

Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 5 October 2023

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day (wear something yellow)

Monday 16th October – Year 2 Dragon Day Wednesday 18th October – Thursday 19th October – Parent/Carer Open Evening

Thursday 19th October – Last day of Autumn Term

Friday 20th October – INSET Day (no pupils) **Monday 23rd October** – Friday 27th October – Half Term Holidays

Monday 30th October – All pupils return to school

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to **AM Nursery** with **97.37%, 2D** in Key Stage 1 with **97.84%** and **5H** in Key Stage 2 with **99.07%**

Class	Attendance %
Class 5H	99.07
Class 2D	97.84
Class AM NURSERY	97.37
Class 6E	97.30
Class 2K	96.88
Class 3R	96.88
Class 3G	96.67
Class 1H	96.43
Class 1L	96.43
Class 6AM	96.30
Class 5A	96.00
Class 4G	94.87
Class 4T	94.67
Class 1KS	94.02
Class 3Z	93.53
Class 2W	93.10
Class 4N	92.86
Class RB	92.55
Class 5N	92.31
Class RR	91.07
Class 6D	89.81
Class FT Nursery	87.10
Class PM NURSERY	82.14
Class RH	79.70



Dear Parent/Carer,

As the first week of October is underway, we note that our attendance has dropped in a few classes. At this time of year, we do see more coughs and colds. Please send your child in if they are well enough to be in school.

On the topic of health, included in this edition of Snippets is information about Meningitis and the MMR vaccine. Please read this and make an informed decision.

Before 8:30 and after home-time when the children are in the care of you, as their parent/carer, I must remind you that your duty is to enforce safety rules. I messaged on ParentHub this week as two children, who are independent travellers, had a near miss on their way to school when crossing the road. Thankfully the driver missed them and notified us.

On Tuesday, the whole school will be wearing yellow to mark World Mental Health Day. At Hunters Hall we take mental health seriously and recognise that everyone has positive and negative

mental health. The important factor is that we find a way to talk to trusted friends, family and/or professionals.

We teach all children from Nursery to Year 6 about consent – this is about seeking permission and being empowered to say, "No!" if faced with something that is wrong. Please visit the NSPCC website and talk PANTS with your children.



 $\frac{https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/}{}$

As you will know, October is a time when we focus upon celebrating Black History. As our school demographic continues to change, it is important that we educate all about our backgrounds, similarities and differences so that there is no discrimination to the protected characteristics as set out in the Equality Act 2010.

As Sir Muhammad Iqbal wrote, "Discrimination is a disease, and tolerance is the only cure."

Michael Kaitell Headteacher

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class	
Yanis Sali	6D	

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:

@HuntersHallPS

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

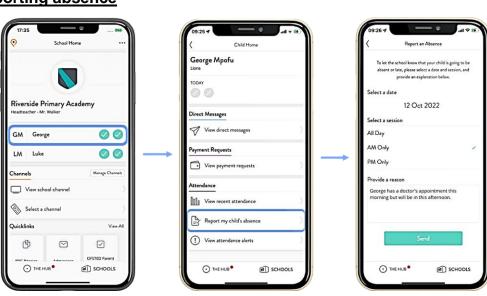
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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.

POLITE REMINDER - Very Important



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

If you require any assistance with the application process, please speak to Mr Bellevue.

Who's Who? Miss Liburd

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

I trained at this school for my PGCE course and absolutely loved it here. I fell in love with the children and staff here, so I asked if they had a place for me at the school next year. Luckily they did!

What's your role?

I am a Year 1 teacher and the Year Group Lead. I have been in Year 1 for four years and I love it. I enjoy seeing the huge amount of progress that the children make from beginning to end. I am also the Geography Lead. I love how Geography allows for us to be curious about the world.



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

One of my favourite things to do is to curl up on the sofa and watch a movie. I watch all sorts of films but have a soft spot for horrors, even though I still get nightmares. I also love visiting new places and trying new foods. I loved trying snails in Paris but did not enjoy the oysters (they came straight back up). However, my most favourite thing to do is to spend time with my family.

Own School Memories

I've always been a musical theatre girl and loved taking part in shows. I played Dorothy in my Year 6 production of 'The Wizard of Oz' with a face full of braces. YAY ME! I also loved playing netball and hockey. Team sports were always fun and I think it's why I enjoy teaching PE today.

