

Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 11 November 2023

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th December – 6E Museum of London Dockland visit

Wednesday 6th December – 6D Museum of London Dockland visit

Friday 8th December – 6AM Museum of London Dockland visit

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December – Year 3 & 4 Disco 3:30-4:00pm

Friday 15th December – Year 5 & 6 Disco 4:00-5:00pm

Thursday 21st December – Last day of Autumn Term

Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January 2024 – First day back for children 8:30am

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th February 2024

– Parent/Carer Evening – individual appointment slots.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to:

Nursery in EYFS with 100%, 2D in Key Stage 1 with 97.41% and 6E in Key Stage 2 with 98.7%

Class	%
Class FT Nursery	100.00
Class 6E	98.70
Class 2D	97.41
Class 1KS	97.08
Class 6D	96.15
Class 3G	96.12
Class 2K	95.98
Class 6AM	95.67
Class 1L	94.64
Class 5A	94.03
Class 4N	94.01
Class 2W	93.97
Class 4G	93.97
Class 5N	92.50
Class 5H	92.41
Class 3Z	92.24
Class 3R	90.60
Class 4T	90.27
Class 1H	90.09
Class RB	88.54
Class PM NURSERY	87.50
Class RR	84.34
Class RH	80.43
Class AM NURSERY	76.71



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we have already commenced the season of light festivals, with Diwali last week, soon there will be Hanukkah and then Christmas. It is at this time of year, we take time to think and reflect on the past and future.

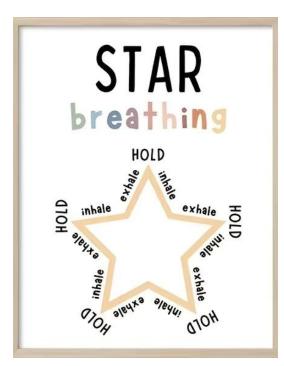
We are hoping to be able to provide all our children with a small gift before we break in December. Please use the following link to donate any amount of money. If you are able to share the link with friends and family, that would be appreciated.

https://gofund.me/cd81801d

Thank you to those of you who have completed our short 2 question survey. We still want your views. Please scan the QR Code or visit https://forms.office.com/e/UZeSiJvnCM



To end my message this week, I am asking everyone to practise star breathing. (See image below.) This technique is incredibly effective when we are faced with situations that cause us stress.



Hope that your weekend is enjoyable,

Michael Kaitell Headteacher

Children in Need

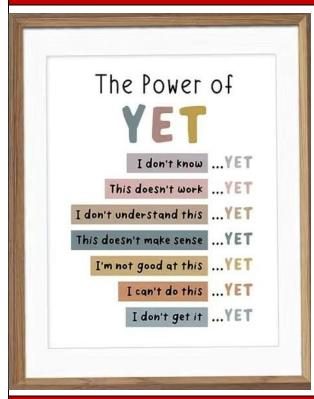
Reminder - Online Meal Selection





- Please make sure you have an activated ParentPay account.
- Check your child is showing and you can see the make or view bookings button.
- Select the make or view booking button and check that you can book meals for your child.
- Any issues please contact the school.
- You can go online now and book meals for Monday 4th December (start date).
- If we are not already aware that your child requires a halal of vegetarian meal (please contact Miss Tucker) on Reception.

The Power of Yet



To help us develop a Growth Mindset, we need to understand the importance of the word 'YET'. It is about knowing that with grit, determination, perseverance, and practice we can turn 'can't' into 'can't YET' and then into 'CAN!'

Team Points

Important Christmas Choir Dates

TEAM POINTS			
	Tigers	423	
	Bears	616	
	Wolves	609	
	Sharks	704	
	Komodo Dragon	663	

Year 4 – Whole Year Group – 2:15pm	
<u>Wednesday 13th December</u> Year 4 – Whole Year Group – 9:15 am	
Friday 15 th December Year 1 – Whole Year Group – 9:15am	

Tuesday 12th December Year 2 Choir – 9:15am Year 3 Choir - 10:00am

Monday 18th December Year 1 – Whole Year Group – 9:15am

Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December Year 6 Community Concert - 1:15pm

We would like to invite grandparents and parents of Year 6 children to this event. It will be ticketed as spaces are limited. A letter will be sent home next week explaining how to order your tickets.



Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Radvile Stonyte	6AM
Jada Charles	6AM
Aaron Utshudiema	RH
Syana Kasali	RR
Rida Kasali	RR

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every other Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. **Dates up to Christmas are:** 4th **Dec.**

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/

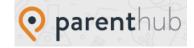
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



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.

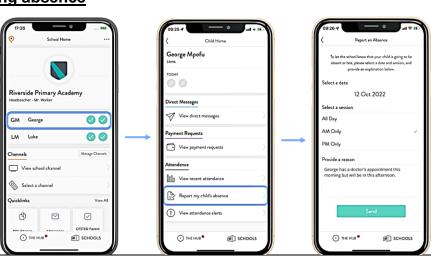
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

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.

Easy Cheese Omelette

Following on from the last post on Snippets.

