



### Dates for the Diary

#### Spring Term

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – SEN Bike Club  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Young Voices 2024  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Reception National Child Measurement Programme  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – Parent/Carer Evening – individual appointment slots.  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – SEN Bike Club  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of term  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Half term holidays  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – First day back for children 8:30am

### Attendance Matters

#### Congratulations to:

**FT Nursery, 3G & 6D** with 100% attendance!

Class 3G	100.00
Class 6D	100.00
Class FT Nursery	100.00
Class 4T	98.86
Class 4N	98.77
Class 1KS	97.78
Class 5N	97.22
Class 3R	96.55
Class 5H	96.43
Class 1L	95.40
Class 2CR	95.40
Class 2D	95.24
Class 2K	94.64
Class 5A	94.44
Class 3Z	94.05
Class 6E	93.68
Class 4G	93.18
Class RGM	93.15
Class 6AM	91.77
Class 1H	90.80
Class RH	90.71
Class RR	90.63
Class AM NURSERY	88.89
Class PM NURSERY	84.62

Dear Parent/Carer,

I know that it is the 12<sup>th</sup> January and that I sent a Happy New Year on the 1<sup>st</sup> via ParentHub, but Happy New Year to everybody again.

I think that the most exciting news for 2024 so far is that Rockwell Road Gates are shiny, new and working! The number of you who have commented on the gates shows how not having access at that side of the school has affected you and how you start your day.



Image 1: Rockwell Road Gates

Yesterday, the school was notified that we have been awarded Artsmark Gold which is accreditation for our work within the Arts.

*“The culture of teaching and learning at Hunters Hall Primary School has embedded more deeply since your last Artsmark journey and your ways of working are rich in different forms of cultural and creative practice....”*  
(Quote from Artsmark assessor)

The full letter can be read in full within this edition of Snippets.

Today has seen the school community daring to dream, an exciting initiative created by Miss Mullaney. Throughout the day, children have had time to think about their interests and aspirations. However, our dreams and aspirations will not stop being thought about just today. As our school song and vision states, “I can be anything I want if I can just believe in me!” This year at Hunters Hall, we want to try and make some of these dreams come true. This may be that children are aspiring to be a police officer or paramedic and will get an opportunity to meet and work alongside some real members of the emergency services. It may be some of our children want to work with animals, so we want to give them a taster of what this may be like! This is where you come into play. If you or a member of your family can offer an insight into a profession, please contact Miss Mullaney either when she is on duty or via the school email

[office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk).



Image 2: The Snowman Trail

Have a lovely weekend!  
Michael Kaitell, Headteacher

## Urgent Final Reminder!

If your child is currently in Nursery you will need to apply for their Reception school place by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**Apply online now**  
for a reception school place  
[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is **15 January 2024**



Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-school-children-aged-3-and-4>

If you require assistance, then please speak to Mr Bellevue.

## Team Points

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**Tigers**



**Bears**



**Wolves**



**Sharks**



**Komodo Dragon**

## Artsmark Gold

Dear Michael Kaitell,  
**Hunters Hall Primary School**  
**3012073**

Thank you for your recent submission, and congratulations on completing your Artsmark journey.

**You've achieved an Artsmark Gold Award!**

We are delighted to inform you that your setting has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award. Congratulations! Your Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and we're pleased to share this feedback from our assessors with you:

'The culture of teaching and learning at Hunters Hall Primary School has embedded more deeply since your last Artsmark journey and your ways of working are rich in different forms of cultural and creative practice. Your current Artsmark journey has been underpinned by clear planning and goals. You aimed to develop pupil leadership in the Arts; focus on the development of Arts provision within the school and the wider community; and to develop staff's continuing professional development in all areas of arts & culture. On all these fronts you have met with degrees of success. Partnerships have been important to the way you value the arts and grow your own expertise. But they are now also offering you outlets to showcase your work and model good practice. You have worked with the Music Education Hub, Barking and Dagenham College, The London Symphony Orchestra, ARC Theatre, Freshwater Theatre Company, and Complete PE. Telling us more about how linking up in this way has helped with sharing good practice across different settings and supporting individuals to design a better quality curriculum would be helpful. Leadership and investment in staffing and curriculum design is becoming a real strength in your setting and will allow your arts education practice to flourish in the future. You actively recruit staff who will help enhance your goals for arts rich learning, rather than have to retrain and reinvest when you welcome new teachers on board. And in common with other schools that have more developed arts practices you find yourself moving away from themed weeks and special days, instead using the arts routinely to deliver the basics of the curriculum in a more interesting way. Pupil voice is strong and you have many special interest groups with young people acting as spokespeople for their peers. As you continue with your journey a couple of points worth keeping in mind relate to your own arts practices and partnerships, particularly how to keep them fresh and feeling positive and developmental. And to be clearer about the ways you could lead and advocate for these forms of practice will mean moving beyond descriptions of projects and building accounts of how arts rich pedagogy adds to the overall quality of teaching and learning in general. This will require time to reflect on your own ways of mediating the arts and what the key characteristics are of your successful programmes of work - this might include your use of language in teacher-learner interactions, learning spaces, timetable flexibilities, choosing the right partners, arts resources and how to deploy them, off-site learning - how all of these sorts of feature combine to create your unique approach will be important to describe as your journey continues.'

**Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!**

Your award is valid for two years and will expire on **11 January 2026**

Once again, congratulations on your Artsmark **Gold Award**.

With warm wishes,

**Artsmark**

**Arts Council England**

## Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

### Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class

## School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.

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/](http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/)

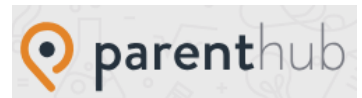
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: [info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk](mailto:info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk)



## 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)

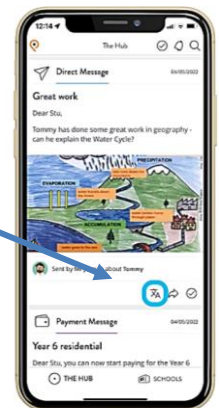
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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

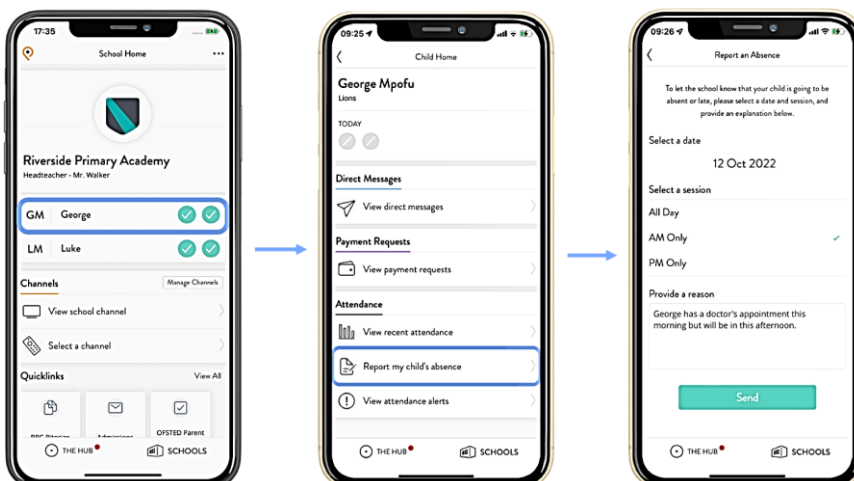
link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>

To find out more, click the



## 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
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

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. |

Spiderman Competition Devised by 2 Year 5 Pupils





## Healthy Eating

Do you have any healthy recipes to share with Parents/Carers in our school community?

Please send your favourite healthy meal ideas to our school email address [office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk) for the attention of Miss Ryan.

Watch out, your recipe could be next on snippets!



## Who's Who? Mrs Hodder

### Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

I came to Hunters Hall to cover three months' maternity leave as a Midday Assistant and was asked to stay on after. Last year I started working as a one to one support. I enjoy seeing the children grow.

### What's your role?

Midday Assistant / One to One Support.

### Favourite things...

- Spending time with my family.
- Reading (anything that catches my attention).
- Puzzles
- Films and dramas.
- Music and theatre
- Trying different cuisines
- Cup of tea.

### Own School Memories

I enjoyed primary school and have fond memories of a skiing trip I went on in Year to Italy. In senior school I made some good friends, who I still meet up with now.

### Hopes & Dreams

For the world to become a better place.

### How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

18 years.

### Achievements to date (in order)

Being promoted from a cashier to a supervisor, then head of department when I worked in a supermarket before working at Hunters Hall.

