Hunters Hall Primary School
Snippets

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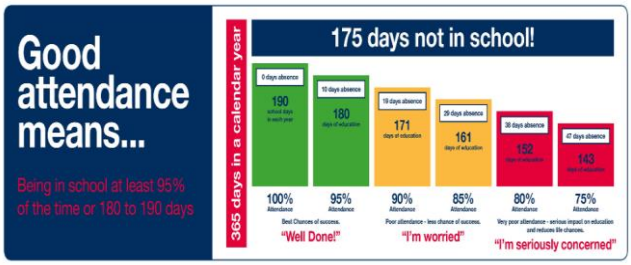
Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Monday 9th June – Friday 4th July – Year 4 & 6 Intensive swimming – onsite pool
Friday 13th June – Nursery Number Day
Wednesday 18th June – RGM visit to Mudchute Farm
Thursday 19th June – 6AD St Paul's visit
Friday 20th June – 6JN St Paul's visit
Tuesday 24th June – 6AM St Paul's visit
Wednesday 25th June – RIM visit to Mudchute Farm
Thursday 26th June – REL visit to Mudchute Farm
Thursday 3rd July – ARP Trip to Kidspace
Monday 14th July – Nursery Sing-a-long performances 10:40am and 2:30pm
Thursday 17th July – Last day/Party day for Nursery



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green 96%+:

Class	Attendance % Present
4DR	94.4
6AM	92.0
RGM	91.8
2CH	91.7
5TH	91.0
6AD	91.0
1VR	89.5
3ST	88.7
6JN	87.5
2FK	87.3
1DL	87.2
4GR	87.0
5VE	87.0
2MR	85.9
4LG	85.5
RIM	85.1
3OZ	83.2
1GS	80.9
REL	80.7
3MA	77.7
5MK	76.7

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the final part of the academic year. Over the next six weeks there will be a large number of events taking place including educational visits, concerts, Sports Day, workshops, garden parties, and of course the wonderful daily instalments of our creative curriculum.

As you know, we are a school who believe in education visits and the many benefits that these bring to enlighten the curriculum and make memorable moments for the children. In order for these visits to take place, we rely heavily on parent/carer volunteers. If you would love to become an educational visits volunteer – please email the school office (office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk) to register your interest.

Starting next week, our year 4s will commence with their swimming sessions – this is part of the national curriculum and is statutory for all schools. I have sent an email to all parents who were interested in family swim sessions. Please add your names to the sign-up sheet that I shared.

Please remember to order your child's school meal on SchoolGrid the new ordering service and not ParentPay. (All parents & carers were sent communication from SchoolGrid back in May with details on how to setup an account.) If you have not received that email – please check with the school reception team to see that we have your correct email address.

School attendance and punctuality is something that we constantly keep on our radar. There is a direct correlation between school attendance and academic, social and emotional achievement. Please ensure that your children are present at school every day and that they arrive at 8:30am.

Eid Mubarak to our school community observing Eid ul-Adha this weekend.
And to everyone, have a very safe and enjoyable weekend.
See you bright and early on Monday.

Michael Kaitell,
Headteacher

Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	
	Bears	
	Wolves	
	Sharks	
	Komodo Dragon	

Uniform Shop Dates

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall on the following dates:

SCHOOL UNIFORM DIRECT

Wednesday 18th June
Wednesday 2nd July
Wednesday 16th July

School Uniform Shop Open
Friday 22nd August – 11:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday 3rd September – 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class	Name	Class
Jessica Moses	5VE	Renis Bokciu	1VR
Neriah Fadoju	5VE	Azhen Qadrey	RGM
Dami (Oluwadamilola) Olaoti	6JN	Dmytro Malyk	1DL
Liyana Nashmia	6JN		
Aazizah Bamidele	6JN		
Jaizelle Cabalza	6JN		
Lily Gerbaldi	6JN		
Sara Ghita	6AM		

Parent/Carer Handbook

Scan the QR code or visit https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UlXJ7lWwliv?ref=Link

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:

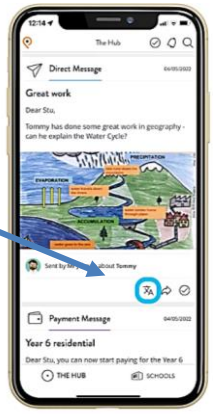
@HuntersHallPS

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.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.



