



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

Issue: 18
January 2024

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Tuesday 30th January – Year 2 Explorer Day

Thursday 1st February – Reception Maths Workshop 9:00am and 1:30pm

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th February 2024 – Parent/Carer Evening – individual appointment slots.

Thursday 15th February – SEN Bike Club

Friday 16th February – Last day of term

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February – Half term holidays

Monday 26th February – First day back for children 8:30am

Dear Parent/Carer,

My message this week is simple. I need all parents and carers to do the following four things:

1. Select your child's dinner on ParentPay. This can be done up to three weeks in advance.
2. Enforce the wearing of our school uniform
 - White Polo Shirt (with logo/iron-on badge)
 - Red jumper/cardigan (with logo/iron-on badge)
 - Grey school trousers/skirt/shorts
 - Plain black shoes/trainers (No boots, sandals, flip-flops...)
3. Ensure that your children do not bring rucksacks/backpacks to school. The only bag needed is a book bag.

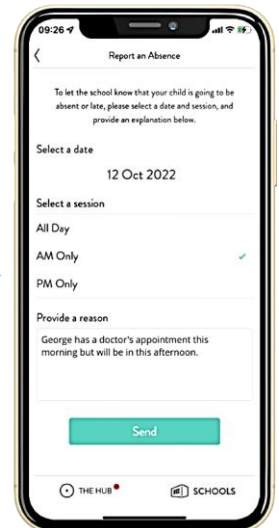
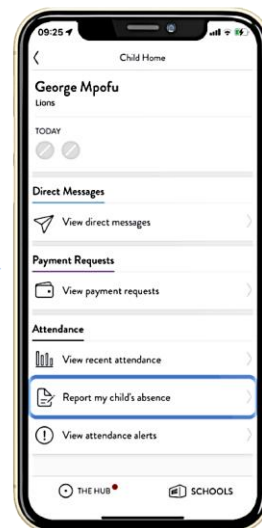


Attendance Matters

Congratulations to:
6AM with 100%

Class 6AM	100.00
Class 6D	99.00
Class 2CR	96.98
Class 6E	95.65
Class 3G	93.81
Class 3Z	93.75
Class 4G	91.60
Class 3R	91.45
Class 4T	91.45
Class 5A	90.26
Class 4N	87.95
Class 2K	87.50
Class 2D	86.61
Class RGM	86.19
Class 1H	84.82
Class 5H	84.62
Class RH	84.00
Class FT Nursery	82.03
Class 1KS	80.42
Class RR	78.49
Class 5N	77.50
Class 1L	75.85
Class AM NURSERY	70.18
Class PM NURSERY	43.18

4. State the exact reason for any absence on ParentHub, email or telephone.



From Monday, whilst at the gates, senior leaders and pastoral staff will be issuing parents with reminders if we see children wearing incorrect uniform.

Thank you in advance for adhering to the four points above.

Have a lovely weekend.

Michael Kaitell
Headteacher


Socks for Reception

If you have any socks that would fit Reception age children, please send in for the attention of Miss Caisey.



Many thanks

TEAM POINTS

	Tigers	651
	Bears	872
	Wolves	590
	Sharks	588
	Komodo Dragon	627

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Claire Kong	RR
Laura Spinu	RR
Qubilah Eledumo	RR
Sophia Patrut	RR
Daniele Rasinskaite	1L
Ariela Ferizolli	1L
Devan Salciunas	1L
Dilshaan Singh	1L
Ellie Izu	1L
Olivia Nnadi	1L
Jayden Nwachukwu	1L
Jensen Colclough	1L
Cody Prewer	1L
Aaliyah Ahmed	1L
Charlie Suddell	3Z
Lilly Wennington	1H
Emily Camber	3R

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/

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)

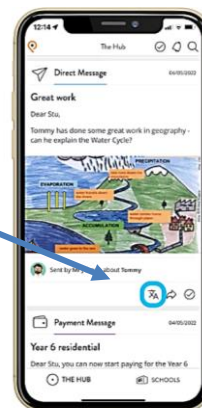
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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

