

## Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 24 March 2024

#### Dates for the Diary

#### Spring Term

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Freshwater Theatre visit Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 3 Stone age Workshop Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Disco Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Dino Day Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – School holidays

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Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – First day back for children 8:30am Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of term. 1pm finish.

#### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green:		
Class	Attendance % Present	
1L	98.3	
RH	97.4	
5N	97.1	
RGM	97.1	
2CR	96.7	
5H	96.4	
4G	96.2	
6AM	95.2	
3Z	95.1	
RR	94.9	
1KS	94.6	
3G	94.6	
3R	94	
4T	92.9	
2D	92.7	
6D	92.5	
6E	92.2	
5A	91.9	
4N	91	
2К	90.5	
1H	86.6	
FT Nursery	85.8	
AM NURSERY	84.2	
PM NURSERY	83	
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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, whilst I was on gate duty, somebody used a proverb which I strongly believe in:

"It takes a village to raise a child." This made me think about our school community and how we are all interconnected. It also got me to think about the origin of the proverb. It is said that the saying originates from the Nigerian Igbo community.

Please remember to ask for help if you find yourself in need of assistance. Together we can always find a solution.



We were doing really well with regard to children not being late for school; however, recently lateness has been creeping up. Being on time for school is vital as it prepares the children for the world of work, where being late regularly is unacceptable. Research shows that lateness has a profound effect on children's learning, behaviour, stress levels, and wellbeing. Imagine what it feels like if you are ever late for an appointment, work, flight, train, bus or event.

This week, as predicted has been superb, particularly in the area of science and singing. I would like to say a sincere thank you to Ms Vernon (our science lead) and Mrs Bright (our music lead) for their organisation and running of the science week and music festival. But as I also said earlier in my message it does take a village; therefore, thank you to the staff team and our wonderful children for their contributions to these two events.

Don't forget that this evening's Comic relief starts at 7pm and you can watch it on: BBC One, BBC Two, and BBC iPlayer.



Michael Kaitell Headteacher

	Team Points	
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	Tigers	462
-	Bears	683
	Wolves	641
	Sharks	426
	Komodo Dragon	518



Uniform Shop Dates Feb/March

#### Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

#### **Gold Award Recipients**

Name	Class
Mariana Mora	5A
Alexandra Paneva	5N
Kelly Nan	4N
Mihail Bursacovschi	4N
Abbie Blewitt	5H
Klay Sheehan	1H
Nana Darkwah	5H
Maxwell Baker	5H
Sara Ghita	5H
Lily Gerbaldi	5A

#### Year 3 Disco







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.

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00 vary throughout the year. Next date is: Wea		I. The dates	
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#### 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
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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.

#### Who's Who? Mr Bratley

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

I really like the way all the staff are friendly and are very quick to roll their sleeves up and get involved. They are also very good at interacting with the pupils and helping to sort out any issues. It is a very professional but relaxed place to work.

#### What's your role?

ICT support technician.

Favourite things...

I enjoy travelling and exploring new countries.I enjoy time spent with family and friends.I enjoy photography.I enjoy sailing.

#### **Own School Memories**

I thoroughly enjoyed maths, technical drawing and woodwork. Unfortunately, we only had one computer in the school, so I did not get a chance to use it.

#### Hopes & Dreams

I am hoping to visit Japan next year to see the cherry blossoms, I am also planning a sailing holiday around the Greek islands with my friends to hopefully get them enjoying sailing as well.

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

8 years.

#### Achievements to date (in order)

I started working in a sound recording studio after leaving school.

I then worked for several companies installing audio and sound equipment. Then started installing audio/visual equipment in schools.

I started sailing in 2016 and helped crew a racing yacht around the Isle of Wight in 2017. We finished in just under 7 hours (fourth in our yacht class) it was a fun experience, but very hard work. Walking my daughter down the aisle in 2022.

#### Red Nose Day ~ Make Your Face Funny!





#### Science Week

Wow! What a fantastic week celebrating Science Week 2024! On Tuesday we had our Science Fair, which was a fantastic success with pupils aged 7-11 teaching peers of all ages what they have learnt in their Science lessons. The confidence and enthusiasm from the children was so wonderful to see. Everyone put so much passion and effort into their science investigations and every year the standard gets higher and higher.

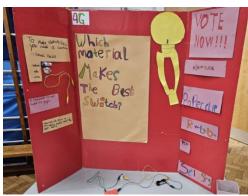
On Wednesday we had our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Science dress up day. It was so lovely to see the effort everyone went to and the joy in their faces when they saw their peers and teachers dressed up!

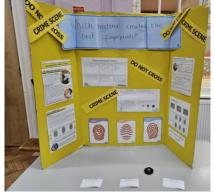
Finally, on Thursday we had our visitor, Keith from Science Boffins. The excitement filled the hall in our 2 assemblies for children in Reception up to year 6. Following this, our year 6 pupils had fantastic time learning all about plasma as part of their animals including humans topic. This all culminated in a whole school event in the playground with a rocket launch which was thrilling to watch!

Thank you so much for all your support over this week. I know the children have really enjoyed it and these events will remain in their memory for a long time to come. Please remember to transfer payment for the Science Boffins visit asap if you haven't already done so.