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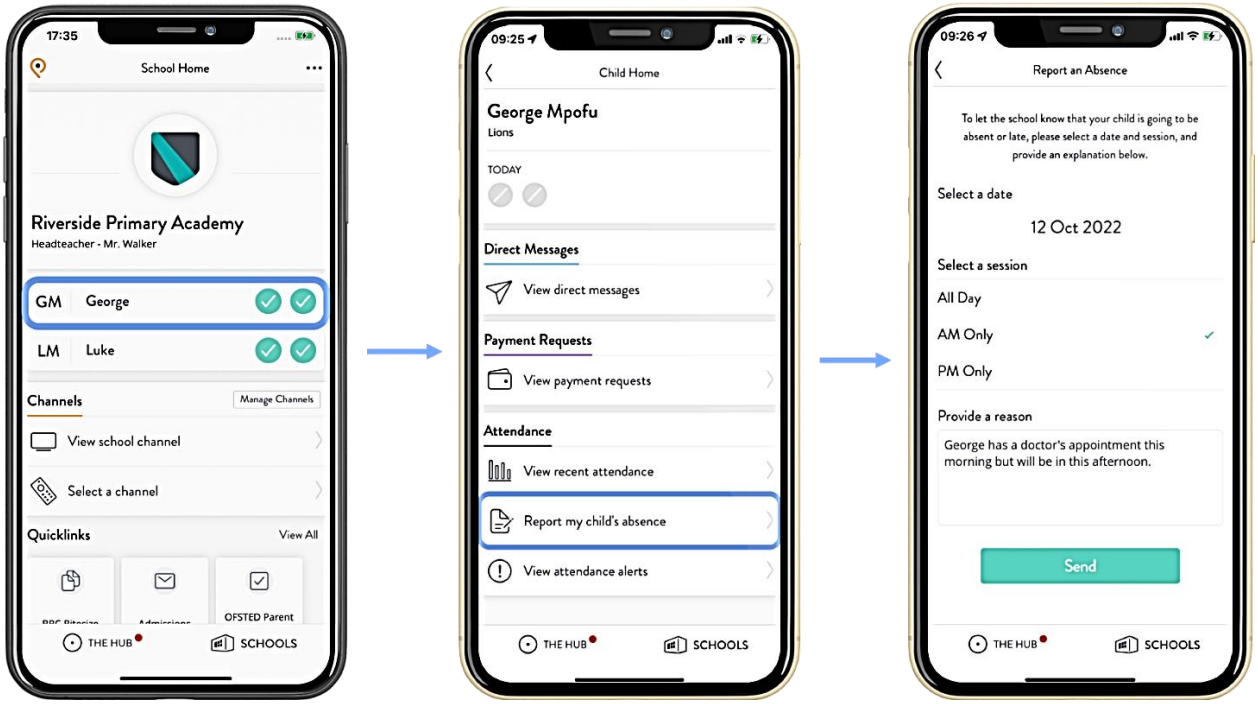
Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2024-2025

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 (only 2 branded clothing items necessary & 1 branded book bag)

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

More and more children are wearing the incorrect P.E. kit. Proper clothing and footwear are essential in all P.E. lessons for reasons of health and safety and comfort.

◄ The permitted kit is advertised here.

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 & non-swimmers from Year 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given this opportunity.

Children must wear suitable and appropriate swimwear and a swimming hat. They must also have a towel, dressing gown and waterproof footwear.

This year, we will operate a mobile swimming pool on the school site.

Year 3

On Wednesday, Year 3 had a visit from firefighters from Dagenham Fire Station. Four firefighters brought their engine (or pumps as they are referred to) and the children were very lucky to be given a chance to sit in the back of the engine, try on the helmet, look at the equipment they use to fight fires and ask any questions they had. The children had a great afternoon learning about how firefighters do their job and asked some very insightful questions. The officer in charge also said that visitors are always welcome at the station and to contact them if you wish to visit.

We would like to extend our thanks to Parent Governor Sam Gosby for organising the visit and being there on the day to share the experience with us.

Calling all novelists!

Calling all novelists!

Have you ever dreamed of seeing your writing published for others to read? Have you got a favourite childhood story that you want to share? Perhaps you have a traditional tale from your home country that you love and would like others to hear? Or perhaps you just want to let your creative juices flow and write something descriptive? Well now is your chance!

We are looking for parents who love writing to share a story with us that can be posted in Snippets every week during the final half term of this year. It can be a story or traditional tale from your childhood, a parody of a modern story or a piece of original writing- the choice is yours!

Language is no barrier as they do not need to be in English, whichever language you feel most comfortable using is fine by us!

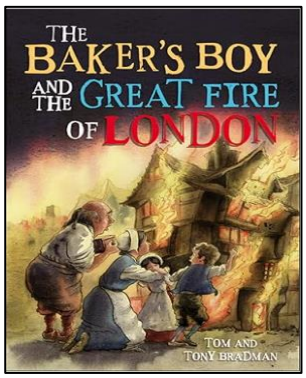
Please send your entries to ythree.301@bdcs.org.uk or hand in a paper copy to the office FAO Mr Allen.

Football News ~ B&D District Girls

The girls' district team added another trophy to their season's haul as they overcame Hackney last week (3-1) in the Stuart Feakins Trophy, adding to their Essex SFA title from a few weeks ago.
The team also finished as runners-up in the Southern Counties League Cup and came 3rd in the Southern Counties Cup.
Their final game is at Parsloes Park on 14th June at 10:30 a.m. Barking & Dagenham are guaranteed a top-two finish and will face holders Wokingham in the title decider.