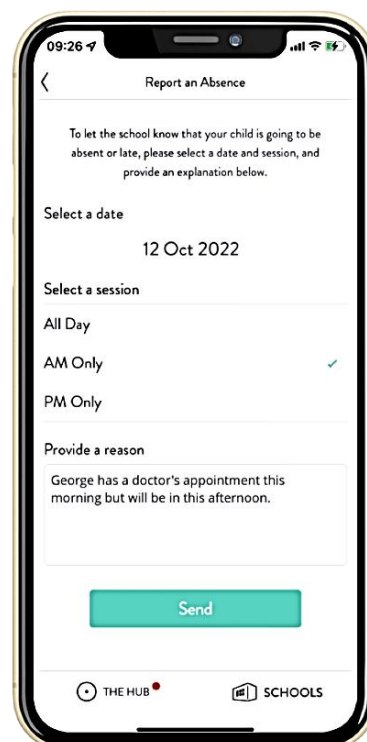
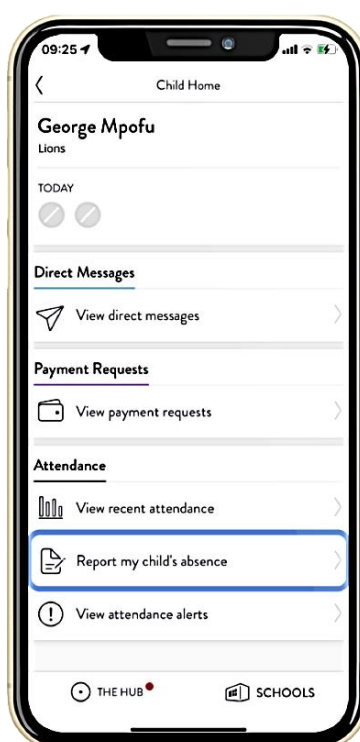
link below for a useful guide.

<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
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. |

Science Experiments

Chloe (5H) has been inspired so much by her Science lessons that she asked for a Science Kit for Christmas. She has really enjoyed completing all the investigations especially making a lava lamp with a test tube and making a balloon blow up using citric acid and sodium bicarbonate.

Here are her written up notes - why not have a go at home and bring photos or notes to show me as well as your friends and teachers.

Science Week will be taking place in March so I'm looking forward to seeing all the wonderful investigations KS2 show.

Keep investigating!
Ms Vernon



How to make a Lava lamp with a test tube

Acids and bases

First, I added 1 pipette of water, 2 scoops of citric acid and 1 small drop of red colouring. (Picture 1)

Next, I put a stopper on the test tube and ^{started} shaking it until the citric acid had dissolved. (Picture 2)

After that, I added some vegetable oil making sure it was the same amount as the citric acid solution. (Picture 3)

Lastly, I added 1 ^{scoop} spoon of sodium bicarbonate to the mixture and watched as it sank to the bottom then made bubbles float to the top. (Picture 4)

How to make a Groovy gas balloon slow-up

First, get a balloon that fits round a test tube. (Picture 1)

Next add 2 scoops of citric acid and 4 scoops of sodium bicarbonate. (Picture 2)

After, add 1 pipette of water, quickly split the balloon on the test tube. (Picture 3)

Soon after, the balloon will start to blow up! (Picture 4)



Thank You!!!

