



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Tuesday 28th March – 2A visit to Pizza Express

Tuesday 28th March – Year 1 Dino Workshop

Tuesday 28th March – Reception Spring Sharing Assembly 9:00am and 2:20pm

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term

Monday 17th April – Children return to school

Tuesday 18th April – Zimbabwe Independence Day (Wear the colours of the flag)

Tuesday 25th April – 2D visit to Pizza Express



Thrive School of Excellence



Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	490
	Bears	440
	Wolves	624
	Sharks	452
	Komodo Dragon	581

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Multicultural and Wellbeing Community Day took place last Saturday and it was a resounding success.

Let us start by thanking The Worshipful, the Mayor, Councillor Faruk Choudhury for opening and attending the excellent event. Our gratitude goes to three of our school governors: Sam Gosby, Pierre Joseph & Clare Coombe, who along with their band of faithful volunteers, ensured that the event could take place; this involved a lot of time speaking with community partners such as our main sponsors: B. Wallis & Son funeral directors, along with other very kind businesses who gave a variety of donations. Thank you to our staff and their families who volunteered their time in supporting the event before, during and afterwards. Thank you to all of the contributors who provided the many activities, meaning that our community had access to a free fun day. Finally, thank you to everybody who attended and helped to strengthen our school community further.

Being part of an engaging community gives us a sense of belonging. It enables us to share personal relatedness and support perpetual growth of each other, ourselves and our environment.

Did you know that in a recent study, Barking and Dagenham was ranked the ninth happiest place in the country - out of 381 local authorities - with a rating of 7.87?

Everybody associated with Hunters Hall Primary School believes that there is always a reason for every behaviour and we take our children's and families' wellbeing very seriously; it is in the heart of our ethos and anyone who visits always compliments us on the school's welcoming and nurturing atmosphere.

In this edition of Snippets, you will learn more about David Reed, 87 years old and a former Hunters Hall pupil. We are ever so proud of our school and the achievements that its pupils – past and present make.

Michael Kaitell and Selina Frazer

Co-Headteachers

Attendance

Congratulations to **RB** in Key Stage 1 who achieved **96.95%** this week and to **4R** in Key Stage 2 with **96.60%**

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	96.95	2D	95.97	4TH	93.42
RH	92.62	2K	94.14	5A	90.08
RR	89.72	3G	86.12	5D	95.29
1H	90.55	3T	92.28	5Y	95.88
1K	93.50	3Z	89.67	6E	95.42
1L	92.88	4G	93.39	6L	94.53
2A	96.33	4R	96.60	6N	96.43



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.
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.

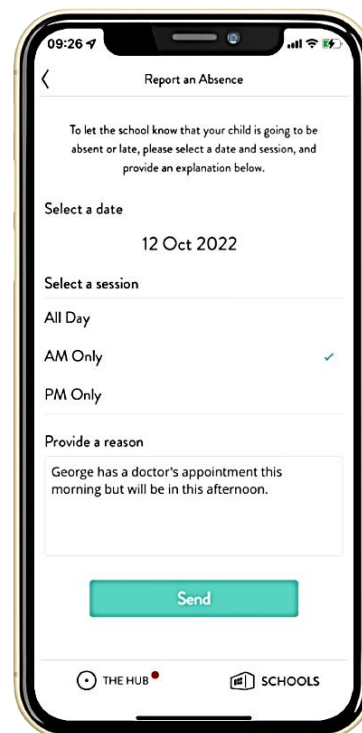
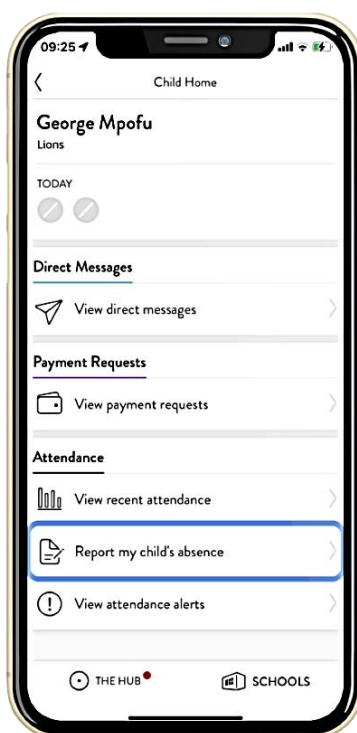
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

