



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

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May 2023

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term

- Monday 22nd May** – 4R & 4TH visit to Valence House
- Wednesday 24th May** – Yr6 Junior Citizen
- Thursday 25th May** – 4G visit to Valence House
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June** – Half Term Holidays
- Monday 5th June** – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 12th June; Wednesday 14th June & Thursday 15th June** – Reception visits to Stepney Green City Farm
- Thursday 15th June** – Class/ group photographs
- Tuesday 27th June** – Road Safety Roadshow
- Wednesday 28th June** – 3G Upminster Bridge visit
- Thursday 29th June** – 3Z & 3T Upminster Bridge visit

Dear Parent/Carer,

We feel heartened this week by the number of acts of kindness we have witnessed amongst our community. Daily, we see our children, staff and parents demonstrate kindness through small acts as simple as a smile.

Acknowledging each other and doing simple acts of kindness releases happiness hormones which boost serotonin which spreads feelings of wellbeing throughout our body. Being kind is good for our health!

Sometimes people go beyond such simple acts and inconvenience themselves so they can help someone in need. Science tells us that not only does this benefit the person being helped and supported but also the person giving.

Kindness has also been proven to relieve anxiety – the theme of this week's Mental Health Awareness. Being nice to others can be one of the easiest ways to keep anxiety at bay – and it doesn't cost anything.

Our school is a sea of green today to remind us that we must look after our own mental health and extend that kindness to ourselves. That kindness may be as simple as getting our basic needs met: getting enough sleep; eating healthily; being active and connecting with loved ones. We hope you manage all of these this weekend.

Have a lovely weekend, and good mental health.






Selina Frazer and Michael Kaitell

Co-Headteachers

Thrive School of Excellence



Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	342
	Bears	415
	Wolves	521
	Sharks	547
	Komodo Dragon	338

Attendance

Congratulations to 1K in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.11% this week and to 6L in Key Stage 2 with 99.11%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	92.86	2D	95.00	4TH	96.00
RH	91.67	2K	97.07	5A	96.43
RR	98.66	3G	95.09	5D	95.98
1H	89.73	3T	92.67	5Y	93.52
1K	99.11	3Z	94.81	6E	95.69
1L	95.69	4G	97.00	6L	99.11
2A	95.83	4R	92.31	6N	92.86



School Uniform

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

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20.

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.

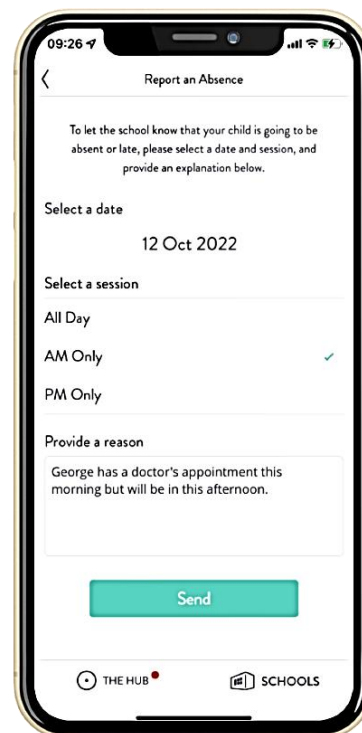
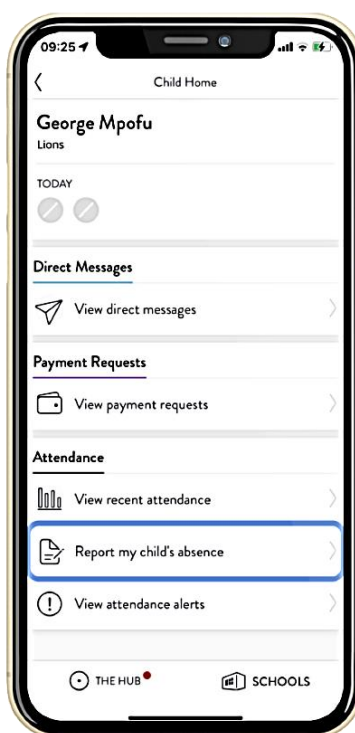
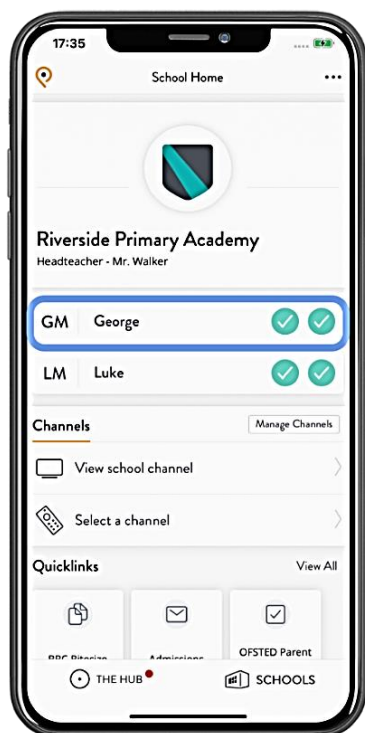
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