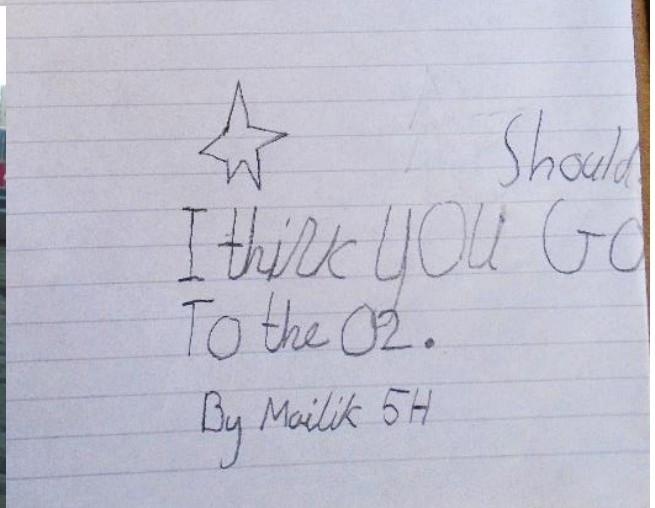
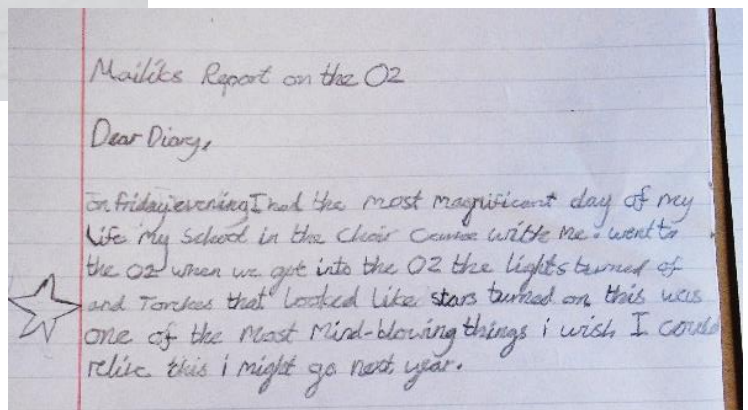
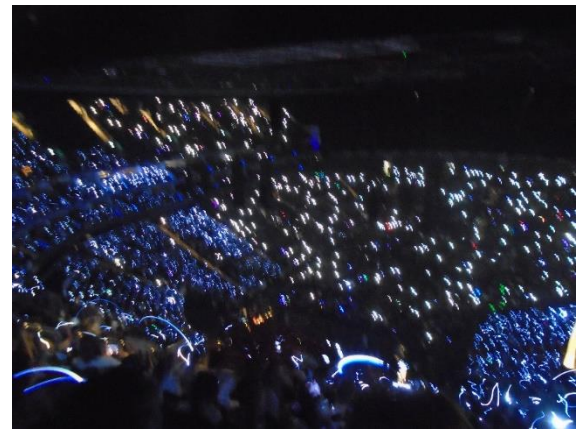
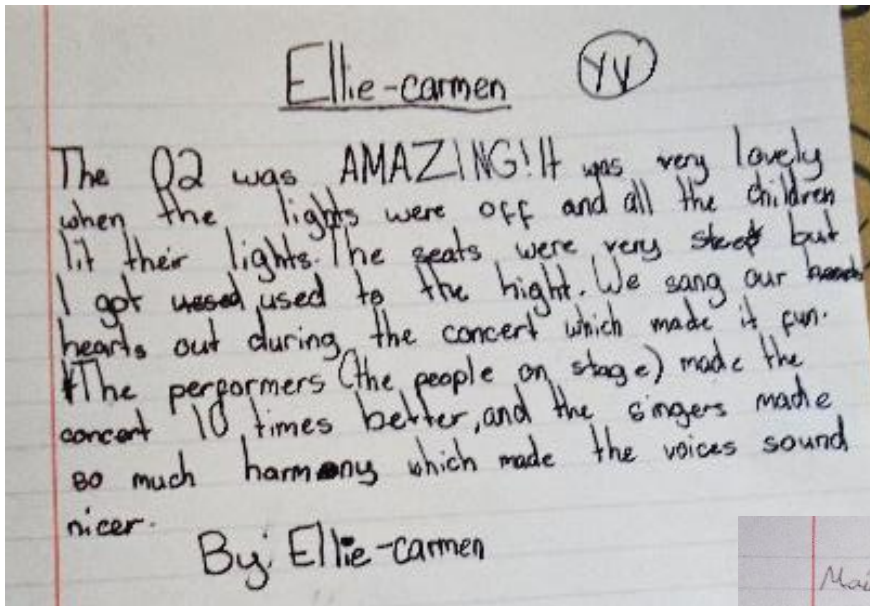
I would like to say a huge thank you to our whole school community for their generosity. After counting up all the proceeds from the raffles held at Christmas Concerts, donations and Pyjama Day we have raised a mind-blowing amount of money, drum roll please..... **£1736.15**.

As you know we were raising money for a coach to the O2. The rest of the money will be spent on another coach to transport Year 4 choir to the Borough Music Festival in March and also on some new instruments for the school.

It means so much to me to have your support so thank you again.

Speaking of the O2 we had an amazing time. Here are some photos and some reports of the day from some of the children involved.

All the reports are stuck in the YV Floor book which will be able to be viewed on parents' evenings.



5N Ariana

Unforgettable
Amazing
Fun
Excellent
Echo
enjoyable
life changing
Magical
Special

11:30 leaving
12:00 got there
12:10 got to the O2
12:15 Found seats and ate
18:00 Start rehearsal
18:00 Dinner
20:00 Singing to parents
22:00 got on couch
22:30 got home

This was the most best day of my life. I was at the O2 for the first time at it was magnificent but what was more magical is the light went out and the torches were lit up.