Working 10 years plus in each job I've had.

Being married for 33 years.

Having my beautiful daughter.



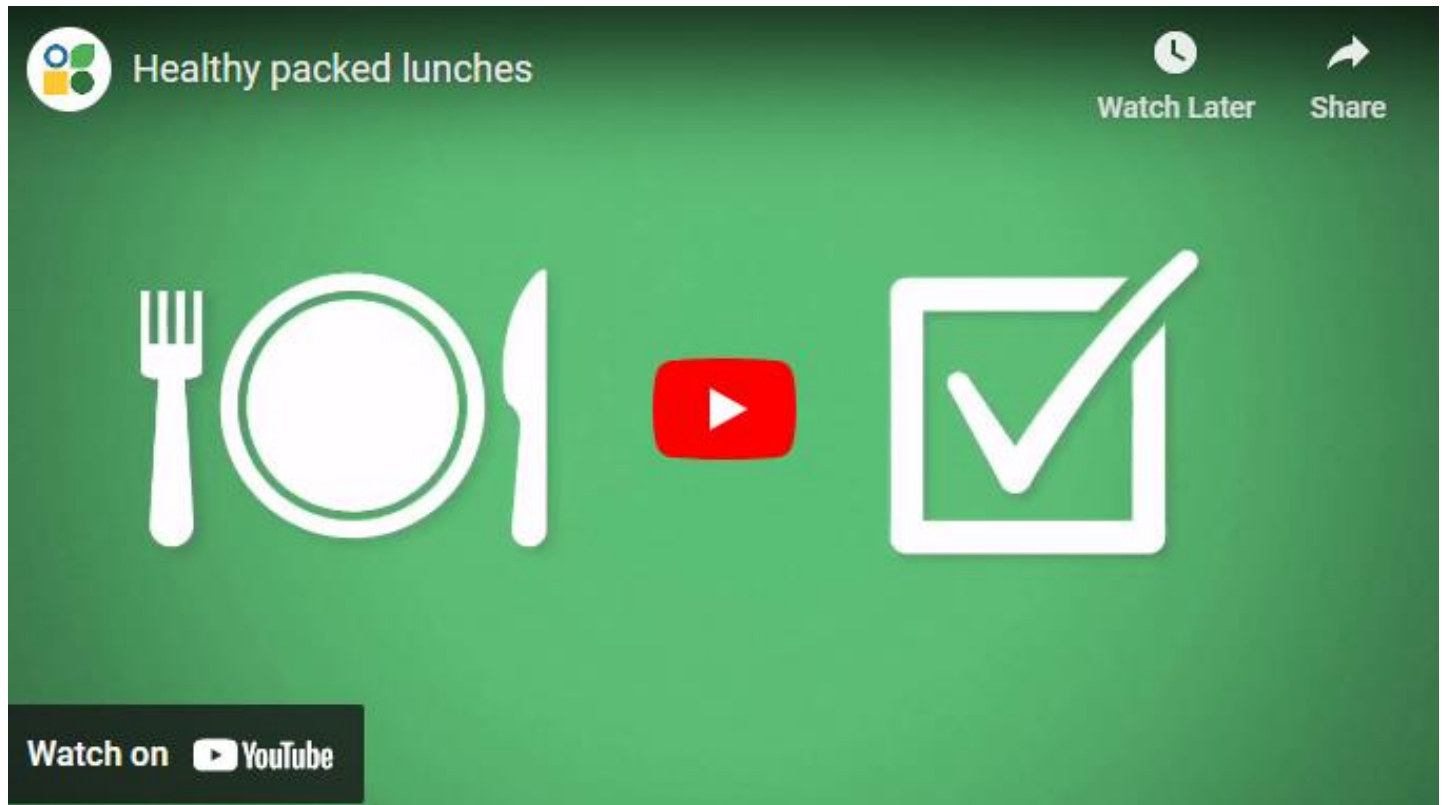
## Healthy Eating - Packed Lunches

Miss Ryan, who is in charge of School Council and Healthy Schools, wants to share our school Food Policy with you as it will be beneficial if you need a refresher about the packed lunch guidance.

[Model Whole School Food Policy \(huntershallprimary.org.uk\)](http://huntershallprimary.org.uk)

Miss Ryan has also found online, an informative, short video which provides packed lunch guidance.

