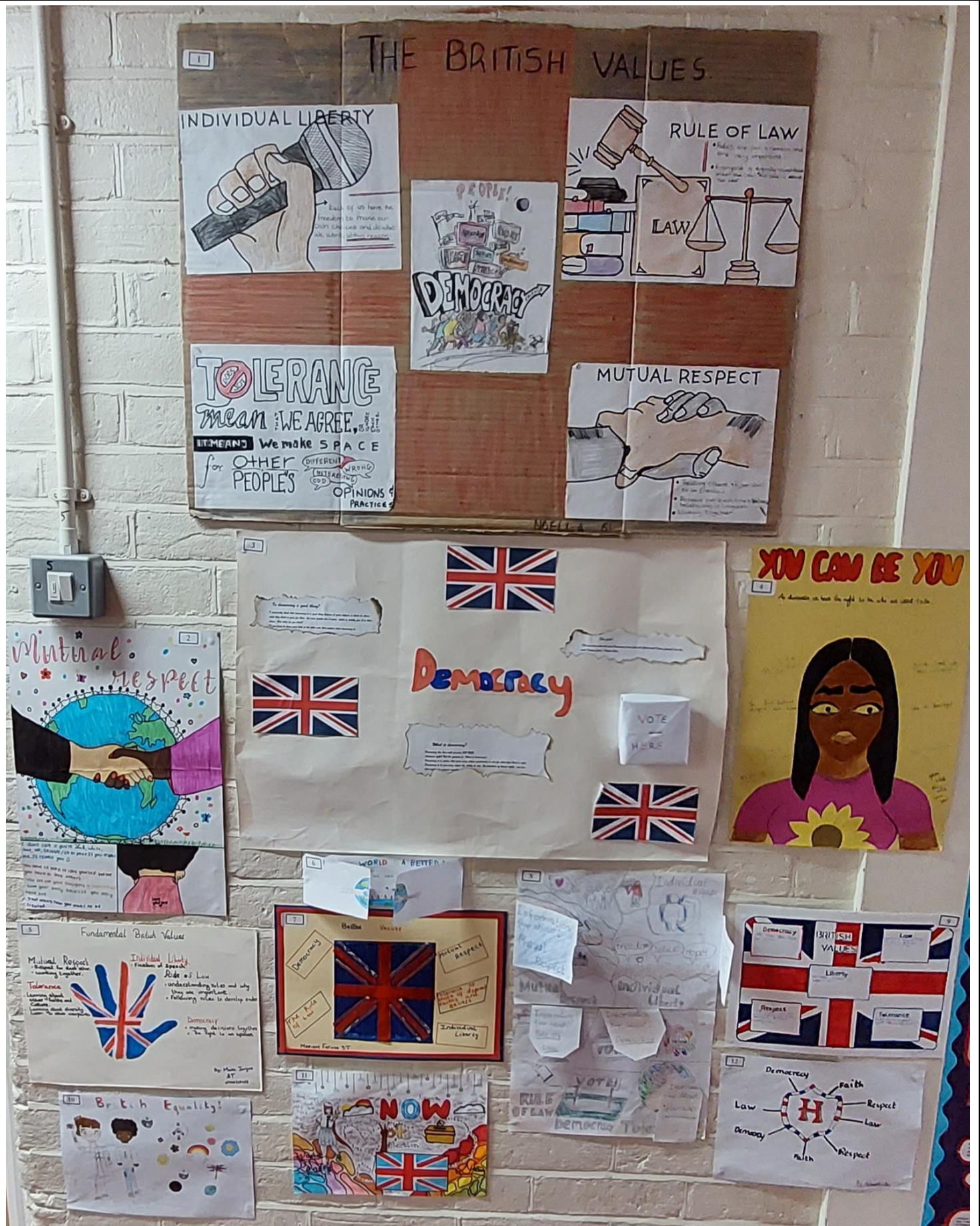
**Wooden Puzzles**



**Fidget toys**



**Sensory baby & toddler toys**



Once all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 have voted, we will announce the winner of the British Values Competition. As you can see from the twelve finalists, the standard of work has high and provided a variety of approaches.

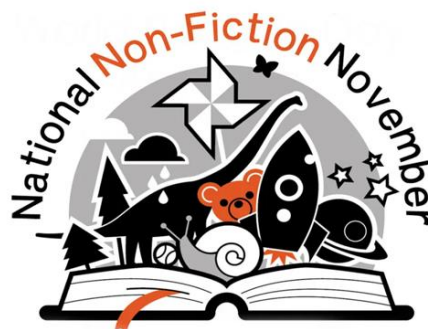
The winner will have their work displayed on our school website and copies will be made to be displayed around the school premises.

<http://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/british-values/113.html>



# Christmas Donations at The Works





Let's celebrate all things factual!

