



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Tuesday 12th March – Science Fair
Wednesday 13th March – Science Dress Up Day
Thursday 14th March – Science Boffins visit
Thursday 14th March – Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9:00am or 1:45pm
Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March – Year 2 Freshwater Theatre visit
Thursday 21st March – Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am
Monday 25th March – Year 3 Disco
Wednesday 28th March – Year 1 Dino Day

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green:

Class	Attendance % Present
3R	99.5
3G	98.6
6D	98.4
FT Nursery	98.1
2CR	97.6
4T	97.6
6E	97
5H	96.9
RGM	96.7
4G	96.6
3Z	95.9
6AM	95.6
2D	94.6
PM NURSERY	93.9
1L	93.8
4N	93.6
AM NURSERY	92.9
RR	92.9
5A	91.4
5N	91.4
1H	90.4
2K	90.2
1KS	89.5
RH	88.7

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have been humbled by the amount of support, kindness and care given to me during this time that I am grieving. I want to thank each and every one of you as it has given me strength for my nan's funeral which is taking place today.

Our school is a very special place and this has been exemplified several times this past week. I have witnessed acts of kindness, challenging learning that has made children think critically, and both children and staff demonstrating resilience. (One of our 6 values)

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."

~ PRINCESS DIANA ~

As we have been celebrating World Book day this week, it has been excellent seeing the children and staff dropping everything to read when the school bell rang. Yesterday's costumes and non-uniform event demonstrated a range of words / concepts. One that made me chuckle was Mrs Keane's "moody".

For those children in Year 5 & 6 who will be observing Ramadan from next week, there should be an option on ParentPay to indicate that the children will be fasting. Obviously, if we have any concerns about their health, wellbeing and ability to learn, I will communicate this with you accordingly.

Miss Vernon launches Science Week next week and we are in for a fun-filled time. I used the word "launches" on purpose as the whole school will witness a rocket launch on Thursday 14th.






It is never a dull moment at Hunters Hall, next week our choirs are taking part in the borough music festivals. In total, an incredible 150 children are taking part from year 3 to 6!

Also next week, don't forget that everyone can decorate their face for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. You will also see some of our children out and about as they do a community litter pick again with Ride for Freedom.

All it leaves me to say is have a glorious weekend and don't forget to thank those special people in your lives this Mothering Sunday (mums, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, dads, uncles...)

Michael Kaitell
Headteacher

Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	437
	Bears	413
	Wolves	584
	Sharks	571
	Komodo Dragon	675

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 13th March
Wednesday 27th March

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Delilah Prainer	1H
Jay Jay Kerr	2CR
Aaliyah Ahmed	1L
Brayden Kerr	RH
Claire Kong	RR

March Calendar

MARCH

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 ■	2	3 ■
4	5	6 ■	7	8 ■	9	10 ■
11 ■	12	13	14 ■	15	16 ■	17 ■
18 ■	19 ■	20 ■	21 ■	22	23 ■	24 ■
25 ■	26 ■	27 ■	28 ■	29 ■ Good Friday	30 ■	31 ■

Key

* Holy day that usually begins in the evening or at sunset of the previous day

** Date may vary to this because of religious customs

■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events ■ Public holiday

March is prostate cancer awareness month, ovarian cancer awareness month, UK Marie Curie Cancer Care's great Daffodil appeal month and women's history month.

■ Religious/cultural

1 - St David's day *Christian*
 1 - Nineteen-day fast begins *Bahā'ī*
 3 - Sunday of the prodigal son *Orthodox Christian*
 8 - Maha Shivratri ** *Hindu*
 9 - Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*
 10 - Meatfare Sunday *Orthodox Christian*
 11 - Ramadan * begins *Islam*
 14 - Nanakshahi (new year) *Sikh*
 16 - Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*
 17 - Cheesefare Sunday *Orthodox Christian*
 17 - St Patrick's day *Christian*
 18 - Great Lent begins *Orthodox Christian*
 19 - Feast of saint Joseph *Christian*
 20 - Ostara *Wicca and Pagan*
 20 - Nowruz (new year) *Persian and Zoroastrian*
 20 - Naw-Rúz * *Bahā'ī*
 23 - Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*
 24 - Purim * *Judaism*
 24 - Holika Dahan *Hindu*
 24 - Palm Sunday *Christian*
 24 - Feast of Orthodoxy *Orthodox Christian*
 25 - Annunciation to the Theotokos *Orthodox Christian*
 25 - Annunciation of the virgin *Mary Christian*

