

Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 13 April 2021

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term 2021

Monday 3rd May – May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June – Half Term Holidays

Monday 7th **June** – Teacher training day – school closed to all children

Tuesday 8th June – Children return to school

Wednesday 21st **July** – Last day of the academic year.

Dear Parent/Carer.

Welcome back to you all after what we hope was an enjoyable Easter break.

The children and staff have started back with high expectations and standards of work. We would like to thank the Year Five children who came and read some of their persuasive writing to us earlier in the week. As a result, we have spotted some future politicians, lobbyists, and advertising copywriters.

As yesterday was Earth Day, children were able to share their opinions and discuss environmental matters that are pertinent and close to their hearts. You can see some of these views within this edition of Snippets and on our Twitter feed.

Within this edition of Snippets there is a link to the Big Ask, a national survey which aims to find out about children's concerns and aspirations for the future. The results will be used by the Children's Commissioner to identify barriers preventing children from reaching their goals.

In summary, one could say that this week has been about having a voice. On that note, please remember that there is still time to complete the 2021 Census. By responding, you are able to affect future developments and provision in our local community.

Best wishes and have a happy St George's Day,

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell, Co-Headteachers

Remember...



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/

Or

Telephone: 01992 763679

Email: 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.

Uniform

Shop Open

3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallPS

Attendance

Congratulations to $\underline{2R}$ in Key Stage 1 who achieved $\underline{99.43\%}$ this week and to $\underline{4N}$ in Key Stage 2 with $\underline{100\%}$

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	97.89	2R	99.43	4R	98.90
RH	97.14	2T	94.48	5A	97.04
RM	95.26	3D	98.47	5H	96.02
1C	97.51	3G	91.22	5S	97.69
1H	95.41	3T	98.98	6P	97.97
1L	98.98	4E	96.79	6VC	98.90
2K	97.57	4N	100	6Y	92.65



Visit https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/ to answer the survey questions.



Hello and welcome

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Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and we need your help to do it.



Dame Rachel de Souza

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes.

## Choose your age group to get started!

Ages 4-5

Ages 6-8

Ages 9-12

Ages 13-17

#### Easy read versions

We have two easy read versions of the survey available.

Easy read ages 6-8

Easy read ages 9-17

#### Adults

If you are aged 18+ and are a care leaver, parent, or you work with children please complete our adult survey to share your views.

Adults

#### St George's Day

Happy St George's Day to all of our school community.

St George is the patron saint of England, but he is also celebrated in other countries.

A patron saint is the protecting or guiding saint for a particular person or place. St George is the patron saint of England, just as St Andrew is Scotland's, St Patrick is Ireland's, and St David is the patron saint of Wales.

Many myths surround St George, but the essence of his story remains the same. He was a brave knight who lived many centuries ago. His most documented achievement is that he fought a fierce dragon to save a princess. In doing so, he set the people free from future misery by ridding them of the terrifying creature.

It is this bravery that most people associate with St George, whether it's fighting unpleasant external forces such as the dragon in his story or symbolically overcoming our own dragons or fears.

We may not be physically brave like St George, but we can be brave by not following the crowd when we know that something is wrong or by doing things that make the world a better place. Even if our deeds are not seen, we can know in our hearts that it was the right thing to do.

To find out more about St George click the link:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-georges-day

https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/st-georges-day/9-things-you-didnt-know-about-st-george/

#### Dinner Menu ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



#### Youth Service

Year 6 Parents/Carers

Over the next four weeks, Youth Workers will be in school working with the Year 6 children. If you would like more information or have any questions, please access the parent session via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 6-7pm.

Email office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk requesting the link to access this session.