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/putting-it-into-practice/make-healthier-choices/healthy-packed-lunches/>



<https://youtu.be/QNKpfWwup4k>

## Back-to-school Advice

Sent on behalf of Matthew Cole – Director of Public Health

[A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](http://blog.gov.uk)

[UKHSA reminds parents of back-to-school advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

- **Teach good hygiene habits**
- **Stopping the spread of stomach bugs**
- **Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home**
- **Get vaccinated**
- **Use NHS resources**

Many Thanks

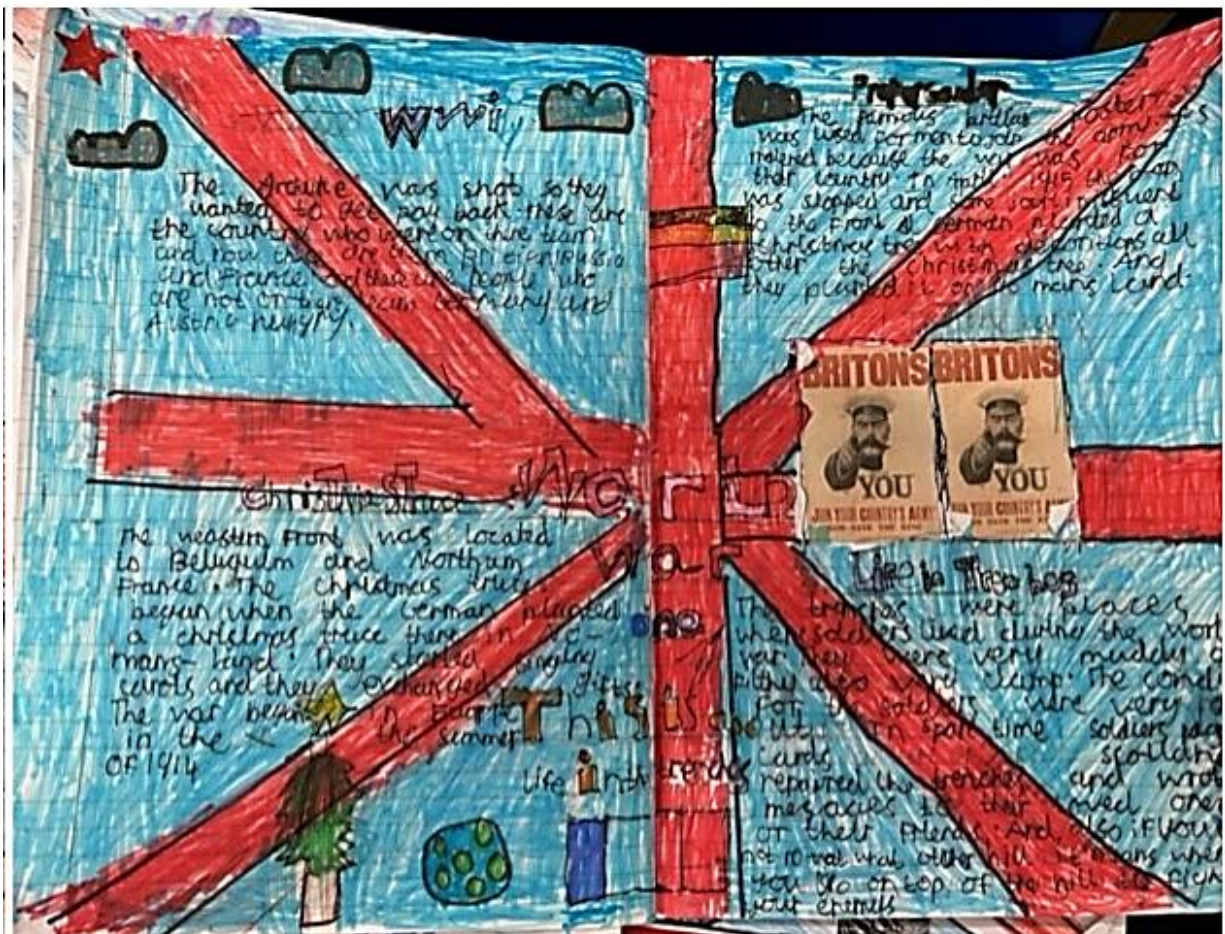
Matthew Cole  
Director of Public Health

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SPECIALIST  
Protecting the public – improving practice