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

Easy cheese omelette recipe | Jamie Oliver egg recipes



Who's Who? Miss Gurry

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

Hunters Hall Primary School is a warm, welcoming place with amazing staff, parents and children. I am now in my 15th year here and have been fortunate to work in Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 in various roles, all of which have had their challenges but been enjoyed. It is just a delightful place to work.

What's your role?

Year 3 Teacher, Year 3 Group Leader and Oracy, Early Reading and Phonics Lead.



Favourite things...

- Spending time with family.
- Socialising with my friends.
- Puzzles.
- Favourite book: Books by Louise Bagshawe. Children's book Rainbow fish by Marcus Pfister.
- Favourite film: Pretty Woman.
- Favourite food: Chocolate.
- Gym classes Spinning and Fortis.

Own School Memories

I really enjoyed my time at school, and I was always known as a chatty box (I probably still am!) I remember finding sewing a challenge in Primary School and got my thread in knots so the teacher threw it away. Me being me persevered and started again, this time succeeding. I am now very good at embroidery which is ironic really.

In school, I was always known as a book worm as I could often be found reading stories, something that I still love to do and I get very animated reading to children. I think this is why I have a very vivid imagination.

Hopes & Dreams

To be happy and healthy and for all my family and friends to be healthy and happy too. I would love the whole world to become a happier place where everyone is kind to each other.

How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

15 years!

Achievements to date (in order)

I was a Nursery Nurse at 18.

I went back to university at 23 to do my teaching degree, achieving a 2:1 at 26.

I bought my flat at 29 which I happily renovated withy my Dad. I then bought my house in 2021 which I have fully renovated and love. A dream come true.

My teaching career has been one of my biggest achievements to date and has included various management roles which I have enjoyed. Teaching has always been my passion and I love making a difference to children's lives.

Trench Stew

This week in Year 6 we made trench stew as part of instruction writing.



In class we made Trench Stew for our topic. We made it with carrots, potato, parsnip and a stock cube in some water. We all went into groups and we started to cook. The first thing we did was to scrub the veg in a bowl of water and scrapped the skin off the carrots. We had to cut everything up carefully and put it in a bowl. Eventually we put the stock cube in some boiling water and mixed it up and poured it into a big pan and added all the vegetables. We went to the kitchen to boil up the stew. The next day we went into the kitchen to taste it. Some people tasted it and some people didn't. Some people had seconds with some bread. We kept the bread out at night in an open plastic bag (to make it stale, this is what was used in the World War Two recipe).

by Quinn (6E)

Trench Stew -







When?

Years 3 and 4 Thursday 14th December 3:30-4:30pm Years 5 and 6 Friday the 15th December 4:00-5:00pm

Where?

Dining Hall

Cost?

£2

Congratulations!



CHRISTMAS CARD Competition

Congratulations to the following pupils whose Christmas card designs have been chosen from over a thousand entries by Dame Margaret Hodge. They have been invited to an award ceremony to collect their prizes.

Maira (4G) – Overall Winner Submission

Jing Xuan (4N) – Winner Submission for Year 4

Gabriel (RB) – Best Submission for Hunters Hall



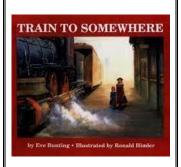
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

At school we often talk about where stories are set. Some readers prefer stories set in fantasy lands or in the future. We are currently thinking about stories set in different countries. Come and see our Reading Around the World display develop. Here are three stories set in three different countries.



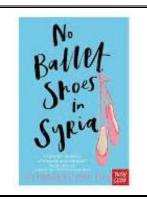
Reading interest: 4-8

'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julie Donaldson is set in China. It is about a boy who has a magic paintbrush. Everything he paints comes to life. A wicked Emperor gets to hear about the brush and wants it for himself.



Reading interest: 8-12

'Train to Somewhere' by Eve Bunting is a true story set in America. It tells the story of many orphans who were sent on the 'orphan trains' across America from New York to the West. Some children had happy lives and some did not. The book is a chance to talk about the importance of having a happy and loving family.



Reading interest: 10-adult

'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' by Catherine Bruton is a gripping and thought provoking story about eleven year old Aya who flees the war in Syria.







The Big Ambition Survey

FAO Headteacher Michael Kaitell,

By now, I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. Please ensure you have shared this survey with the children and parents within your school community.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on our website. See this leaflet which can be shared with parents and displayed in community areas.

It is really important that the pupils at Hunters Hall Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Barking and Dagenham are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

This survey is for all children aged 0-18, parents, carers / other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance.

Please share the survey and resources with teachers in your school and encourage them to use it in their

lessons. Children can complete the survey in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons this term. The survey can also be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice!