Hopes & Dreams

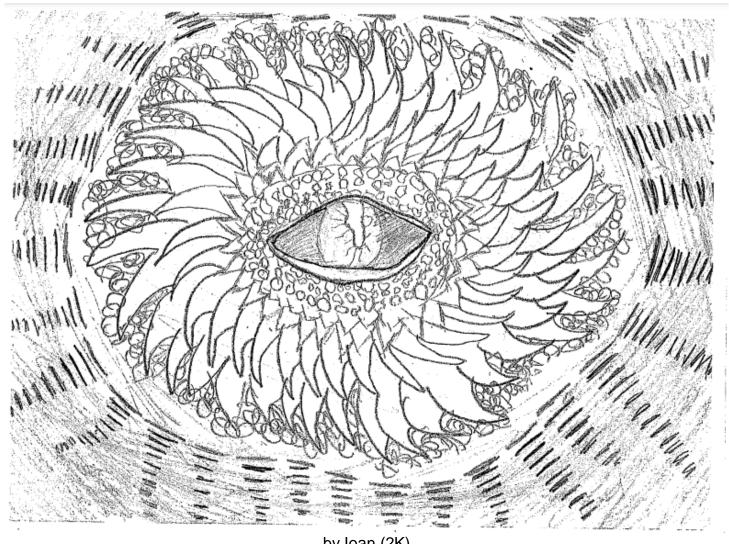
I Dream of unlimited amounts of Pritt Stick Glue for schools.

How Long have you been at Hunters Hall?

I have been teaching at the school for 7 years. I started off in Reception for 3 years and now have been teaching in Year 1 for 4 years.

Achievements to date (in order)

Graduating with a Classics and Drama degree. Graduating with a PGCE. Buying my first house.



by loan (2K)

October 202 Optimistic

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Write down three things you can look forward to this month

Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

can change for the better

Look for the good in people around you today

Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

Share an important goal with someone you trust

Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

for positive reasons to be cheerful today

Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

Take a small you want to see in society

Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

Write down three specific things that have gone well

You can't do everything! three priorities right now?

Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?



Plan a fun or exciting activity to look give you hope for the future forward to

Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month









ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Fear Hate Prejudice

Respect Tolerance Kindness

We have appointed our new Year 6 Ambassadors for Race & Social Justice. They will meet and setup our next focus day for Ending Modern Day Slavery taking place in November.

Our Ambassadors are:

Tilley, Rosie, Jada, Habeeb, Owen, Abdulmalik, Jenson, James, Tyler, I-Sheaba, Lilly, Ellie, Anotnia, Jaireh, Huilia, Peyton and Iman.

https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/about-us/british-values-global-schools-race-social-justice/

Barking and Dagenham Race and Social Justice Charter

We are proud that Barking and Dagenham is one of London's most diverse boroughs. We are determined that all our young people, particularly the most disadvantaged, should have the best possible start in life. We believe that:

- Students' experience of school, educational outcomes and life chances must not be adversely impacted by ethnic background or racial group
- The staff and leadership of our schools and borough must fully reflect our diversity
- Schools' curriculum must reflect and celebrate the diversity of our borough

Our school embraces our role in making these beliefs a reality. We have:

- A named lead facilitator for race and social justice co-ordinating work in our school and between schools
- 2. A lead governor for race and social justice who ensures our governing body consistently considers how the school is addressing issues of race and social justice
- Used the Barking and Dagenham race and social justice self-evaluation tool to identify priority areas we need to address in our school improvement plan
- 4. A curriculum intent which is explicit in representing the diversity of our
- Recruitment and progression practices which create equal pathways for all candidates and employees, ensuring we reflect the communities we serve
- 6. A commitment to staff development ensuring all our people have the skills and confidence to address issues of race and are knowledgeable about the communities we serve
- 7. A clear commitment to working with pupil voice, ensuring that the views of young people inform our approach
- Established links with our community and engaged families in development of the school's approach to race and social justice

Michael Kaitell

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September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't be at risk from measles this back to school season

Measles cases have been rising in London. There is no cure and vaccination is the only protection against becoming seriously unwell. The virus infects the mouth, nose, throat and lungs, then spreads throughout the body, causing severe disease, which can result in complications and even death.

Measles is one of the world's most contagious diseases, spread by close or direct contact with an infected person via coughing or sneezing. One person infected by measles can infect nine out of 10 of their unvaccinated close contacts.

The good news is, if you are vaccinated you are protected. The measles vaccine has been in use for about 60 years, is safe and effective and has reduced cases by 99.9% in the UK. It is usually incorporated with rubella and mumps vaccines in the MMR vaccination.

There will be children who are not fully vaccinated either starting school or returning to school, making outbreaks more likely as children starting mixing again.

Any child identified as a close contact of a measles case without satisfactory vaccination status may be asked to self-isolate. Children who are vaccinated will not need to miss any school.

Staying up to date with your child's vaccines

You can search 'NHS child vaccines' online or visit nhs.uk/child-vaccines to see which vaccinations are given when. If you think your child might be behind on their MMR, polio or any other vaccination you can check your child's health record (red book) or contact your GP to see if they are up to date.

Your GP can quickly arrange for you to catch up with vaccinations. If your child had their first vaccinations abroad it is important that they still have routine vaccinations here, and your GP can help arrange that. If you're not registered with a GP, you can register online at https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp (anyone can register and you don't need ID or proof of address).