YV 2024
Young voices

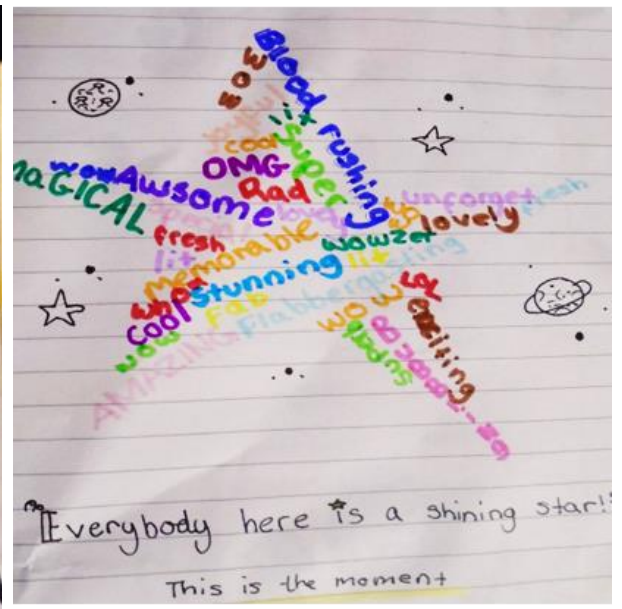
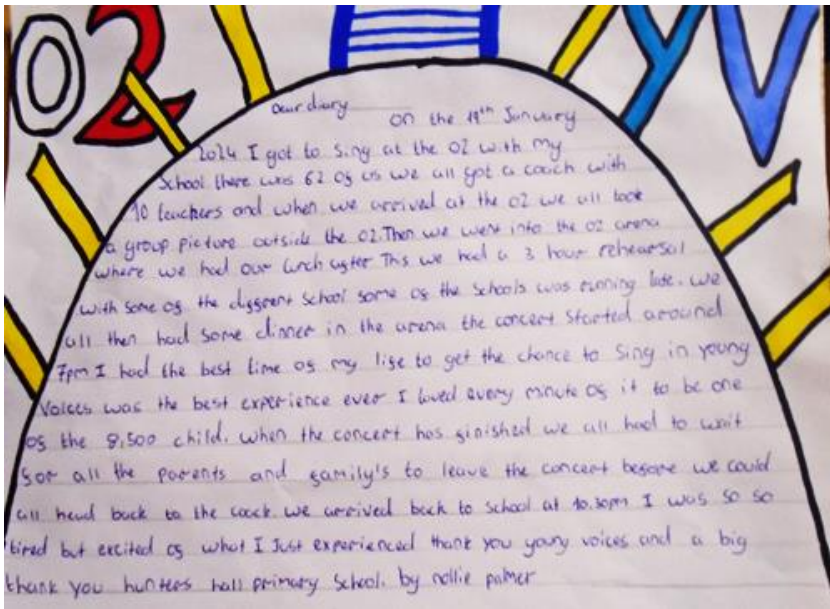
Jada
6E

YV 2024

We started by going to the lower school after play and got in our groups. I was in miss gloves group with Rosie, Ellie, Jake, Sophia and daisy. When we got there we had lunch and then had a 3 hour Rehearsal. It was tiring but also magical after the Rehearsal we had dinner and then the parents started to come after that the lights shut out it was magical. We then started to sing and I felt like I was at home it was an unforgettable experience.



Young voices 2024 Was an Unforgettable, Magical Experience
In fact there's basically NOTHING I didn't see! Though it was a bit tight on space. My favorite part of the night was when one of the singers moved the lights to show her lyrics. It was magical! My advice for next year YV:
• Bring lots of water (if you drink alcohol)
• Keep Hydrated
• Bring your lunch & Dinner
By Sophia 16GP



Who's Who? Mrs Bagot

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

I began working at Hunters Hall through an agency, and after working here for a year a full-time position came up and I have worked here ever since. My children and four nieces have all attended this school so you can definitely say that Hunters Hall runs through the generations.

What's your role?

I have worked in Year 1, Year 3, and have also delivered intervention groups. However, I have spent most of my time in the Reception classes.

Favourite things...