25-27 - Hola Mohalla *Sikh*
 26 - Holi * *Hindu*
 26 - Khordad Sal *Zoroastrian*
 28 - Maundy Thursday *Christian*
 29 - Good Friday *Christian*
 31 - Easter Sunday *Christian*

■ Awareness and events

1 - Zero discrimination day
 1 - Self-injury awareness day (SIAD)
 1 - International wheelchair day
 3 - World hearing day
 6-8 - TUC's women's conference
 8 - International women's day
 10 - Mother's day
 18-24 - Neurodiversity celebration week
 20 - Spring equinox
 20 - International day of happiness
 21 - International day for the elimination of racial discrimination
 21 - World down syndrome day
 24 - World tuberculosis (TB) day
 25 - International day of remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade
 27 Mar-2 Apr - World autism acceptance week
 30 - World bipolar day
 31 - International trans day of visibility

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 13th March & Wed 27th 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:

@HuntersHallIPS

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

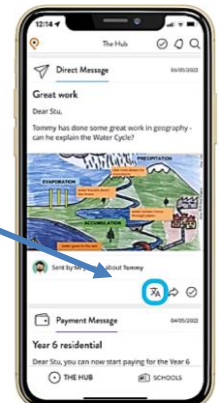
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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

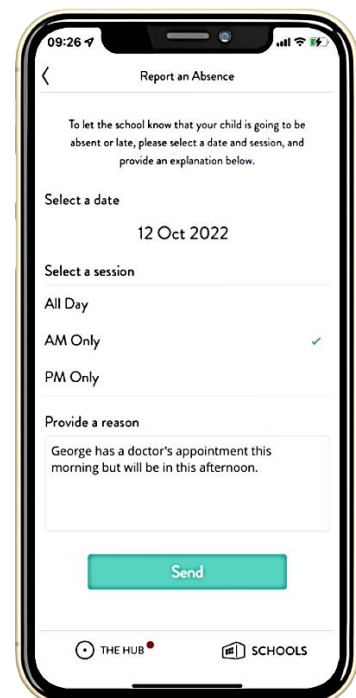
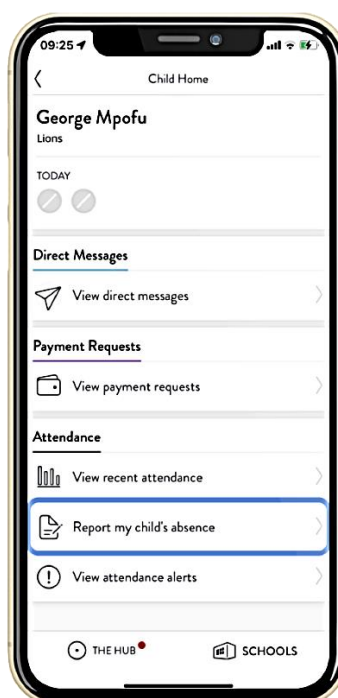
link below for a useful guide.

<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. |

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

I work here because however I feel when I walk into a class the children make me smile.

What's your role?

Learning Support Assistant

Favourite things...

Doing jigsaws and reading. My favourite author is Martina Cole.
Went to Jamaica for my 25th Wedding Anniversary and Antigua for my 30th Wedding Anniversary absolutely stunning can't wait to go back.
Favourite food is pizza with pineapple as a topping.



Own School Memories

Is being Jigsaw Champion 1977 and being May Queen at my primary school Our Lady of La Salette.