Please do get in touch if you have any problems. My team is happy to support with the roll out in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



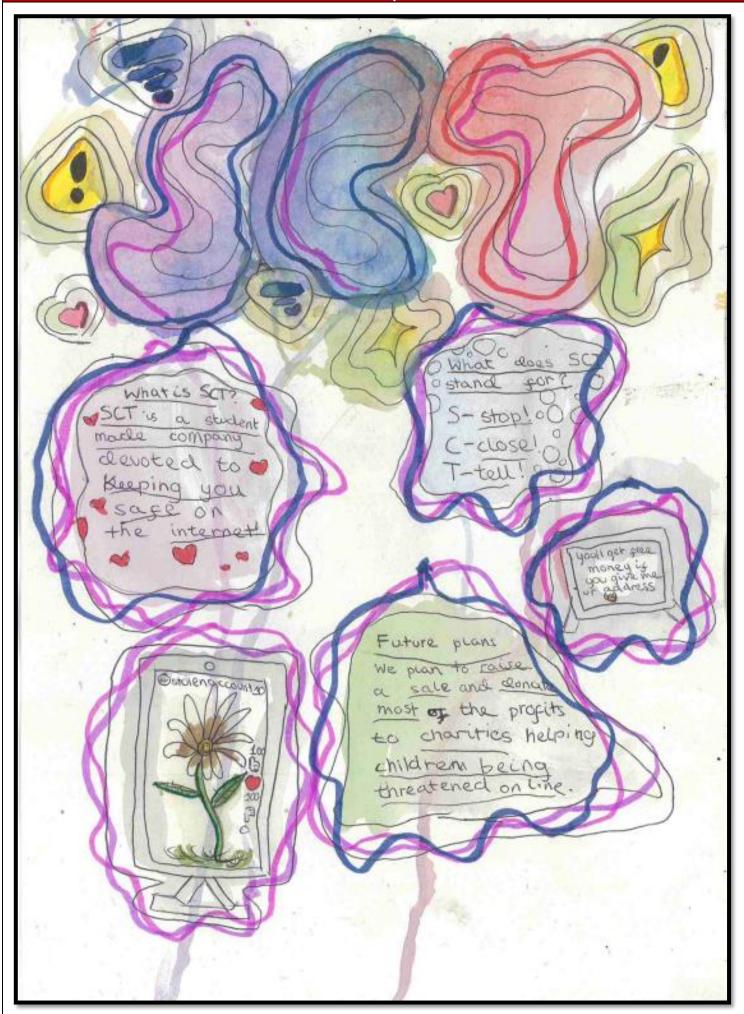
The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



Online Safety Poster



by Mia (5N)



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

SATURDAY BARKING 11AM TOWN DECEMBER SQUARE 5PM

- Get your stocking fillers and Christmas presents from the buzzing Barking Market
- Christmas carols and entertainment
- Christmas crafts
- Free face painting

FREE Santa's Grotto and gift open from 11am to 4pm

free Santa's Grotto

www.lbbd.gov.uk/christmas

SEND Sessions (Siblings welcome)



The CYPD Hub invites you to Creative Minds



For Children with Disabilities (SEND)

ged 6-10 years

Siblings welcome

Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January, 5th, 12th February 2024

4.00-5.30pm

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)

Outdoor Play Area

Enjoy our fully equipped outdoor area where you can climb, slide, run, pedal and explore. Becontree Community Hub, Stevens Road, Dagenham, RM8 2QR

Structured Session Time

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

Instrument Station

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

New Booking Process

Creative Minds is now available to book online.

Please go to https://cypd-hub.10to8.com/ to book your child's space. If link does not work, please copy and paste into browser.

- 1) Select Creative Minds
- 2) Select Book
- 3) Please complete <u>one</u> booking per child by selecting **Add another booking** (this is important as sessions are limited to 20 spaces)
- 4) Please book on the 8th January **ONLY**. We will then add you to future dates.
- 5) For technical support please call the CYPD Hub on 0208 227 5500

SEND Family Workshops (Siblings welcome)



Darking or Dagenham

Get ready for an amazing

Winter Wonderland

Come to the Children and Young people's Disability hub's elf workshop for exciting seasonal crafts, music, games and more.

December 19th, 20th and 21st 2023

Hourly sessions bookable for Families with Children & Young People with Disabilities living in Barking &





Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December

10am-11am

11:30am-12:30pm

4:30pm-5:30pm

6pm-7pm

Thursday 21st December

10am-11am

11:30am-12:30pm

3pm-4pm

4:30pm-5:30pm

6pm-7pm

Our elf can't wait to meet all its little helpers at Becontree Community Hub, Stevens Road, RM8 2QR -Please copy and paste the link below for our booking page. https://cypd-hub.10to8.com









Havering Christmas Land



FAMILY TICKET (2 adults + 2/3 kids)

Hunters Hall Primary School

Contact Ciaran

Ciaran.white@haveringmind.org.uk



Christmas Present Appeal

You can help our appeal by donating a new gift to the school which will be presented to a child less fortunate.

For further information, speak to Miss Gosby (Parent Governor)

You can also donate at the following link: https://gofund.me/cd81801d





Toy Donations



Second Hand Toy Donation

If you have any unwanted toys in good condition, please donate to the school.

Items such as...



Wooden Puzzles



Fidget toys



Sensory baby & toddler toys





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 & Dagenhan



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.

Call 0330 113 0330