

## Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 21 February 2024

#### Dates for the Diary

#### **Spring Term**

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

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**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – First day back for children 8:30am

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 Parent Consultations.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day.

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday, the children took part in an excellent sporting event organised by Miss Thomas. GB gymnast Courtney Orange led physical activities which raised the children's (and some staff's) heart-rates. Thank you to everyone who sponsored or was sponsored. Once we have a final figure, we will announce this after half-term.



Click the link below to view: Athlete Day Highlights

Thank you to all families who attended parent/carer consultations. As requested, this time around, individual appointments were given so that you could see your child's progress and discuss your child's achievements and next steps. After half-term, Year 6 and the classes who did not hold consultations will take place.

#### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green:

Class	Attendance % Present
FT Nursery	99.2
1L	97.5
2CR	96.2
2D	96
6D	95.1
4N	94.2
6AM	94.2
4G	94
6E	94
5H	93.9
2K	93.3
5N	93
3G	92.7
RGM	91.9
1KS	91.7
4T	91.1
3R	91
<b>3Z</b>	90.5
RR	90.5
1H	89.7
RH	88
5A	87.2
AM NURSERY	77.6
PM NURSERY	77.3





On Wednesday, Mrs
Bright and I had the
pleasure of taking a
group of children to
Parkview Care Home,
where we were given a
special afternoon tea
entitled Pudding Club.
Not only were we blown
away by the selection of
patisserie, we were
impressed by the love
and attention their staff
team clearly give to the
residents.



I hope that you do not mind me taking the liberty to dedicate this edition of Snippets to my nan, who passed away yesterday at the grand age of 97. One of the reasons I want to share this personal moment with you is that my nan was a true inspiration to me, and I know that my work ethic has been hugely influenced by her attitude to keeping active and having a purpose.

Please keep showing and telling your loved ones how much they mean to you. Have a very safe half-term.

> Michael Kaitell Headteacher

#### Foster for Redbridge

## Make memories Foster for Redbridge

020 8708 6068 fostering@redbridge.go

#### Uniform Shop Dates Feb/March

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



**HUNTERS HALL SCHOOL SHOP DATES 2024** 

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

#### **Gold Award Recipients**

Name	Class
<b>Emilia Rowniak</b>	4G
Meda Kaliatkovaite	4 <b>G</b>
Ilirjan Shurbi	RH

#### Football News



Hunters Hall 3 - William Bellamy 1

#### School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year. Next dates are: **Wed 28**<sup>th</sup> **Feb, Wed 13th March & Wed 27**<sup>th</sup> **March.** 

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/

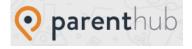
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



#### 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.

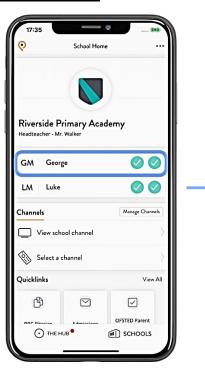
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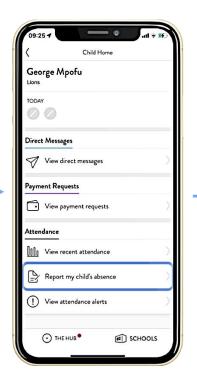


link below for a useful guide.

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.

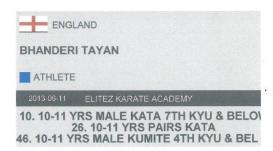
This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July.

**English Karate Federation** 

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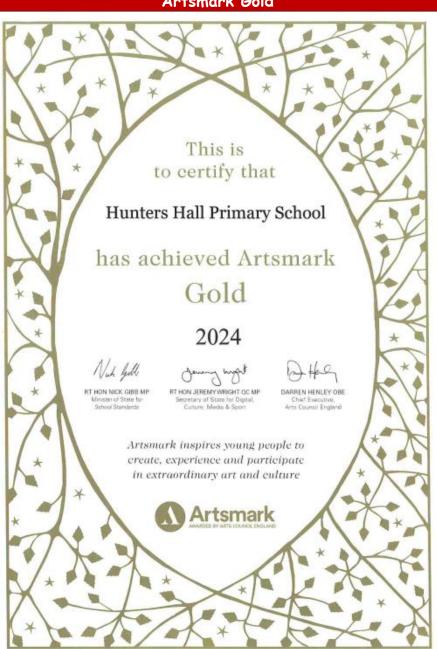
https://www.englishkaratefederation.com/

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#### Artsmark Gold



#### Who's Who? Miss Cooper

#### Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

About seven years ago I came to visit the school as part of my previous job, and as soon as I walked through the door I got a sense of belonging. Even though I was only visiting the people and atmosphere welcomed me. I am a strong believer that a child has to be regulated in order to learn, and here at Hunters Hall they put the children's well-being at the forefront of everything they do and I wanted to be part of this. Luckily for me I got the job!