Hopes & Dreams

Is that the world could be a peaceful and safer place for everyone.

How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

I have worked at HHP for 20 years.

Achievements to date (in order)

My 3 beautiful daughters who have grown up to be kind human beings.

Family Hub

ABOUT US

Family Navigators are instrumental in signposting and assisting families to access a wide range of services on offer across our Universal & Early Help Services.

Family Navigators act as a 'bridge' between Families and Early Help Services to support families to access the right service at the right time.

- We are the first point of call for our families who need early help support.
- We are here to help families navigate through services.

MEET THE TEAM

Family Navigators - Ashley Morris and Tamzida Pasha
Family Hub Coordinator - Yolanda Wireko



Ashley



Tamzida



Yolanda



WHERE TO FIND US

Dagenham Learning Centre
(Dagenham Library)
1 Church Elm Lane
RM10 9QS



WE ARE AVAILABLE

Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- Meeting your child's needs including implementing a new family routine.
- Access to local services or specialised support including children with special educational needs, health services, drug and alcohol, violence prevention, money and debt, and mental wellbeing.
- Parenting Support via a range of Parenting Programmes.
- We are here to work with you and your family to support you to get the right services at the right time.

HOW?

You can direct the families to us or share this information with them to visit the Hub



What's Going On In The Thrive Hub >

Our topic has been Heroes and the children have been busy making masks and thinking of their own heroes and superpowers. Lots of Mums, Dads, Carers and Teachers were mentioned! and the most mentioned super power was kindness.



RH enjoying some yoga time and 6E working collaboratively during their thrive Friday.



Year 3

DISCO

Year 3

When: Monday 25th March

3:15-4:15pm

(Children who are attending can bring disco clothes and change into them at school.)

Where: Upper School Hall

Entry price: £2 to be paid on the day

Children will be given a drink, crisps and a glow stick

Let's have some end of term fun.

Drop-In Support Service for Children with ADHD and ADD



Drop-In Service for parents/carers

Do you suspect your child has ADHD?

Has your child been diagnosed with ADHD?

Do you need advice and/or support?



Ask at CYPD HUB reception or
call 0208 227 5500

about booking an appointment to
have a chat with the ADDUP team
about any concerns you have
around your ADHD child