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>



Reporting absence



Multicultural & Wellbeing Community Day

Our Multicultural and Wellbeing Community Day brought everybody in our school and within our local area closer together and cemented being part of the Hunters Hall extended family. It built upon previous community events which have taken place through the years; we hope that year-on-year days like the Multicultural & Wellbeing Community Day will have a strong impact and lasting legacy for our very special community.



Multicultural & Wellbeing Community Day

Having a sense of community embraces spirit, character, image and pride and is a vital element of a healthy community. It is a feeling that people within the community matter to one another with a shared faith that their needs will be met through commitment and togetherness. Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves.



Multicultural & Wellbeing Community Day

Research consistently links the lack of social connectedness with health conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, immune disorders and other conditions. Social isolation does also impact mental health and well-being. Strong social ties are crucial to mental health—they can lower stress and anxiety and help people thrive.









To the Head Teacher,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am now aged 87, living in retirement at the above address. For the benefit of my grandchildren I am writing about my life and some of my earliest memories are of my education at Hunters Hall School. I am sending you a copy as I thought it may be of interest to you and your staff.

Yours Faithfully,



David A.Reed

DAVID REED > TELL ME ABOUT YOUR EARLIEST SCHOOL MEMORIES

Tell me about your earliest school memories

✎ EDIT TITLE

by [David Reed](#) on February 08, 2022.

During the war, at the time I should have started school aged 5, I was evacuated with my Mother, brother Tony and sister Jill to a small village in Pewsey, Wiltshire. It was wartime, and my father Joe was serving in the Royal Navy. I started school in the village school in Pewsey. I have no memory of that school as I only went there for one term. My father was discharged from the navy as medically unfit after an operation for a mastoid. He rented a house at 79 Auriel Avenue in Dagenham and we moved there in, I think, 1941.

I can remember my mother taking me to Hunters Hall Primary school to enroll me and I was then able to attend. The first day I attended my mother paid a local older boy 6 pence to take me to school, which entailed crossing Rainham Road South a busy major road, after the second days attendance I said to my mother, you don't need to pay anymore, I know the way and thereafter I went on my own. It was a walk of over a mile and half. Years afterwards a primary school was built at the end of our street.

Hunters Hall School catered for children from a wide area mostly from Dagenham Council Estate. The classrooms were built around a quadrangle, they were on the ground floor. the inner of the quadrangle was grassed over with some flower beds. During my years at the school children were never allowed on the quadrangle and I never set foot on that area. There were brick built air raid shelters in the playground and in corner was boys toilet with a tar covered wall as a urinal and 3 or 4 filthy WC's.

The reception classes was called the Infants and were mixed. I am not certain but I think my teacher's names were Miss Grant and Miss Rushton. I was in the Infants for a year and a half as I joined half way through the year. After the Infants the children were moved into either the big boys or the big girls, and no further mixing was possible at the school. The pupil stayed in the same class for the whole year and the teacher taught all the subjects. We were not streamed.

During my first year in the 'big boys' my teacher was called Miss McCecknie. She punished me one day, for some misdemeanor, by holding me across her lap and pulling up the leg of my short trousers and slapping me hard on my bare thigh, it was very painful. I told my mother and some time later she used the same punishment which offended my sense of fair play as I had confided the type of punishment to her in confidence, not to be used against me

My next teacher was Miss Tattam, a small woman who punished her class by caning the culprit with some hard strokes of the cane on their hands. I was not caned by her whilst in her class.

I was very friendly with a boy called Michael Sands one day we were in the playground when it started to rain. We entered the school, this was during our lunch break when it was forbidden to enter the school. As we entered the school, Mr Guard was waiting and was carrying a short bamboo cane he made us hold out our hands and caned us both for breaking a school rule. We were 8 years old.

