



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

Issue: 2
September 2023

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd September – Trewern & Outdoor Week

(Trewern children to arrive at 7:10am on Monday)

Friday 29th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:00-10:30

Wednesday 18th October – Thursday 19th October – Parent/Carer Open Evening

Friday 20th October – INSET Day (no pupils)

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half Term Holidays

Attendance

Congratulations to Nursery who achieved 100% this week, to 2D in Key Stage 2 with 99.43% and 6D in Key Stage 2 with 98.72%

Class	Attendance %
Class AM NURSERY	100.00
Class FT Nursery	100.00
Class PM NURSERY	100.00
Class 2D	99.43
Class 1KS	98.88
Class 2K	98.75
Class 6D	98.72
Class 5A	98.67
Class 5H	97.92
Class 6AM	96.91
Class RH	96.77
Class 3G	96.67
Class 1L	96.30
Class 4G	96.07
Class 6E	95.29
Class 5N	94.67
Class 2W	94.64
Class 3Z	94.44
Class 3R	92.53
Class RB	91.13
Class 4N	89.63
Class 4T	89.51
Class RR	88.80
Class 1H	87.95

Dear Parent/Carer,

Time definitely flies! It feels like yesterday when I was writing last Friday's Snippets message. Well, we have just completed our first full week and I can report that it has been a productive one. When walking around the school with our Chair of Governors on Monday, I was filled with a sense of extreme pride and happiness as we watched the teaching and learning taking place in our calm classrooms and other learning spaces.

In addition to the hard work taking place in the classrooms, our corridor displays are currently being updated – the theme this term is "Our School's Values" and how they are demonstrated through our in-depth curriculum.

When you come into school for our first open evening on Thursday 19th October, please look at the finished displays and see if you can spot our six values: Collaboration, Motivation, Preparation, Resilience, Creativity and Curiosity.

Yesterday and today saw the children taking part in a different type of physical education. Enrich Education visited and ran two days of Quidditch, which is a fast, physical and highly active sport – one that is growing in popularity with young people everywhere. Thank you to Miss Thomas, our PE Leader, for organising the event which also provided training for our teachers yesterday evening.

This week, we put another reminder on ParentHub, that all primary-aged children can have a free school meal due to the Mayor of London's campaign. You can see the weekly menus here: <https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/parents-carers/school-meals/>

Next week, we see our Year 6 taking part in Outdoor Week, some 38 children will be residing at Trewern Outdoor Education Centre in Hay-On-Wye (<https://trewern.org/>) for five days where they will participate in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities whilst developing life skills. The remaining children will also take part in outdoor pursuits closer to home and culminating in a sleepover at school on Thursday evening. Look out for updates on Twitter and ParentHub. To get a preview of some of the learning and fun that will take place at Trewern – visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/0hhmF2WDcag>

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the 100% attendance achieved by our new nursery children. Planting the seed of great attendance and punctuality puts our children in good stead for the world of work in later life.

Have a wonderful weekend and be safe!

Michael Kaitell
Headteacher

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** school when sending your children with snacks and packed lunches.



Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Jaizelle Cabalza	5A

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 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

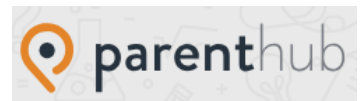
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



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

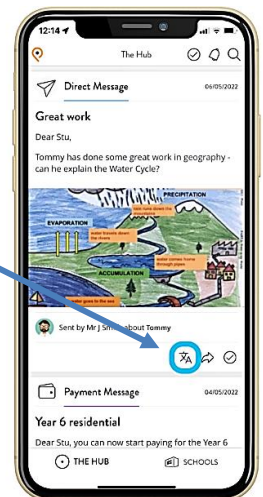
How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

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

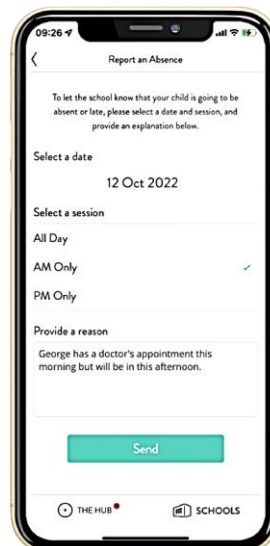
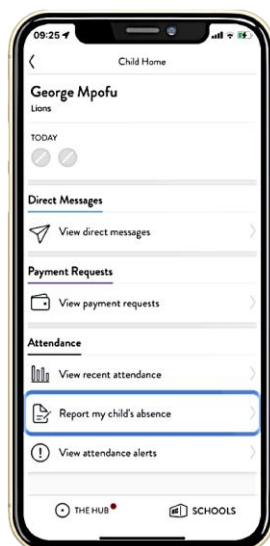
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

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



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2023-2024

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

School Uniform

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



PE Days 2023-2024

PE Days

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception		Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

Children must have a suitable swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat.