Dates: The last Tuesday of the month during school term-time

Times: 9am to 1pm

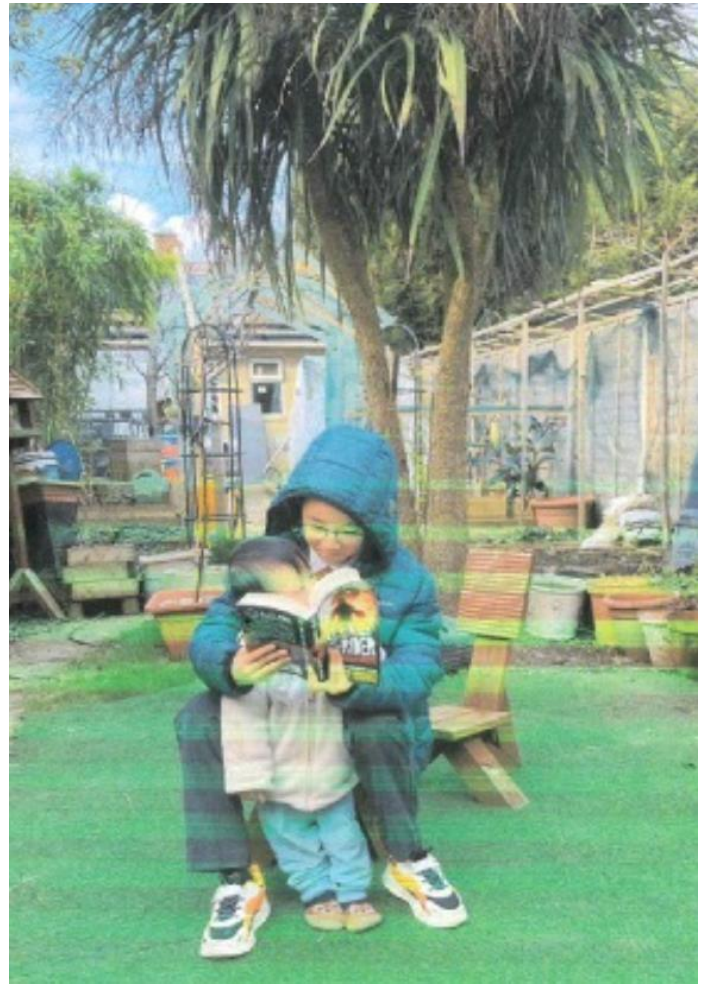
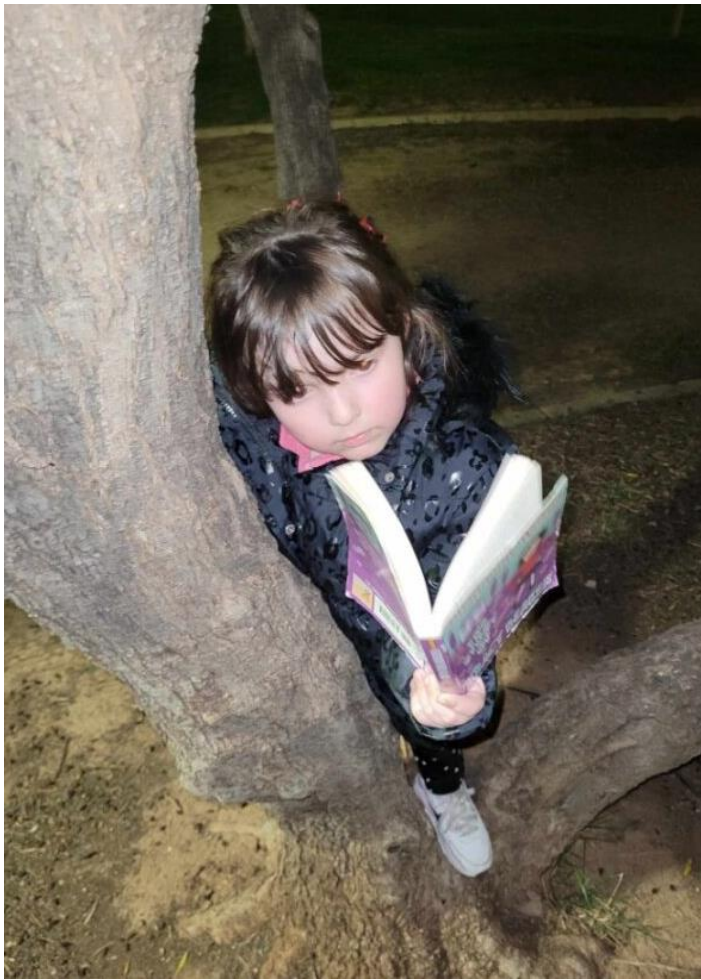
Venue: Children and Young People Disability Hub,
Stevens Rd, Dagenham, RM8 2QR