I moved up into Mrs Farren's class, she was the head masters wife and was kind and I remember her taking our class for a day trip to London Zoo, a rare treat. I never saw her bad tempered or using any form of physical punishment although her husband did when necessary.

My final year at the school was in Mr Guard's class, he was a very tall well built man and very strict. He was full of tricks, he would often set the class some work to do and leave the room, after a while he would go into the inner quadrangle and try to approach our classroom windows unseen and when he would suddenly appear and would often catch some boy doing something wrong like leaving his desk and would be caned for his transgression. I was often in need of a haircut and he would grab my hair and say in a jocular way, "soon be sheep shearing time Reed", "Yes Sir" I would reply and make a mental note to get a hair cut as soon as I could.

He wore horn rimmed glasses and rode the biggest bicycle I had ever seen, it had 28 inch wheels and he looked a very imposing figure as he rode to and from school.

The headmaster was Mr Farren, he did not teach and I never had any contact with him.

During my early years at the school we had to bring in our own food for lunch. as food was rationed this was not easy and I can remember having just a jam sandwich for lunch. In my later years at the school a hot meal was supplied, cooked I believe at Eastbrook School and brought in by lorry.

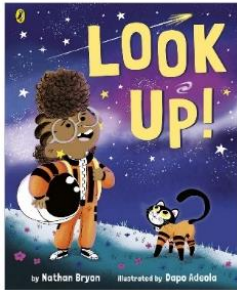
We were allowed to leave the school premises after we had eaten our school lunch and we would often go to Pondfield Park to play. In a corner of the park was a paved area with swings and a roundabout. The roundabout was large and shaped like a witches hat, it was well balanced and would swing in a circular motion when pushed but boys would misuse it by making it move erratically and violently in directions that made it difficult to stay on it when used. There was a large piece of apparatus we called a zigzag which consisted of a heavy timbre structure with seats which was suspended at either end by solid steel arms with a boy at either end standing up and moving backwards and forwards to give it momentum it could move quite fast and sometimes it was used with two boys at either end when its movement was quite frightening. When it was time to return to school the park keeper (known as parkee) would blow a whistle and move us out of the park. My memory is that it was only boys who used the park.

In conclusion, I was quite happy at the school. There was some bullying, I did not bully anyone and I was not bullied. I was happy at Hunters Hall. I passed the eleven plus and went to Dagenham County High School, but that's another story. My best friend Michael Sands also passed the eleven plus but went to the South East Essex Technical College and after we left Hunters Hall I never saw him again.

Harold A. Reed

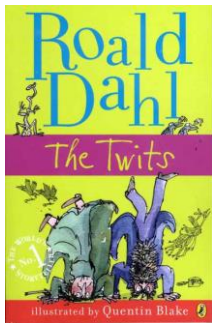
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

Ever got stuck when choosing a book to buy or borrow from the library?
Ever wondered what your teachers, family or friends like to read?
Well, our new weekly book review section is just what you need!
Here are Miss Gurry's recommendations:



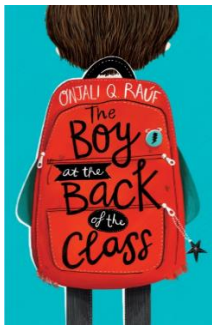
Reading interest: 4-8

I really like this book – 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon.' It's a really relatable book about taking time to look around you and appreciate the world rather than being on your phone all the time!



Reading interest: 8-12

'The Twits' by Roald Dahl it made me squirm and laugh out loud. It's about a husband and wife who play horrible tricks on each other.



Reading interest: 10-adult

'The boy at the back of the class' by Onjali Rauf is such a well written children's novel for older children. It is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.





HUNTERS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Nursery Intake September 2023

Nursery places available for 3 and 4 year olds.

15 and 30-hour places available – please enquire.

Begin your child's education with a compassionate, dedicated knowledgeable, Nursery Teacher.

The best way to prepare your child for school. We provide the ideal start to your child's educational learning journey.