I enjoy walking my dog Ralphy. We love to explore different parks and woodland areas. I also like spending quality time with family and friends, either entertaining at my house or going out for meals, theatres and trips to London. I like cooking, arts and crafts but one of my big passions is organising. In the past, I have been called 'Monica' from the TV show, Friends'.

Own School Memories

I was in my primary school choir and we attended different schools in the borough to sing and one school happened to be Hunters Hall. I remember standing in our upper school hall singing 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic'. At the age of ten, I never would have thought that this would be the place where I would work in the future. When I was in Year 7, we always had a whole school sports day. I ran in the 1500 metres race against all years from Year 7 to 11 and came 1st! After that I ran for the district.

Hopes & Dreams

To win enough money to help all my family and friends, but that probably won't happen so, for them to live a long, healthy and happy life.

How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

I have worked at Hunters Hall for 24 years!

Achievements to date (in order)

I have achieved all my GCSE's and my NNEB Diploma in Childcare. My personal achievement was becoming a mum to my daughter and son.



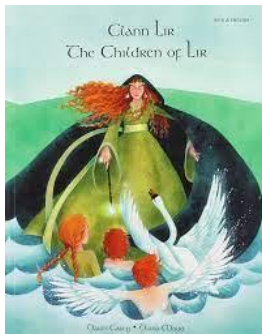
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

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.



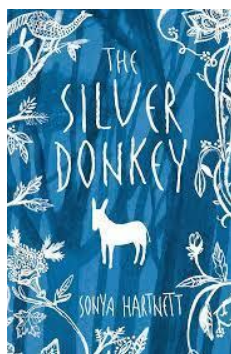
Reading interest: 4-8

'Farmer Falgu Goes Kite Flying' by Chitra Soundar and Kanika Nair is set in Rajasthan in India. Farmer Falgu takes his daughter to the annual kite flying festival when... woosh! She loses her kite. Will Farmer Falgu find a solution to make his daughter happy?



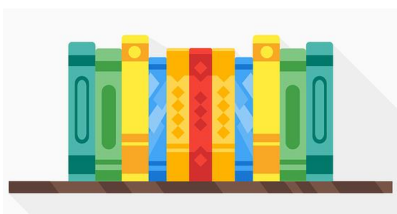
Reading interest: 8-12

'The Children of Lir' by Dawn Casey and Diana Mayo is a retelling of a very old traditional Irish myth and is set in Ireland. It tells the story of a wicked stepmother who turns King Lir's daughters into swans. Read the book to find out if the spell is ever broken.



Reading interest: 10-adult

'The Silver Donkey' by Sonya Hartnett is an award winning book set in France. This is a story about friendship and storytelling, a story within a story. If you like short stories, you will like this book.





HUNTERS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Telephone: 020 8270 4768

Email: office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Nursery Intake September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2020–31st August 2021

Nursery places available for 3 and 4 year olds.

15 and 30-hour places available – please enquire.

Begin your child's education with a compassionate, dedicated knowledgeable, Nursery Teacher.

The best way to prepare your child for school. We provide the ideal start to your child's educational learning journey.

AM Session

8:30am – 11:30am



PM Session

12:15pm – 3:15pm

Please contact the school office by telephone or email to register.

Need help with food?

OneBorough

Barking & Dagenham



Need help with food?

Our recent cost of living survey revealed 1 in 2 of those surveyed skip or have smaller meals because they can't afford it.

It's not okay. But it is okay to reach out for help.

Did you know there's lots of [food support](#) you can access to take the edge off your weekly shopping bill? From local [Community Food Clubs](#), where you can access up to £20 of free food, to [food banks](#) where you can pick up emergency food.

There's also a range of [FREE cooking workshops](#) you can come along to and meet others in your local area, while learning to cook wholesome meals on a tight budget. It's also dinner sorted as you get to take home a tasty serving for yourself!

Keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks as we're cooking up something exciting with the local community – you won't want to miss it!

Don't forget, you can also access a range of [money support](#), including income maximisation and help with debt.



SEND Drop-in



SEND Team work in partnership with Early Help & Targeted Early Help Family Navigators at Family Hubs to provide in-person SEND early support for families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Time: **9.30-11.30am**.

- **5 February**, Barking Learning Centre Family Hub
- **4 March**, Dagenham Library Family Hub
- **15 April**, Marks Gate Community & Family Hub





The Speak Up Forum

For young people (Age 8-14) with a special education need or disability from Barking and Dagenham. Come and meet with your friends, be involved in getting your views and ideas listened to and create positive change in the Borough.