This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July. |

Very Important

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is

31 October 2023

Apply online for a secondary-phase school place now:

www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions



Parents of children in Year 6 must apply online for their secondary school places before 31st October 2023.

All information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/moving-secondary-school>

Who's Who? Mrs Springford

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

It's rewarding and I am blessed to work with people who have become my friends. Whatever your roll is within Hunters Hall, you are made to feel that you belong and that you are part of a team who are helping our children to reach their individual goals. After all, we want all children to thrive, have a sense of belonging, have confidence, to believe in themselves and go onto live their best lives.

What's your role?

I work within the Admin Team as the Finance Officer, dealing with all things money and also support the Admin Team and Business Manager.

Favourite things e.g. author, foods, holiday destination, hobbies;

Anything to do with Autumn - the colours of Autumn, the leaves falling, cosy jumpers, boots, warm hearty pies, hot chocolate, darker nights and candles.

I like to travel and have been lucky enough to visit New York and Canada which I have very special memories of. Also, this year I have been fortunate to travel to Venice and Croatia which have now become my favourite places along with NYC and Canada.

I like to read, enjoy my food and spend time with family and friends.

Own School Memories

My first Infants teacher, Mrs Easter, she had a crooked little finger and was so very gentle and kind. I can remember the lovely Wendy House in the corner of her class where we used to play. The fact that I can still remember this teacher '50' ish years on is proof that the attitude of staff and teachers and how we interact with our children has a lasting impact.

Butter Beans and Semolina Pudding with Jam!!!

Hopes & Dreams

Time flies and in the not so distant future retirement looms! If I am lucky enough to continue to enjoy good health, I would like to travel when I do retire.

I might be blessed with a Grandchild, or Two.

However, in the meantime I hope to carry on as I am, taking care of everything money and being part of a team that makes Hunters Hall a good place to be.

How Long have you been at Hunters Hall?

Next month, October 16th, I have been at Hunters Hall for seventeen years.

Achievements to date

Qualifying as a Nurse in 1985.

Having my Son 27 years ago and watching him grow into a fine young man, living his best life.

A little known fact...I am also the Potters August Bank Holiday 2022, Women's Welly Wanger Champion 😊



On Wednesday, we had a visit from ARC Theatre. The theatre group performed to Years 5 & 6.

Arc Theatre presented "Stop and Think" which is funded by Barking & Dagenham Safer Neighbourhoods Board (MOPAC)

Arc's Stop and Think is a specially created intervention programme - aiming to improve Police and community relations and bust the myths surrounding Stop and Search, including:

- Why the Police use 'Stop and Search' or 'Stop and Account' and the difference between them,
- Young people's legal rights and responsibilities,
- What behaviours might cause young people to be stopped,
- How to behave during a stop in order that no offences are committed as a result of the procedure itself.



Why not visit Arc Theatre's website to find out more about their fantastic work!

<https://www.arctheatre.com/index.shtml>

Quidditch

This week the whole school had the opportunity to participate in our new PE topic 'Quidditch'. It was lovely seeing all the children excited and enjoying the activities that were put on for them.

"It was so much fun learning how to play Quidditch. I enjoyed being seeker for my team."
Elliott 4N.

Congratulations to Miss Liburd who was the best golden snitch in the school!







September Self-Care

Self-Care Se

MONDAY

11
Make time to do something you really enjoy

TUESDAY

12
Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

WEDNESDAY

13
Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

THURSDAY

14
If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

FRIDAY

15
Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

SATURDAY

16
Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

SUNDAY

17
No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18
Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19
Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20
Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21
Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22
Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23
Let go of other people's expectations of you

24
Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25
Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26
Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27
Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

28
Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29
Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30
Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Trewern Outdoor Centre



<https://youtu.be/0hhmF2WDcag>

“Trewern exists to provide a residential experience for young people and to promote experiential learning through a variety of educational experiences, in an environment that contrasts with their home area.”

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a
MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

In recognition of a commitment to
providing a high-quality music education
for all children and young people

2023 - 2024



Bridget Whyte
CEO of Music Mark



Supported by:

Find out more:



The UK Association for Music Education - Music Mark | www.musicmark.org.uk

Macmillan Coffee Morning Invite

Dear Parents/Carers

**COME FOR
COFFEE**
IT'S FOR MACMILLAN

Friday 29th September 2023
9:00am - 10:30am
Hunters Hall Primary - Dining Hall

Patrick Bellevue
Family Support Worker

Everyone Welcome





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.

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