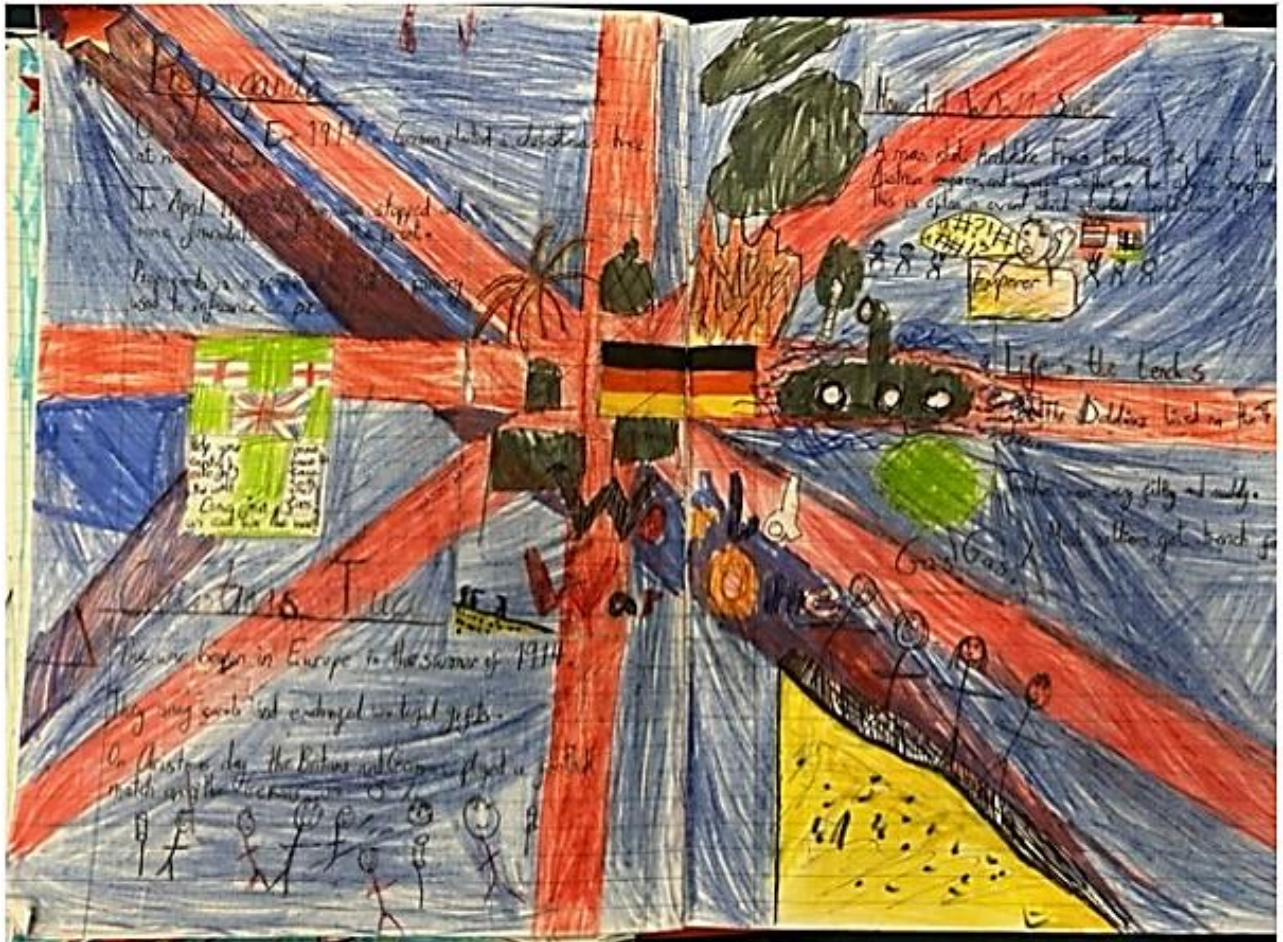


4G have been writing non-chronological reports to showcase our learning from our WW1 topic. They all did a fantastic job and showed just how much they have enjoyed their learning.

A special well done to Uthmaan, Emilia, Owen and Cristian for their fantastic efforts!











**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

Family Hub Launch



For all enquiries, please email  
[FamilyNavigators@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:FamilyNavigators@lbbd.gov.uk)



Learn more about our new Family Hubs with presentations from local families, partners and professionals.