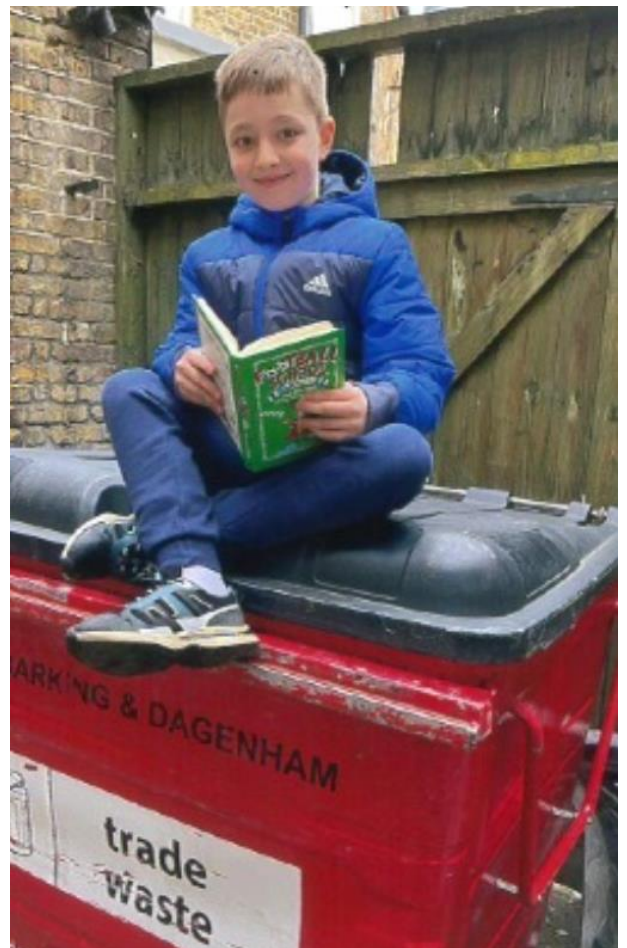
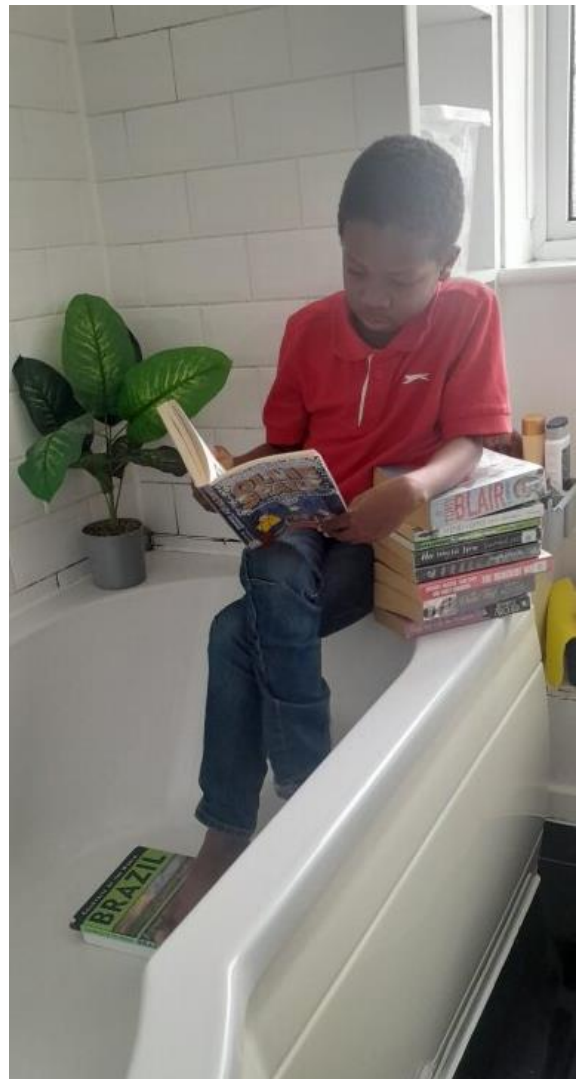
Get Caught Reading Submissions