Non-fiction November is a national event aimed at highlighting the importance of information books and to promote reading non-fiction for pleasure. It celebrates readers who have a passion for information and facts and attempts to bring non-fiction celebration in line with those in fiction.

This year's theme is communication. Humans have developed a unique ability to communicate through social and written language. For centuries, our creativity has also allowed us to communicate in other ways, using science and technology, different art forms and transportation networks.

'Interview with...' competition!

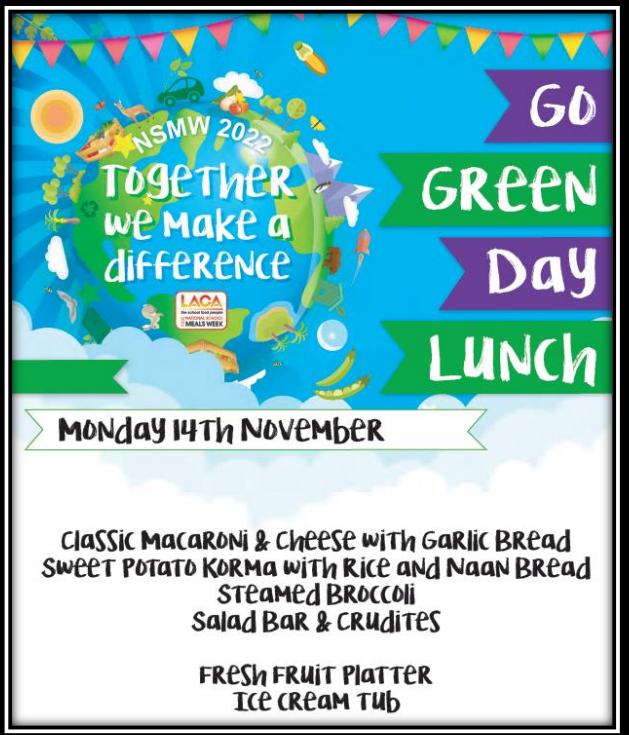
All pupils are invited to write and illustrate a Q and A style interview with an animal or historic character of their choice, presented on one side of either A4 or A3 paper.

Take this opportunity to research your animal or person of choice! It might link to your current topic or be something/someone you have your own personal interest in!

Entries will be sent off to the Federation of Children's Book Groups to be judged on originality, creativity and presentation according to age groups (5-7, 8-10 and 11-12).

Please look at the sample pages provided on ParentHub if you're looking for any inspiration!

Entries can be emailed to [ysix.301@bdcs.org.uk](mailto:ysix.301@bdcs.org.uk) or submitted directly to Miss Neil by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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**GO GREEN DAY LUNCH**

MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

CLASSIC MACARONI & CHEESE WITH GARLIC BREAD  
SWEET POTATO KORMA WITH RICE AND NAAN BREAD  
STEAMED BROCCOLI  
SALAD BAR & CRUDITES

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER  
ICE CREAM TUB



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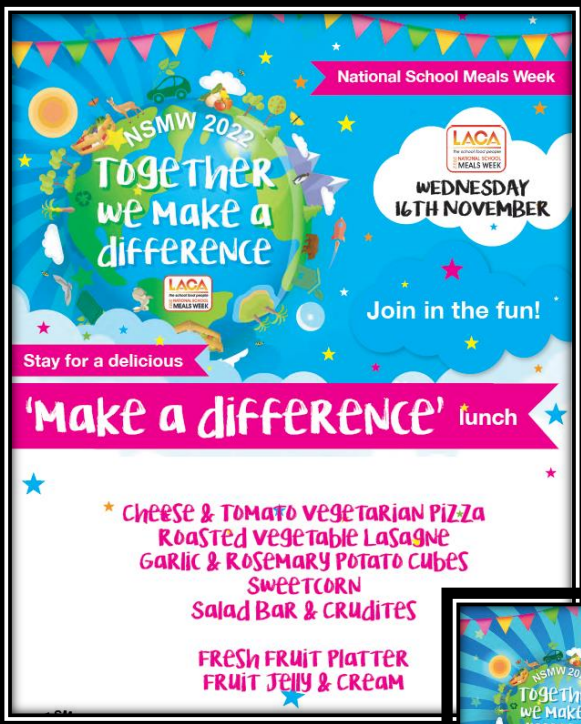
**EAT MORE WASTE LESS**

to help PROTECT THE PLANET

TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

SWEET & SPICY CHICKEN WITH RICE  
HALAL SWEET & SPICY CHICKEN WITH RICE  
SALSA GNOCCHI WITH GARLIC BREAD  
RAINBOW COLESLAW  
SALAD BAR & CRUDITES

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER  
VANILLA ICED SLICE



National School Meals Week

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WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Join in the fun!