#### What's your role?

I'm the Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion. I am also the Behaviour Lead,
Senior Mental Health Lead, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Thrive and Drawing and Talking Practitioner.

#### Favourite things...

I love spending time with family and friends. I love the theatre and have been lucky enough to see so many great shows. I really enjoy reading, especially autobiographies and true stories.

#### **Own School Memories**

I went to John Perry Infant and Junior school (it was not a Primary when I was young). I remember one teacher Mrs Hackett. She was my Year 2 teacher. Every time we had to walk down the corridor to assembly or lunch she used to sing and dance and get us to join in with her.

John Perry had a swimming pool and I remember walking across the playground, no matter the weather, to have swimming lessons. This was fine in the warmer weather, but in the rain and snow I was not impressed.

#### **Hopes & Dreams**

To win the lottery, but I have to do it in order to be in for a chance of winning the jackpot. For all my family and friends to be healthy and happy and the whole world to become a happier place for all.

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

I started at Hunters Hall in September 2018 so I am in my sixth year.

#### Achievements to date (in order)

British Sign Language – Stage 1. When I retire I am aiming to carry this on and attend college to gain my stage 2 and beyond.

Qualifying to be a teacher was one of my biggest achievements. Growing up I always knew that I wanted to work with children, but was not sure in what capacity. When I was younger I had a negative mind-set and told myself that I could not possibly become a teacher. It was the Headteacher at John Perry (I worked there as a teaching assistant) that made me realise I was capable and could achieve anything I put my mind to. I qualified at the age of 30 and have never looked back.

Becoming a Thrive Licensed Practitioner.

Completing the training to become Senior Mental Health Lead for the school.

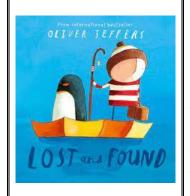
Becoming a Drawing and Talking Practitioner.

The achievements I am proudest of is when ex pupils stop me in the street to tell me how I had a positive impact on their life and made them the person they are today.



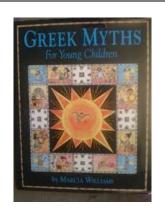
#### **Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall**

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.



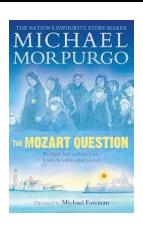
#### Reading interest: 4-8

'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers is a story about a boy who finds a penguin on his doorstep. Thinking it is lost, the boy decides to set out on a journey and take the penguin home to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.



#### Reading interest: 8-12

In 'Greek Myths' by Marcia Williams you will find eight favourite myths including the stories of Theseus, conqueror of the dreaded Minotaur, Perseus, the dragon slayer and the story of Pandora and her box of horrors. Each of the stories is retold in a dramatic cartoon style.



#### Reading interest: 10-adult

'The Mozart Question', by Michael Morpurgo is set in Venice, Italy. Journalist, Lesley is sent to Venice to interview world renowned violinist Paulo Levi. She cannot believe her luck. She has been told that she can anything she likes – except the Mozart question. But it is Paulo himself who decides it is time for the truth to be told.







#### Get Caught Reading!

Looking for a fun way to encourage your children to develop a love for reading? Encourage them to 'Get Caught Reading'!

By Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we would like the children to take photos of themselves reading in unusual places, which we would then like to display in school.

This could be on a slide, up a tree, upside down, or even while on holiday! – we know the children will enjoy being creative!

Please print off your pictures and hand in to your class teacher, or email your photos here: yfour.301@bdcs.org.uk

We can't wait to see what and where our pupils have been caught reading!











## Get Caught Reading! Deadline: Friday, 8th March 2024



Send in a photo of you reading your favourite book somewhere weird and wonderful!

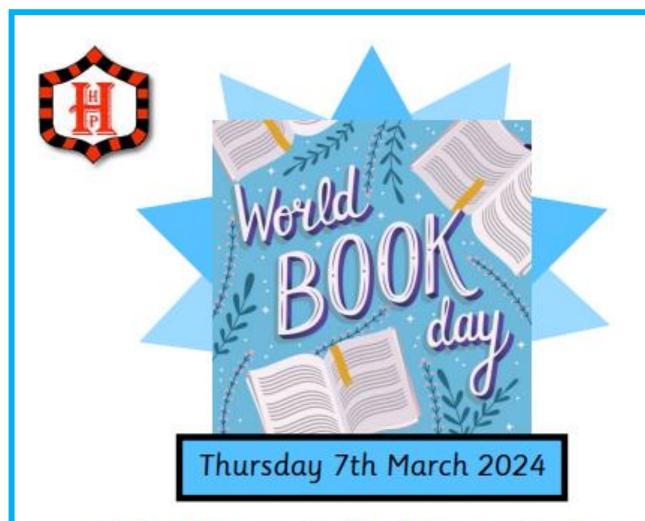
Will it be in a tree, hanging upside down at a playground or maybe even in a bathtub?!