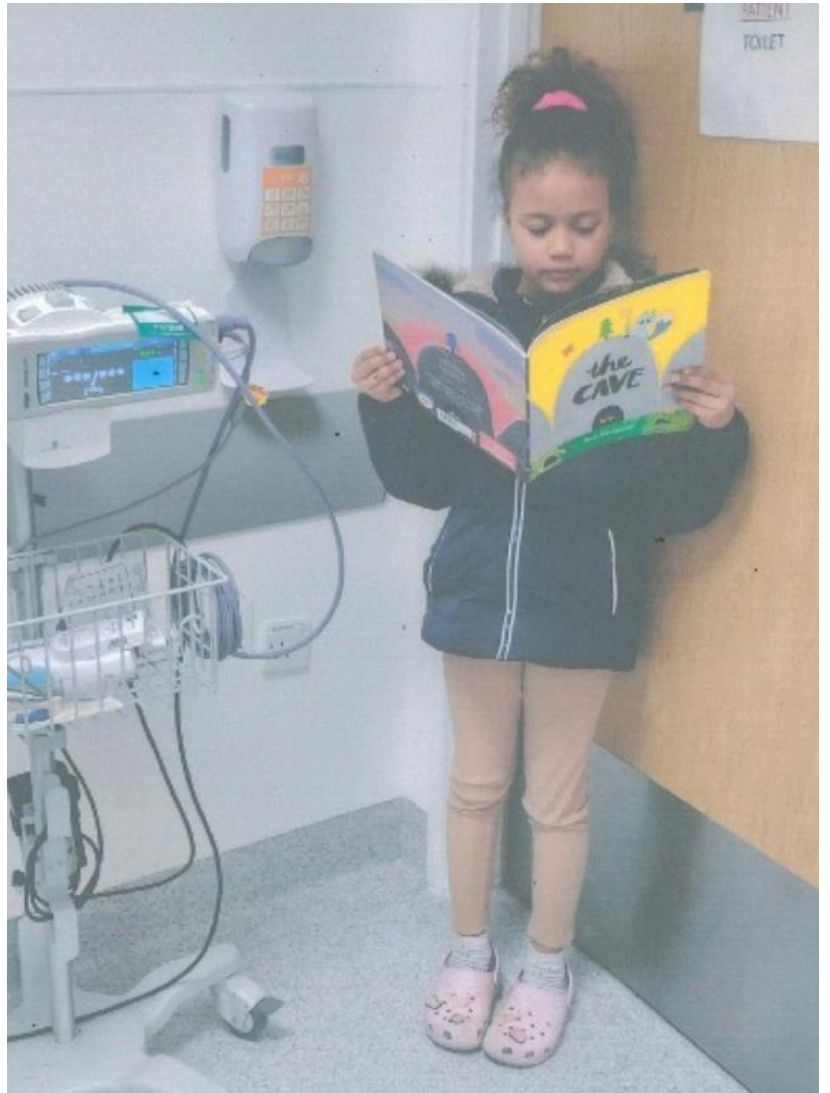
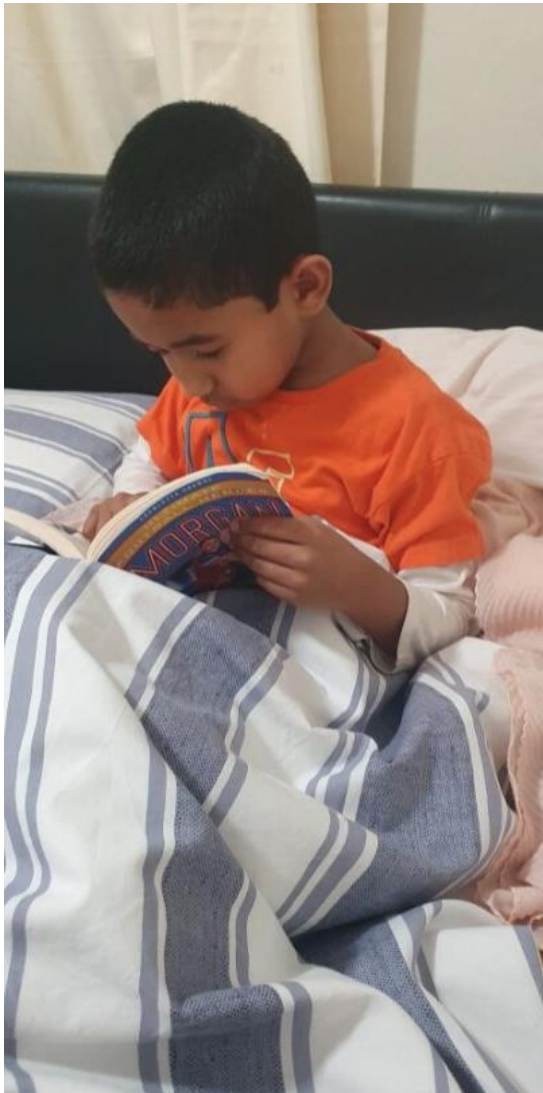
Please see the submissions received. Winners will be announced next week.