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





Banji Alexander's visit on Wednesday definitely had an impact on three children. After school, they could be seen totally engrossed in his book: "Lockdown Looms" <https://banjialexander.com/>



Ride For Freedom

The Becontree Bike Hub will be open, to help the community with their bikes - get them out this summer to commute or a ride in the Chase Nature Reserve safely.

The opening times will be -
Mondays and Thursdays 8am - 12pm
Saturdays 10am - 2pm

The Hunters Hall Ambassadors represented the school well.

Councillor Jane Jones was there and showed a huge interest in the Ride For Freedom Schools' Programme which is a brilliant step in reaching out to more schools.



We met all the companies involved in helping set up the container and the children had a photo with them.

Ride For Freedom were proud to have our ambassadors there as part of the support for Ride For Freedom and helping to raise awareness of modern-day slavery.



Mental Health Conversation Starters

More and more people are experiencing poor mental health. That's why Pudsey's removed his bandana, to show that mental health issues are often less visible and to encourage conversations that can help.

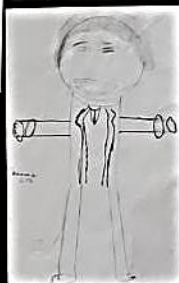
Just like adults, children can have daily worries. Listening to how young people feel and supporting them to seek help when they need it, can all begin with an ordinary conversation. Starting these conversations and helping young people to work out problems by talking about them, can really help to keep a young person's mental health on track.

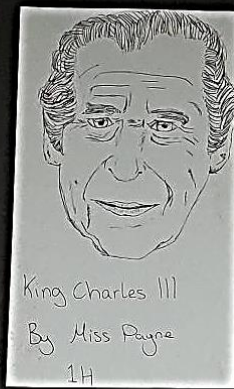
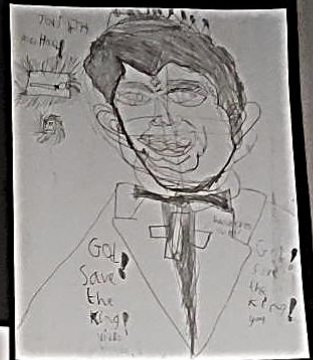
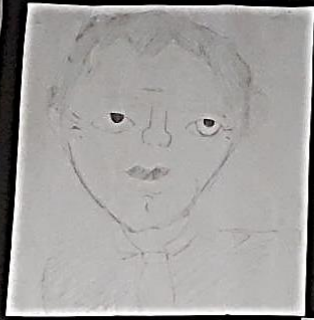
We know it can be tough to know what to say though. So if you're looking for ways to start a healthy discussion, try some of these simple conversation starters: What made you feel happy today? Where do you feel safe and calm? What would your ideal day be like? What difficult things are you going through at the moment? What colour/ animal represents how you feel today?

And remember, talking doesn't have to be a formal affair. Why not play a game, go for a walk, craft or bake whilst you chat – pick an activity that you both enjoy so it feels natural – there are lots of ways to ease yourself into a conversation that can make a real difference.