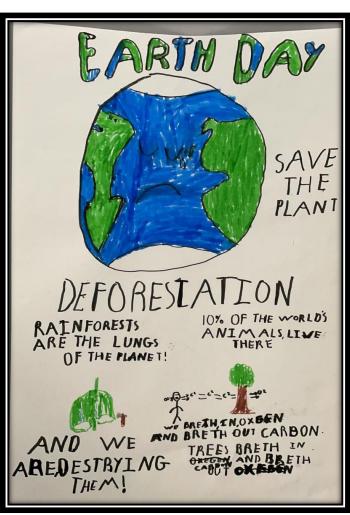
Zach (4R) really enjoyed completing the science experiment to make a lava lamp during the Easter holidays.

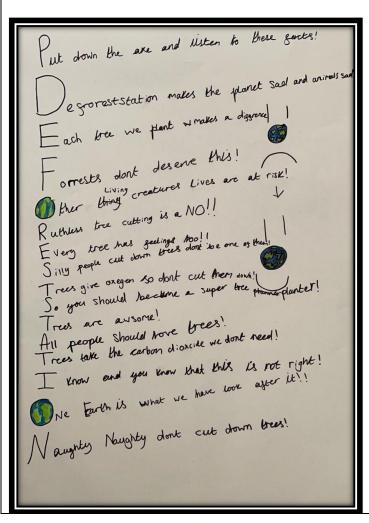
#### Earth Day

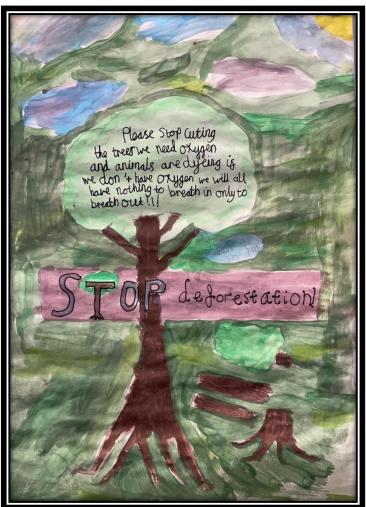
4N learned about the importance of reducing their carbon emissions and made a pledge on how to improve their own carbon footprints on our planet. All materials used were recycled from scraps.











#### RockSteady - Feel Good Friday

KS1 sessions run Friday from 1:30 – 2:00pm and you can click here or copy this url into your web browser https://youtu.be/WaT8LwxJrCc

Band Leader Tommy will cover:

- Rhythm Bingo! Our lesson starts with a new game to help the children lock in their rhythm knowledge. Can they match the rhythms they hear, to the rhythms they see?
- Melody Match! As we explore elements of composition, Tommy will help to develop the children's awareness of pitch and how it moves. Visualising pitch is a crucial skill
- Sing & Sign The children start a new song and it's a classic. We will be learning the words, melody and Makaton signs for The Beatles - 'A Little Help From My Friends'.
- Live performance of 'Superstition' Tommy introduces the children to legendary, Stevie Wonder, and we learn about this great artist's influence on music today.



KS2 sessions run Friday from 2:00 – 2:30pm and you can click here or copy this url into your web browser https://youtu.be/1VVedRsOZW4

Band Leader Paul will cover:

- Beats & Bars To continue unravelling rhythmic notation, this activity will start to show KS2's how these rhythms fit into a bar of music on a musical stave.
- Musical Time Travel In a quest to discover music from across the eras, Paul
  will take you to a different time, to learn about songs, artists and composers
  from a moment in history. This week it's 'Classical', where we'll discover some
  of the great composers whose music is still familiar to us all today.
- Musical Word of the Week We will learn about 'canon'. 'Canon' is a
  feature that was not only used by composers in the 'Classical' era but is also
  found in songs written and performed by musicians now.
- Songcraft & Songwriters We evoke feelings of summer, as we examine the song, 'California Dreaming' made famous by The Mamas and Papas. This simple, but incredibly effective song, uses elements of a 'canon' and became the signpost of the 'California Sound'.

## New Mural

During the Easter break, Miss Gurden and Mr Hill added another marvellous mural to our learning environment. This mural is dedicated to the memory of Ava Cottell, and includes teddy bears which represent the chain of kindness which the school community have started.