PAYMENT REMINDER



Science Week is coming and to celebrate it we will be having our 1st ever Science dress up day!

On **Wednesday 13th March 2024** we would love all the children and teachers to come in dressed in something linked to Science.

You could be a flower, the sun, a scientist, an animal or any link at all!

(Please think about clothing they already have that may be Science related i.e. a butterfly top - you don't need to buy!)

Here are a list of topics we study for inspiration

Sound, space, electricity, animals, living things, plants, rocks, seasons, light, materials



!!!!Science Visit!!!!



Science Boffins will be coming to school for the whole day to do assemblies, workshops and a rocket launch for the whole school!

Please pay the amount below on ParentPay by

Monday 11th March

£1 Reception to Year 5

£5 Year 6 pupils - they will be having a special workshop

Make your face funny!

RED
NOSE
DAY



Friday 15th March

Non school uniform—with a funny face!!



accessories



make-up



glasses



Face paint



Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

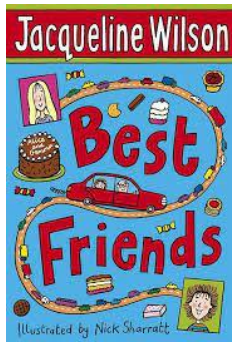
It seemed to me that so many of the books we recommended for our 'Reading Around the World' initiative were sad. The books, particularly for older children, tended to be about war or hardship. So, our new recommendations are about love and friendship. Here's our first set of recommendations.

I'M STICKING WITH YOU
SMRITI HALLS STEVE SMALL



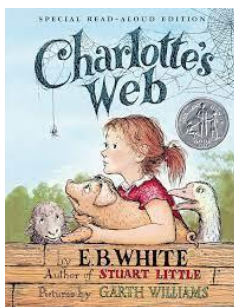
Reading interest: 4-8

'I'm Sticking with You' by Smriti Halls is a story about the ups and downs of friendship. The story reminds us that in all friendships, we sometimes need to compromise. The illustrations are great too.



Reading interest: 8-12

'Best Friends' by Jacqueline Wilson is a story about two girls, Gemma and Alice who were born on the same day and are best friends. Gemma is loud and confident whilst Alice is a quieter, calmer character. The two are inseparable - until Alice has to move house, all the way to Scotland. Gemma is devastated. Will Alice find a new best friend? How will their friendship survive?



Reading interest: 10-adult

'Charlotte's Web', by E.B. White is an absolute classic, first published in 1952! It is the ultimate story of friendship and tells of the unlikely friendship between a runt of a pig called Wilbur and an intelligent spider called Charlotte. The story is great for reading aloud. And, be warned, there won't be a dry eye in the house.



Coffee Morning - 21st March



Coffee Morning

Dear Parents/Carers

Come join me for a coffee/tea and a chat

on

Thursday 21st March 2024

from

9:00-10:00 am

in our Dining Hall

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Patrick Bellevue

Family Support Worker

Heritage Beyond the House

WIGMORE HALL

Barking & Dagenham

EASTBURY MANOR HOUSE

Learning & Participation

Heritage Beyond the House

Free music making workshops led by Wigmore Hall for families in Barking and Dagenham with children aged 1-5 and 6-11.

Come and join us at Eastbury Manor House this spring, as we go on a global journey through music: tracing origins and connections, near and far.

Workshops will include:

Interactive musical storytelling



Improvisation



Lyric and song writing

Relaxed performances



Movement

Music making games and more!