Stay for a delicious

**'Make a difference' lunch**

\* CHEESE & TOMATO VEGETARIAN PIZZA  
ROASTED VEGETABLE LASAGNE  
GARLIC & ROSEMARY POTATO CUBES  
SWEETCORN  
SALAD BAR & CRUDITES

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER  
FRUIT JELLY & CREAM



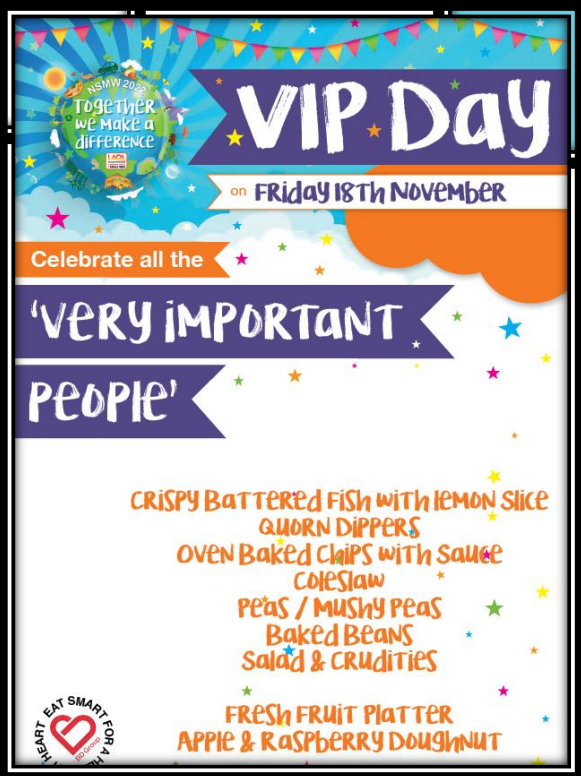
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**THE GREAT LOCAL ROAST LUNCH**

on THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

ROAST CHICKEN WITH GRAVY  
HALAL ROAST CHICKEN WITH GRAVY STUFFING  
CHEESE & ONION PARCELS  
ROAST POTATOES  
BROCCOLI & CARROTS  
YORKSHIRE PUDDING  
SALAD BAR & CRUDITES

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER  
BANOFFEE CAKE



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**VIP Day**

on FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Celebrate all the

**'VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE'**

CRISPY BATTERED FISH WITH LEMON SLICE  
QUORN DIPPERS  
OVEN BAKED CHIPS WITH SAUCE  
COLESLAW  
PEAS / MUSHY PEAS  
BAKED BEANS  
SALAD & CRUDITIES

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER  
APPLE & RASPBERRY DOUGHNUT



# New Ways November

## New Ways November 2022

### MONDAY



### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

## Free Winter Camp for Students Eligible for Free School Meals

**Learning Hive**

**FREE WINTER CAMP**

For students eligible for Free School Meals

National Tutoring Programme | Believe in children | Barnardo's | Department for Education | HAF | Holiday Activities & Food Programme | Department for Education

**Awesome activities**

Limited spaces. First come, first serve basis!

- Basketball
- Sports Activities
- Dance Classes
- Nutritional Education
- Competitions
- Games & Prizes
- Drama Club
- Cooking Workshops

**During the Christmas Holidays**  
19th - 28th December  
Check the dates in your area!

**How to register**  
It's simple, just click to get started!

**Register**

**Learning Hive**  
learninghive.co.uk  
info@learninghive.co.uk  
0207 112 8658

Use the link to register:  
[Events \(learninghive.co.uk\)](https://learninghive.co.uk/events)

# BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



# WANTED

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

### DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



*Thank you*



## DHP Scheme

**Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?**



**Do you have rent arrears?**

**Do you need help with a deposit?**

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



**Barking & Dagenham**

## Household Support Fund

**Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?**



**Do you have utility debts?**

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund>

to find out more and apply online



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# FIREWORK & BONFIRE SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE FIREMAN SAM TV SHOW AND CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION TRUST



## DID YOU KNOW?

Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.



## SPARKLERS



### TIP #1

Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run with them.



### TIP #2

Once sparklers are finished, put them into a bucket of water, don't pick them back up.



### TIP #3

Wear your gloves when you hold sparklers and keep them away from your body.



## BONFIRES



### TIP #4

Stand at a safe distance from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.



### TIP #5

Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.

## FIREWORKS



### TIP #7

If you're going to a firework display, hold hands with your grown-up and stay with them all the time.



### TIP #6

Leave your dressing up clothes at home on fireworks night, wrap up warm instead.



### TIP #8

Put toys and phones away when you're out and about so you can focus on keeping safe and having fun!



# 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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **In school time**  
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **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.

**Call 0330 113 0330**