<p><u>AM Session</u></p> <p>8:30am – 11:30am</p>	<p>NURSERY</p>	<p><u>PM Session</u></p> <p>12:15pm – 3:15pm</p>
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Please contact the school office by telephone or email to register.

Zimbabwe Independence Day - 18th April 2023

Some children from Year 5 have been gathering information about Zimbabwe and would like everyone to wear the colours of the Zimbabwe flag on Tuesday 18th April for Zimbabwe's Independence Day.

by Lily James Malib Owen Brian Rajus

It's on Tuesday 18th April 2023

Zimbabwe Independence day

please wear Green yellow Red

Black

Green is for the plants
yellow is for minerals gold diamond.
Red is for blood that was ~~shed~~ during the war
Black is for majority of black people

Maybe if you could bring some money it could help the school

Zimbabwe is a beautiful independence is very important
marvellous food in Zimbabwe
Banana are good in Zimbabwe
apple are sweet in Zimbabwe
Beautiful Palaces in Zimbabwe
Elephants are pe Zimbabweans
People torture

Information about Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe has beautiful rivers it has amazing food and beautiful animals and let's neighbour's visit zimbabwe
let's play in green black yellow red it's a really good place to live and go to.

Please wear the colour Green Black yellow Red or if your have Africa clothes wear them please.

Zimbabwe's independence day is coming up let's gonna fun
going to be learning more zimbabwean culture you can learn lots history about it.

Independence Day Zimbabwe

Hunters hall primary school

HAF Programme

Free holiday activities – Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme is open to children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefit related free school meals. (Children living in households on income-related benefits such as universal credit and who are eligible for free school

There are lots of different free exciting activities available for children and young people aged 4 to 16, from Reception to Year 13. Children and young people can enjoy a range of activities from swimming to mindfulness, theatre to cookery workshops and much more.

Activities will be available from Monday 4 until Friday 14 April 2023

We will provide free nutritious meals each day. Spaces are limited

If you have any questions, please contact us at HAFprogramme@lbbd.gov.uk.

For wider activities for all families, please visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities>

HAF is funded by the Department of Education

Barking & Dagenham



Any family who is looking to make changes together to be healthier and happier can request a free place. HENRY is ideal for families who are looking to eat better, become a healthier weight, be more physically active or those who are looking for support with family life.

Who is HENRY for?



Is there a cost?

Any family who is looking to make changes together to be healthier and happier can request a free place. HENRY is ideal for families who are looking to eat better, become a healthier weight, be more physically active or those who are looking for support with family life.

There is no cost for parents to attend. On completion families will receive 5 x Free leisure vouchers for weekly use of **Swim, Soft play & Junior gym** activities.

To sign up to HENRY programme please scan the QR code and complete the registration form



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

Easter is almost here and what better way for the kids to spend their holiday than taking part in exciting activities and making new friends?

It can be tough for parents finding things to occupy children during the holidays, that's why Barking and Dagenham council are hosting a variety of sports and activity camps. Attending a camp is a great way for children to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, learn new skills and mingle with kids outside their immediate circle. It's a growing experience that will make them better people one day, with brighter memories of their school holidays.

Who is the programme for: Young people and children who live or go to school in the area

Activities will be available from Monday 4 until Friday 14 April 2023

Please visit <https://lbbd.gov.uk/newme-healthy-lifestyles> and select the schools out tab for full programme list and booking information

Free Easter Camp for FSM Eligible Students



For students eligible for Free School Meals

FREE EASTER CAMP



Awesome partners

Limited spaces on a first come, first serve basis!

- Basketball
- Yoga
- Competitions
- Drama
- Soccer School
- Sublime Science
- Arts & Crafts
- Zoolab

A fun-filled week of activities

Check out our events!

How to register

It's simple, just click the button to get started!

Register



learninghive.co.uk
info@learninghive.co.uk
0207 112 8658



Mental Health Support Team



Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties. Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- **Anxiety** (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- **Challenging behaviour** (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assemblies and workshops)



Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's whole-school approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service

For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk



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



Barking & Dagenham



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.

Call 0330 113 0330