King Charles III Portrait Gallery







ARE YOU A BALLER?
TRIAL DAY

AGE: U6 - U10 (9am - 10:30am)
WHERE: Castle Green Leisure Centre,
(RM9 4UN)
WHEN: Saturday, 20th Of May

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Year 4 Homework



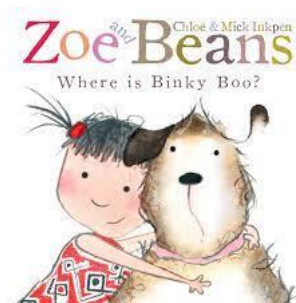
David-Emanuel (4G) made a fantastic Roman Villa for his Roman homework. David always goes above and beyond in his homework. But this is his finest piece yet.

Well done, David!

Keep up the good work!

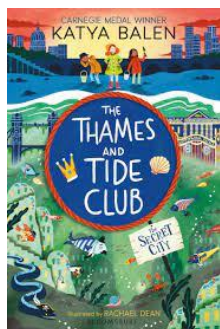
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

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 Mrs Willat's recommendations:



Reading interest: 4-8

'Zoe and Beans - Where is Binky Boo?' by Chloe and Mick Inkpen is one of my favourite picture books. Everyone has a favourite toy that they want to take everywhere! And we all know that these toys can get very stinky!



Reading interest: 8-12

I've always loved going to London with my children. One summer we did 'mudlarking' with the Museum of London, Docklands. They took us out on to the banks of the River Thames at low tide to find relics from the past. 'The Thames and Tide Club' by Katya Balen is a great fantasy book with a strange underwater world and a mission to solve!



Reading interest: 10-adult

I bought 'Would You Rather for 10 Year Olds' for my 10 year old son who prefers football to reading! There are lots of 'would you rather..' scenarios which will make everyone laugh!



COMMUNITY FOOD CLUB

Food for thought



WELCOME TO THE CLUB

If you're struggling to pay your bills or want to make your money stretch a little bit further; join the Community Food Club to reduce your food shopping bill. You will have access to roughly £20 worth of groceries each week.

Your three months membership will also give you access to support from a wide range of services, providing advice on finances, housing, employability and health.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- You must live in London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and be in need of support.
- Membership access is available for one person per household to visit once a week.
- Membership access is restricted to one site over the course of the 3 months membership.
- Members must commit to making a positive lifestyle change over the course of their membership.

WHEN AND WHERE

<p>Barking Learning Centre Community Hub 2 Town Square, Barking, IG11 7NB Every Tuesday between 12pm - 4pm</p> <p>Dagenham Learning Centre Community Hub 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham, RM10 9QS Every Friday between 11am - 1pm</p> <p>Heath Community Hub Fridlands Lane, Dagenham, RM10 7HX Every Wednesday between 12pm - 4pm</p>	<p>Northbury Community Hub 2 Victoria Road, Barking, IG11 8PY Every Friday between 3:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>Marks Gate Community Hub Roe Lane, Marks Gate, RM6 5NR Every Wednesday between 11am - 1pm</p> <p>Thames Community Hub Baetale Avenue, Barking, IG11 8LG Every Friday between 11am - 1pm</p>
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*Please bring proof of address with you when registering.



What's on – Marks Gate Community Hub

Monday

09:00 – 17:00 – Library service *computers turn off at 16:45
 09:00 – 17:00 – Youth Unity Family Support
 09:30-11:30 – Esol classes term time only.
 09:45-12:15 – Diabetes Prevention
 10:00 – 16:00 – Self Service baby weighing.
 10:30 – 11:15 – Story and Rhyme.
 12:00 – 13:30 – Phonics workshop 2 ½ years – 4 years NMS.
 12:00 – 14:00 – Esol classes *term time only.
 12:00 – 14:00 – Pennu Over 60s coffee morning * last Monday of every month.
 17:45-18:45 – GCSE Chemistry lessons
 18:00-20:00 – Arabic and Madrasa classes
 19:00-20:00 – Community Supermarket/Soup Kitchen.