- 12pm - Arrival of guests
- 12.15pm - Presentation by parents
- 12.30pm - Presentation by partners
- 12.45pm to 1.15pm - Welcome speeches, cake and ribbon cutting
- 1.15pm to 3pm - Family activities (arts and crafts, face painting, and displays)





## @ The CYPD Hub

**Do you have a child with a disability and would like to meet other parents?**

**Then why not come along for a cuppa and a biscuit to our coffee morning, to share experiences.**

**We have monthly information sessions that covers common challenges children with disabilities and families experience.**

**Please book your space using the link below on our new booking system.**

**<https://cypd-hub.10to8.com>**



**How to  
communicate  
with your child  
with SEND**

**9.30-11am**

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Puberty & Sexual  
Health**

**9.30-11am**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **THE CYPD HUB**

Becontree Community Hub

Stevens Road

Dagenham

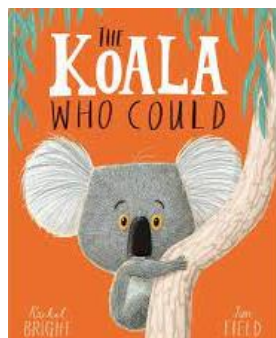
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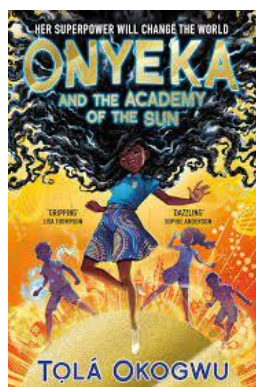
## Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

We are currently thinking about stories set in different countries. Come and see our Reading Around the World display. Here are our next three stories set in three different countries. Have you got a favourite story that is set in a different country? Please let us know so we can add it to our library.



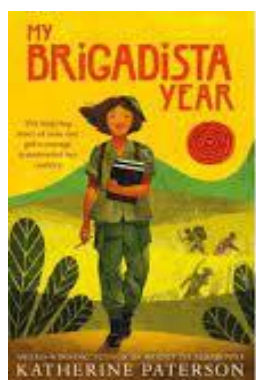
### **Reading interest: 4-8**

'The Koala Who Could' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field is set in Australia. It is a lovely picture book that reminds us of the importance of taking risks and to keep trying even when we are a bit scared.



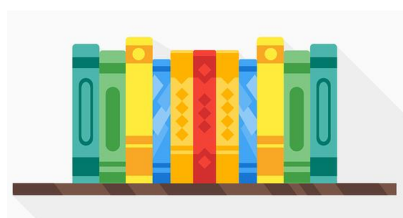
### **Reading interest: 8-12**

'Oneyka and the Academy of the Sun' by Tola Okogwu is set in Nigeria. Oneyka discovers that her hair gives her superpowers so off she goes to Solari, a training school for children with special powers. If you like stories about superheroes, you'll love this book!



### **Reading interest: 10-adult**

'My Brigadista Year' by Katherine Paterson is set in Cuba. When thirteen-year-old Lora tells her parents that she wants to join Castro's army of young literacy teachers, her mother screeches to high heaven, and her father roars like a lion. Lora has barely been outside of Havana. How will she survive the dangers of Cuban life?







FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

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Multi Activity Camp | Multi Activity Camp  
9am - 3pm | 9am - 3pm  
19th - 23rd February | 19th - 23rd February

**Sacred Heart of Mary's - Upminster**  
Multi Activity Camp  
9am - 4pm  
19th - 23rd February  
Gymnastics - 19th, 21st & 23rd 9am - 12pm  
Dance - 20th & 22nd - 9am - 12pm

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Everyday is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half term full of fun!



Scan here for more information

Or visit [www.premiereducation.com/holidaycamps](http://www.premiereducation.com/holidaycamps)

### PLEASE BRING

- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

30% discount till 2nd February!



## Warmer Clothing Reminder



As winter approaches the days are getting darker, wetter and colder, it's time for the winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves to be worn.

We have had a selection of children's coats, hats, scarves and gloves donated to us. We recognise this is an expensive time of year and our children are all still growing.

If you need winter items for your child/children, please contact **Mr Bellevue** who will be happy to support you to access the donations.



## 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 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](mailto: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**  
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