EARLY YEARS WORKSHOPS
10.00AM - 12.00 NOON

(for families with children aged 1-5)

THURSDAY 21 MARCH, 2024
ft. the cajon and the djembe

THURSDAY 4 APRIL, 2024
ft. the oud

THURSDAY 11 APRIL, 2024
ft. the harp

FAMILY WORKSHOPS
1.00PM - 3.00PM

(for families with children aged 6-11):

SUNDAY 10 MARCH, 2024
ft. the cajon and the djembe

SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 2024
ft. the harp

SUNDAY 7 APRIL, 2024
ft. the oud

To book your place go to Eastbury Manor House's website or follow the link [here](#).

Free Activities if you receive FSM

This Easter

Get involved in healthy and fun activities

From food and football to arts and crafts, there is something for everyone!

Open to children and young people aged 5 to 16 - FREE if they are eligible*

EACH ACTIVITY INCLUDES A HEALTHY LUNCH

To find out more and to book a place, visit lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities

#HAF2024

*This provision is free for children and young people who go to schools in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefit through the school's website. Paid places are also available.

Department for Education

Barking & Dagenham

Take part in a Easter activity to remember in Barking and Dagenham

Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM8 2FL	Artrbush Camp Buzz @ Manor Longbridge	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 8JA	Ballerz Holiday Club @ Northbury Primary School, Northbury Close, Barking	2 to 5 April and 8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM8 3AR	Ballerz Holiday Club @ Valence Primary School, Bonham Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 April and 8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 9SN	Bow Arts Trust @ Eastbury Manor House	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 7JA	Box Up Easter Camp @ Gascoigne Primary School, The Shaftesbury's, Barking	2 April, 4 April 9 April, 11 April	7 to 12 years
IG11 7JA	Box Up Easter Camp @ Gascoigne Primary School, The Shaftesbury's, Barking	3 April, 5 April 10 April, 12 April	12 to 16 years
IG11 8HE	Food for the Soul @ Make It Barking, Factory 15 Ground Floor, 15 Linton Rd, Barking	2 to 5 April and 8 to 12 April	12 to 16 years
RM10 7YP	DABD @ Pembroke Gardens, Dagenham (SEND Provision)	2 to 5 April	5 to 16 years
RM9 5TB	Dagenham Eagles 2024 N.E.W.S.T.A.R.T. Extravaganza Easter Holiday Camp @ Five Elms Primary School, 294 Wood Lane	9 to 10 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 9QH	DNA Holiday Programme @ Dagenham Park School, School Rd, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active @ Becontree Leisure Centre	8 to 11 April	Under 8s and Over 8s
IG11 7HW	Everyone Active @ Abbey Leisure Centre	2 to 5 April	Over 8s
RM9 5YX	Future Youth Zone Holiday Club @ Future Youth Zone, 201-225 Porters Avenue, Dagenham	2 to 5 April and 8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sport @ St Peter's RC Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sport @ William Ford C of E Junior School, Ford Road, Dagenham	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 9JS	Kick Easter Football Camp @ William Ford C of E Junior School, Ford Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 16 years
RM10 8UR	Learning Hive Easter Camp @ John Perry Primary School	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM8 2QR	Learning Hive Easter Camp @ Becontree School	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM9 6NH	Malearn Easter Holiday Club @ Thomas Arnold Primary School, Rowdowns Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM9 4BL	Premier Education @ Roding Primary School, Cannington Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 9NJ	Premier Education @ Marsh Green Primary School, South Close, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM6 5NR	Premier Education @ Rose Lane Primary School, 187 Rose Lane, Romford	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 9AG	Premier Education @ Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 0FJ	Performing Arts with Pullums Dance Academy @ George Carey Primary School, Rivergate Centre	2 to 5 April	5 to 16 years
RM10 9VR	Sportsworks The Ley's Primary School	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 7HK	The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps @ William Bellamy Primary School	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 7JA	The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps @ Gascoigne Primary School	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM8 3EX	The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps @ Grafton Primary School	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
IG11 7FP	The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps @ Ripple Primary School	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM9 6XW	The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps @ Goresbrook School	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years



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



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

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved 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