Tuesday

09:00 – 17:00 – Library service *computers turn off at 16:45
 09:00 – 16:00 – Midwife Clinic
 10:00 – 11:30 – Messy Play.
 09:30 – 16:00 – Self Service Baby Weighing.
 10:00 – 12:00 – Knit & Knatter
 13:00 – 17:00 – BRIC Substance misuse sessions.
 17:30 – 19:30 – Madrasah
 15:45 – 16:45 – Street Dance.
 16:15-18:15 – Future Youth Zone-Youth Club-(7-12-year-olds)
 17:00-19:00 – A-Level Tuition
 18:30-20:45 – Future Youth Zone- Youth Club (13-18-year-olds)

Wednesday

09:00 – 17:00 – Library service *computers turn off at 16:45
 09:00-12:00 – Maths Tuition-ESOL
 09:00-16:00 – Midwife Clinic.
 10:00 – 16:00 – Self Service Baby Weighing.
 11:00 – 13:00 – Community Food Club *Members Only.
 14:00-16:00 – Art and Crafts (Adults)
 14:30-17:00 – Diabetes Prevention.
 17:00-18:00 – Karate classes
 18:30-20:00 – Boxing club Fitness sessions.
 18:30-19:00 – Maths Tuition ESOL six-week course.

Thursday

09:00 – 17:00 – Library service *computers turn off at 16:45
 09:00 – 16:00 – Midwife Clinic
 10:00-10:30 – Let's Get Moving-singing and movement for toddlers.
 10:00-12:00 – Diabetes Prevention
 11:00-12:00 – Baby Massage.
 10:00 – 16:30 – Self Service Baby Weighing.
 10:00 – 12:00 – Digital Champion.
 10:30-14:00 – Baby Bank.
 10:00-11:30 – Stay and Play.
 13:00-14:00 – Babbling Babes.
 17:00-18:00 – Karate Classes.
 17:30-19:30 – Madrasah.

Friday

09:00 – 17:00 – Library service *computers turn off at 16:45
 09:00-17:00 – Youth Unity Mentoring.



10:00-12:00 – Digital Champion- offering IT support.
 11:00-14:00 – Jummah Prayers.
 16:30-21:30 – NMS Boxing Club *Booking on
 17:00-19:00 – Tuition.

Saturday

Please note Library services are closed.

9.00-12.00- Private tuition.

More information

Sunday 18.30-20.30 - Madrasah.

Please note all sessions are free of charge unless otherwise stated.

Ante/Postnatal clinic – Ante-natal checks to monitor the health of you & your unborn child. Post-natal for new-born baby checks. Booking through your midwife required.

Baby Massage – Baby Massage course – helps babies with communication, sleep & digestion

Church Services - Take place every Sunday.

Community Food Club – Weekly support with groceries for those in debt or financial hardship. T&C apply

Community Warm spaces – Come join us for tea, coffee and a chat. Free service, open to all. Monday- Friday 10.00am- 16.00pm.

Diabetes Prevention - Will be holding sessions in the main hall

Dagenham Eagles Haf Programme-April 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th 10.00am-16.00pm

Digital Champion Support –Basic IT skills & support. Ask reception for more information

Easter Egg Market and Egg Hunt-Saturday 15th April 2023 presented by LBBD and NMS.

Knit & Knatter Coffee Morning - Join us for a cup of tea, a knit & a knatter

High Voltage Performing Arts Marks Gate Music Festival Monday 3rd April 2023 14.00-16.00. Free entry at the hub.

Kids Play by Messy Play starting every other Friday from March 17th 9.30-11.00am

Let's Get Moving- Aiming to get toddlers moving through music and rhyme.

Reading Beez - Reading scheme for children aged 5 -13 years. Improve your reading and collect prizes along the way.

Stay & Play - Play session, help learn and communicate through p

Sensory Room (0-5 years) - Come and enjoy sensory equipment. Contact centre to book

Story and Rhyme. Stories and songs for 0-3-year-olds.





MUSIC & MOVEMENT

TO INSPIRE CHILDREN'S CREATIVE
EXPRESSION THROUGH MUSIC, SONGS
AND DANCE

MONDAY 12TH, 19TH 26TH JUNE,
3RD , 10TH , 17TH JULY

4:00PM- 5:00 PM

**AGES 5-13 YEARS
(CHILDREN WITH SEN/D)**

**VENUE: BECONTREE COMMUNITY HUB
STEVENS ROAD, DAGENHAM, RM8 2QR**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE
CALL: 0208 227 5500**



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