See below some photos of Science week.















































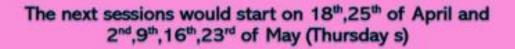






## PLAY AND COMMUNICATE

0-5YEARS WITH SPEECH & LANGUAGE NEEDS



#### Fridays: 19th, 26th of April and 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th of May

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: 4:15-5:45 PM

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

FRIDAYS: 10:00-11:30AM

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

Address: Becontree Community Hub

Stevens Road Dagenham

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Main Hall

#### Food For The Soul



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EXPRESS YOURSELF THIS EASTER. EACH DAY, A NEW ART FORM. COME TO EXPLORE AND PERFORM: BEAT POETRY, THEATRE, MUSIC AND DANCE IN OUR 4 DAY WORKSHOP COMBINED WITH FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD. THE PROGRAM IS OPEN TO 7-11 YEAR OLDS IN LBBD AND FREE TO ALL STUDENTS ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

ALL FOOD SERVED IS VEGAN, HALAL AND Allergy Aware. For more info or to sign up email:

ELIZABETH.KITTO@LBBD.GOV.UK

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A meal will be provided every day for any student who attends. The program is free to all those on FSM.

Mums On A Mission Coffee Morning

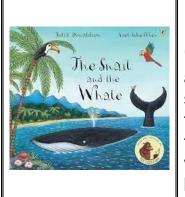




Family Support Worker

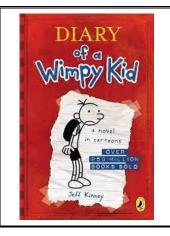
### **Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall**

Good Friends, are important. We need to have friends we can laugh and spend time with, friends we know will be there for us, always. Our new recommendations are about love and friendship. Here's our next set of recommendations. Remember, you can find them all in our library.



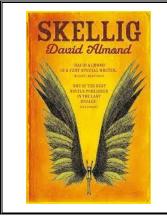
#### Reading interest: 4-8

'Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson is a story about the unlikely friendship between a whale and a snail. When a tiny snail meets a humpback whale, the two travel together to far-off lands. It's a dream come true for the snail, who has never left home before. But when the whale swims too close to shore, will the snail be able to save her new friend?



#### Reading interest: 8-12

'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney is a cartoon style novel about a boy called Greg and his attempts to gain popularity at a new school. His diary, complete with hilarious cartoons, records a year in his life and follows his relationships with his nerdy best friend Rowley, annoying brothers Roderick and Manny and longsuffering parents.



#### Reading interest: 10-adult

'Skellig', by David Almond is a beautiful novel. Michael moves to a new house, his sister is ill and he is lonely. Then he makes friends with Mina. The two children find a strange creature – ill-mannered and unwell. Between them they nurse the creature back to good health and as they do so, form the best of friendships.



#### 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





Tamzida



Ashley

Yolanda











#### Sessions For Children With Disabilities – Siblings Welcome

## Springtime Funtime @ The CYPD Hub

#### Week 1

Sensory Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Wacky Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>April Fun-tastic Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### Week 2

Sensory Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Wacky Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April Fun-tastic Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

YOU'RE INVITED



#### Bookable sessions for Wacky Wednesdays

10am-11am (0-5 years) 11.30am – 12.30pm (6 -10 years) 2.00pm – 3.00pm (0-5 years) 3.30pm – 4.30pm (6-10 years) 5.00pm – 6.00pm (10 + years) To book please visit <u>https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1932797/</u>

Bookable sessions for Fun-tastic Thursday 9.30am – 10.30am (0-5 years) 11.00am – 12.00pm (6-10 years) 1.00pm – 2.00pm (0-5 years) 2.30pm – 3.30pm (6-10 years) 4.00pm – 5.00pm (10 + years) To book please visit <u>https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1932799/</u>

#### Bookable sessions for Sensory Tuesday's

Our sensory room will be available for booking:

- 9.00am 09.30am
- 10.00am 10.30am
  11.00am 11.30am
- 11.00am 11.30am
  12.00pm 12.30pm
- 2.00pm 2.30pm
- 3.00pm 3.30pm
- 4.00pm 4.30pm
- 5.00pm 5.30pm

Our outdoor play area will be available for 1 hours following your sensory session. You are welcome to bring a picnic if the weather is permitting.

To book please visit https://app.10to8.com/book/cypd-hub/1932796/

#### Free Activities if you receive FSM

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Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM8 2FL IG11 8JA	Artbash Camp Buzz @ Manor Longbridge Ballerz Holiday Club @ Northbury Primary School, Northbury Close, Barking	2 to 5 April 2 to 5 April and 8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years 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 95N	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 90H	(#) Five Elms Primary School, 294 Wood Lane DNA Holiday Programme (#) Dagenham Park School, School Rd, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM107FH	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 SYX	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	Inpsire Minds Through Sport @ St Peter's RC Primary School,	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
	Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	8 to 11 April	
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sport () William Ford C of E Junior School, Ford Road, Dagenham	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM109JS	Kick Easter Football Camp @ William Ford C of E Junior School, Ford Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 April	5 to 16 years
RM10 SUR	Learning Hive Easter Camp @ John Perry Primary School	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
RM8 2QR RM9 6NH	Learning Hive Easter Camp @ Becontree School Malearn Easter Holiday Club @ Thomas Arnold Primary School, Rowdowns Road. Daoenham	2 to 5 April 2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years 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 SNR	Premier Education @ Rose Lane Primary School, 187 Rose Lane, Romford	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
G11 9AG	Premier Education @ Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road	2 to 5 April	5 to 12 years
G11 0FJ	Perfoming Arts with Pullums Dance Academy @ George Carey Primary School, Rivergate Centre	2 to 5 April	5 to 16 years
RM10 9YR	Sportsworks The Ley's Primary School	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
RM10 7HX	The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps @ William Bellamy Primary School	8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years
IG117JA	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 The Ultimate Sports & Football Camps@ Ripple Primary School	2 to 5 April 8 to 12 April	5 to 12 years 5 to 12 years
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## Mental Health Support Team





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### 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**

#### **Donations Wanted**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

# RR Solfast 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/discretionaryhardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp

To find out more and apply online must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP





#### 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



#### RockSteady

## **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 3 AND 4

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. 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