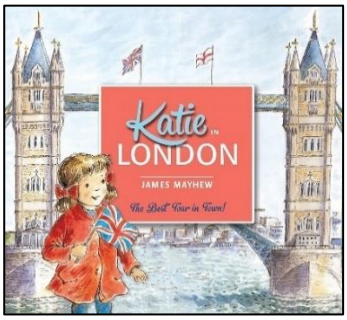
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

Welcome back to our summer term! As part of our commitment to our school values (Collaboration, Motivation, Preparation, Resilience, Creativity & Curiosity), children continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum based on our carefully considered topics. In every year group, pupils can be historians, geographers, artists, philosophers, empathisers and critical thinkers. Each week we will showcase a different year group, suggesting books that will support and extend current learning. This week we are focusing on Year 2!



History:

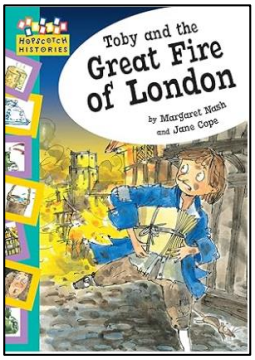
In our History lessons, we are learning about The Great Fire of London. A book related to our topic is 'The Baker's Boy and The Great Fire of London'. This exciting story brings the tale of the Great Fire of London to life for young readers. When Will Farriner wakes to the sound of crackling flames and the smell of smoke, he knows something is terribly wrong! As his family escape the flames engulfing their bakery, Will realises he must stop the fire from spreading. But what can be done before all of London goes up in smoke?



Key text in literacy:

'Katie In London' by James Mayhew is our key text in Literacy.
When Katie and her brother Jack visit London with Grandma, something very strange happens . . . one of the Trafalgar Square lions comes to life and takes them on a wonderful tour of all the best sights including Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben and the London Eye.

Maybe you could plan a visit to London to see some of the famous landmarks.



Storytime:

In story time, we are enjoying Toby and the Great Fire of London by Margaret Nash. Toby has forgotten a delivery for Mr Pepys, but as he sets out across London, he sees the sky is full of flames! This short story has some great illustrations which help explain the events in the story. The book includes simplistic vocabulary and real facts about The Great Fire of London.

CONCERT DATES

Tues 10th June	Piano Fun Club Concert 2:15pm
Fri 13th June	Monday Ukulele Club to Chestnut Court Care Home – 1:45pm
Thurs 19th June	Inspire Festival Band and Tuesday Ukulele Club
Tues 24th June	Choir performances Y2 9:15am Y3 10:15 am Y4 11:15 am
Tues 1st July	Music Recital Performance - Band/ Ukulele Clubs/ Selected Musicians
Week Beginning 7th July	Year 6 Production Performances on Mon 7th 1:30pm Tues 8th 1:30pm Wed 9th 9:30am and 1:30pm
Tues 8th July	Rock Steady Concert – 10:00am LSH
Fri 11th July	Y5 WCET Concert to Parents Year 5 choir to perform.
Fri 11th July	Y4 Choir to sing at Parkview Care Home leave 12:45pm
Wed 16th July	Y6 Ukulele Club to perform at Mr Bellevue's Afternoon Tea for Parents 1:30-3:00pm

Premier

SUMMER PARTY

WRAPAROUND CARE SCHEDULE

World Environment Day	5th June
Fathers Day	13th June
International Yoga Day	19th/20th June
World Music Day	23rd June
WAC Sports Day	2nd or 3rd July
NHS Birthday	7th July
Children's Art Week	7th July – 11th July
End of term WAC Party	Final Week of Term

Department for Education

BARKING & DAGENHAM community music service

FOOD FOR THE SOUL: ARTS PLAYTIME

MUSIC.THEATRE.DANCE.FOOD.

Come and create with us! We will be running two 4 day workshops celebrating the creative arts in the Vibe Youth Centre from 4/8/25-7/8/25 and 11/8/25-14/8/25. The workshops will be open to 5-11 year olds in LBBD and free for those on benefits related free school meals.

To sign up your child or get more information:
elizabeth.kitto@lbbd.gov.uk

MUSIC.THEATRE.DANCE.FOOD.

This Summer's Food for the Soul Workshops will allow children to try foods from around the world as well as take part in Art activities.

This year, we will feature workshops full of fun and games from:

- The Community Music Service on Rhythm and Song
- Barking and Dagenham Youth Dance on Movement
- Write Back on Creative Expression
- The Boathouse on Acting and Performance
- True Cadence on Lyric Creation

Food will be served from 12-12.30pm
Workshops will start from 12.30 and finish at 4pm

We will include 2 breaks and a snack as well as a full meal, everyday.

We are offering 20 places per week and will prioritise young people on benefits related free school meals who can attend completely free of charge. We will also have some spaces available at a small cost for children who do not fall into this category.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE VIBE!

NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
  (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
  (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
  (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
  (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
  (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
  (adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
  (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

New After School Club from September 3pm-6pm

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4077/?location=dagenham&distance=1.0&distance=1.0&type%5b%5d=WAC

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 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

Barking and Dagenham Primary school Staff

Breakfast Club

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.

Donations Wanted

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

RockSteady

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