Parents of children aged 4 to 11, whose vaccination record says they are behind on polio and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations, are being contacted by an organisation called Vaccination UK. They have been employed by the NHS to arrange catch

up doses at a local clinic or at school this autumn so please consider consenting so your child can get protected.







Meningitis and septicaemia



Severe headache

Stiff neck



Dislike of bright light



Meningitis can kill in hours

Confusion and/ . 🚓 or irritability



These are just some of the warning signs. If you are worried for yourself or someone else get medical help immediately. Call NHS 111.



Rapid breathing



Seizures/ fits



High temperature



Zzz Drowsy or difficult to wake



 Cold hands and feet





Stomach cramps



Rash/ bruising rash



Pale blotchy 📜



Joint or muscle pain



Find out more:

Find out about the MenACWY vaccine



Signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia

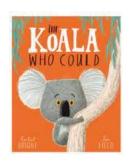


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Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

For this half term, a member of staff will be making their recommendations for great books that explore one of our core values. This week we look at RESILIENCE. We know how hard it is to keep going even when the going gets tough. But how proud you feel when your hard work pays off! This week's recommendations by Mrs Rost.



Reading interest: 4-8

'The Koala Who Could' by Rachel Bright is about a koala called Kevin who likes things to stay the same. However, he finds that he can be brave, step out of his comfort zone and surprise himself with what he can achieve.



Reading interest: 8-12

'The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes' by Mark Pett and Gary Rubenstein is about Beatrice, who never makes mistakes until, one day...... This is a great book for any perfectionists out there. Like Beatrice we can learn that making mistakes is okay and actually quite fun.



Reading interest: 10-adult

'The Star Outside My Window' is written by the same author as 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. It's a story about Aniyah who embarks on the adventure of a lifetime - an adventure that involves breaking into the Royal Observatory of London, a mischievous scurry of squirrels and the biggest star in Hollywood...







Competition Time

Produce a poster or 2-minute video clip "Staying Safe online and offline" Closing date Friday 3rd November 2023 -

All entries to Mr Kaitell via the office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk or front reception.





How would you make the internet a better place?

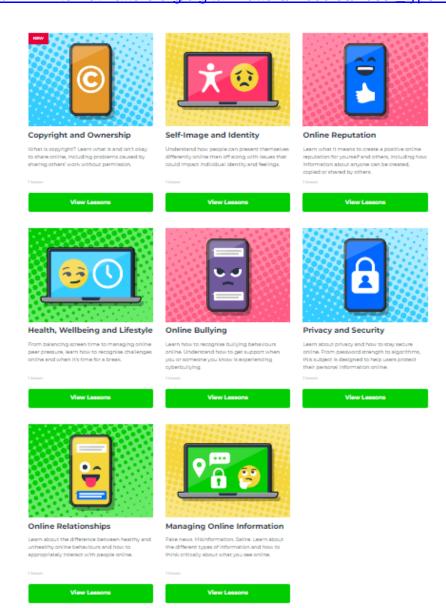
- Let's start by thinking about the theme broadly:
 - What does 'the internet' mean to you?
 - What would a better internet be like?
 - Do you have any film ideas already?

Next, use the questions below to discuss what the internet is like now, and how it could be better.

The positives Internet issues A better internet... of the internet What are the best parts What could improve the What problems do you see online? of going online? best parts of the internet? What could be improved How does the internet How can the problems help people? about the internet? with the internet be fixed? What exciting changes are What online issues are How can you make taking place online? important to young people? those changes happen?



https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/modules/?user_type=student



My Veggie Enchiladas

Following on from last week's post on ParentHub.

Jamie Oliver's £1 wonders - With the cost of food and energy on the rise, Jamie's £1 Wonders features delicious recipes that won't blow the budget - all costing less than £1 a portion.

Try it out and let us know how you found it by emailing the school office for the attention of Miss Ryan & Mrs Keane

My veggie enchiladas | Jamie Oliver recipes



Boys & Girls Football Camp





The CYPD Hub invites you to Creative Minds



Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November, 4th, 11th December

4.00-5.30pm Becontree Community Hub, Stevens Road, Dagenham, RM8 2QR



For Children with SEND aged 6 – 10 years. Siblings Welcome

Arts & Crafts

Get creative with a variety of activities including painting, drawing, making and exploring senses.

(It may get messy so please wear suitable clothing)

Instrument Station

Enjoy our instrument area where you and your child can explore sounds and music together!

Create your own instruments using everyday objects!

Outdoor Play Area

Enjoy our fully equipped outdoor area where you can climb, slide, run, pedal and explore.

Structured Session Time

We finish our sessions with structure and routine. This includes visual timetable, structured play and Attention Bucket time.

To book: Call or Text Nicky on 0208 2275500 or 07849836753





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 assembles and workshops)



Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's wholeschool 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/discretionaryhardship-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 DH





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/discretionaryhardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund

to find out more and apply online





Barking & Dagenham



IN 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.





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

instrument required.

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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