Print off your photo and hand it into your teacher, or send your photos to the email below for your chance to win a fabulous prize!

yfour.301@bdcs.org.uk

Story by William (2CR) - O. Can I plan an atternative story his Orier Suddenly William went on his motor bike to the crack in the ground to CAM it down He gave the ground hing of and bisses. Then he taught the ground to regulate using heart, do a long breathe in , hold it, Breathe out





Help Hunters Hall celebrate all things 'literary' this year by dressing up as your favourite 'wow' WORD!

This is the perfect opportunity to get creative!

Maybe you'll choose an adjective, noun, verb or even an onomatopoeia!

We can't wait to see what you come up with!





#### Community Hubs & Family Hubs Newsletter - February 2024

## This Issue:

#### Family Hubs

- Family Hub Launch
- Feedback and Success Stories
- · Family Hubs Activity Timetable
- Parenting Programmes

#### **Community Hubs**

- Heath Community Food Club
- COVID Pop-Ups Clinics
- What's On Activity timetable for each Community Hub
- Have your say! Cost of Living Survey and Your Hubs, Your Voice Survey
- Digital Inclusion Zones
- Help and Support BD Money, Homes & Money Hub, Food Clubs & Food Banks and Employment Support

Please click (bottom right corner) if you wish to view a specific section of the newsletter.

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Please click on the following link for more information: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/dEtfPy0B0FoCo94l?ref=email

#### Friendly February

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#### MONDAY

#### **TUESDAY**

#### WEDNESDAY

#### **THURSDAY**

#### FRIDAY

Ask a friend

how they have

been feeling

recently

#### SATURDAY

Do an act of

kindness to

make life easier

for someone

#### SUNDAY

Invite a

friend over for

a 'tea break'

(in person or

virtual)



Focus on

being kind

rather than

being right



Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while



Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

Tell a loved

one or friend

why they are

special to you

Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

Support a

local business

with a positive

online review or

friendly message

Check in

on someone

who may be

offer to help

Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

the good struggling and

Respond kindly to everyone you including yourself

Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

Tell a loved



Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



one about the strengths that you see in them



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together







#### Family Health & Well-Being Event





#### Thames Chase

#### **Thames Chase** February Half Term: Decorate A Cratel



Tuesday February 20th 10.30am-11.30am 12 noon - 1pm

Looking for something different to do this February half term? Come and decorate your own wooden crate at Thames Chase You can be as creative as you like and more importantly, what will you keep in yours once you get it home?

Crates are £6 per child, to be paid upon booking Bookings are non-refundable and parents/carers must accompany their child at all times

This activity is suitable for children aged 3 years and over

Call the Thames Chase Visitor Centre to book: 01708 642970



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS. Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk Website: www.thameschase.org.uk mes Chase: Charity no. 1115627 Company no. 5687558







Wednesday February 21st 10.30am-12.30pm

Come along to our drop in children's craft activities this February half term Children can make and decorate their very own bird headdress, bird wings and bird feeder

We ask for a donation towards materials, which is payable on the day Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times

> This activity is suitable for children aged 3 years and over No booking required this is a drop in session



#### **Thames Chase** Monster Face Making



#### Friday February 23rd £6 per child

Get creative this February half term and join us to make some fantastic faces of menacing monsters!

Suitable for primary school children and older, each child will make, paint and take home their very own monster face, made from all natural materials.

We have three sessions available on Friday 23rd Feb, each lasting one hour Start times are 10:30am, 11:45am and 1:15pm.

To book: Call the Thames Chase Visitor Centre on 01708 642970



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For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS, Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk Website: www.thameschase.org.uk Thames Chase: Charify no. 1115627 Company no. 5687568.



#### Premier Holiday Camps



#### **Premier Camps Near You**

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

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

#### PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water Suitable clothing Loads of energy!

30% discount till 2nd February!



#### Warmer Clothing Reminder



#### Toy Donations



#### **Second Hand Toy Donation**

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

Items such as...



**Wooden Puzzies** 



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.





#### **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 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/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.

Call 0330 113 0330