Projects and Consultations




Social Meeting

Our programme runs through school holidays

We meet Once a month at The Vibe, Fridays
6.30-8.30pm

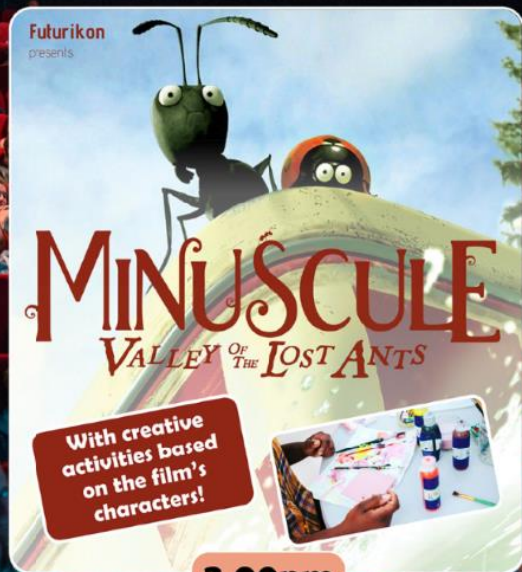
How do I join?

For more information, please contact our Participation Officer, Andy Murphy by emailing forum@bdpp.org.uk or telephoning Andy on 07881 247654.

 @bdprogressproject

Charity Number: 1102465 & Company Number: 4574234

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PICTURES



2.00pm
17 Feb 2024

Free, family friendly (but please prepare that seats are limited)

My Heathway, Unit 30, Dagenham Heathway Shopping



Background photo: Kris Lubars, Unsplash

PLAY AND COMMUNICATE

0-5YEARS WITH SPEECH & LANGUAGE NEEDS



CYPD-Hub

SIX WEEKS PROGRAM, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS

Come along with your child to explore different range of activities that support their communication. You will meet other parents/guardians and you will be able to speak to professionals about concerns related to your child's growth and development for advice and suggestions. This session is for children with SEN/D.

THURSDAYS: 4:00-5:30PM

Click <https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1921925>

FRIDAYS: 10:00-11:30AM

Click <https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1921928>

020 8227 5500/07849836795

Address: Becontree Community Hub

Stevens Road Dagenham

RM8 2QR

Main Hall

CYPD Disability Hub

CYP-Disability Hub PRESENT

FABULOUS FEBRUARY

WHEN

TUESDAY 20TH, WEDNESDAY 21TH AND THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

WHERE

Becontree Community Hub

Rm8 2QR

BOOKING INFORMATION:

Click on the link to book a place for your child/ren for Whacky Wednesday/Fun-tastic Thursday

<https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1925262/>

For Sensory Tuesday click on:

<https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1928459>

AGE AND ALLOCATED TIME SLOT:
WHACKY WEDNESDAY AND FUN-TASTIC THURSDAY

10am – 11:00am (0-5years)
11:30am - 12:30am (6-10years)
2:00pm – 3:00pm (0-5years)
3:30pm – 4:30pm (6-10years)
5:00pm -6:00pm (10+ years)

ACTIVITIES INCLUDES:

Fake snow
Bird feeder
Play dough.
Smash ice
Food decoration
Small world
Finger printing
Messy Play
Soft play area
Bikino and

SENSORY TUESDAY SLOT:

9:00AM – 9:30AM

10:00 - 10:30AM

11:00AM - 11:30AM

12:00PM - 12:30PM

2:00PM – 2:30PM

3:00PM – 3:30PM

4:00PM – 4:30PM

5:00PM – 5:30PM

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK:

[HTTPS://APP.10TO8.COM/BOOK/CYPD-HUB/1928459](https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1928459)

Our outdoor play area will be available for 30 mins following your sensory session.

Note: You're able to book 2 sessions per family, this includes sensory room. Please be advised, families that have failed to cancel activities during the schools out programme are limited to 1 bookable session however, you can be added to the waiting list.



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

INSPIRING ACTIVITY

Premier Education



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



Trustpilot
Based on over 20,000 reviews

Premier Camps Near You

Manor Junior School - Barking **St Mary's Primary School - Hornchurch**
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

PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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.

30% discount till 2nd February!

Book now for a half term full of fun!



Scan here for more information



Or visit www.premiereducation.com/holidaycamps

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

Barking and Dagenham Primary school Staff

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