

HENDON NEWS

4TH OCTOBER 2018

From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents

This has been a very busy week at Hendon Prep.

On Monday 1 October we celebrated our annual Harvest Festival. The School Choir and children from Pre-Prep sang splendidly their musical pieces to mark this seasonal thanks-giving. As Headmaster, I want to offer an enormous thank-you to all pupils (...and families) who so generously donated gifts collected for our local charity: **Barnet Action for Homeless**. I am especially grateful too, to our Year 8 Prefects who accompanied Mrs Stirling to take our 'offerings' to the homeless charity in Finchley.

On Tuesday, selected Prep pupils attended a workshop at the Arts Depot in Finchley. This wonderful educational opportunity, led by Mr Chapman, is in preparation for a public performance later this term, as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. A number of local schools will be performing during this Festival, for Hendon Prep pupils, this is a unique opportunity to show-off new skills acquired during our Wednesday Enrichment programme and to perform in front of family and friends in a great local venue.

Wednesday was '**No Pens Day**'! This national campaign supported by schools throughout the UK is an opportunity for teachers and pupils to be a little more creative around Teaching and Learning. Here at Hendon, staff took the opportunity to

review and re-think traditional learning approaches to lessons. I was particularly encouraged to discover that our children can learn equally as well by focussing more on their listening and communication skills.

Thank-you to all our new parents who were able to join us on Wednesday evening at our social event. It was really important for the 'home team' to meet with new parents in an informal setting to share conversation and to learn a little bit more about our new joiners. I am also appreciative to Mr Nathan, Chair of our HPPG, who was able to welcome new members of the School's Parent Guild and encouraged support for the work they do to support the School.

The highlight of Thursday was **National Poetry Day** assembly:

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/about-npd/>

Pupils shared many of their favourite poems and even some they had created themselves to the assembled School. I especially enjoyed two recitals read beautifully by Finn (Y6) *I Don't Want to go Into School* by Colin McNaughton and Louis (Y8) *Invictus* by Ernest Henley. Do look these up! Finally, Friday 5 October is jointly **World Teachers' Day** and **World Smile Day**! The first is designed to encourage us to think about those who contribute to our learning and the second to celebrate greater happiness and acts of kindness in our lives. For our community at Hendon, I want us to value both in equal measure!

School News:

- Please remember to visit our Travelling Book Fair on Friday 5th October from 3.30pm onwards. There will be a large selection of books on sale catering for readers of all ages, from Pre-Schoolers to Seniors. Please collect your child as usual and then make your way to the school playground where you will be able to enter the school hall via the back door.
- Message for Year 6 Parents
Please remember the deadline for state school applications for September 2018/19 entry is 31st October. Please look at the following link for further information.
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>
- Thank you to all parents who came along and / or donated cakes for our Macmillan Big Coffee morning last week. It was a lovely event and we managed to raise just over £180 for the charity.
- Tea Time Concert, Tuesday 9th
We are looking forward to the first of our scheduled Tea Time Concerts, celebrating the musical prowess of our pupils. Parents of the Y6 instrumentalists, plus Strings Group and School Choir members have been invited to join us for some refreshments from 4:10pm, with the concert due to begin at 4:30pm.
- Drums lessons:
Our drums teacher, Mr Sam White, has some spaces available to teach drums when he is in school on Thursdays. If your child is interested and would like a trial lesson, please contact Ms Dawson in the first instance.
- HPPG Film night. Please book your tickets for this wonderful new initiative through your class reps.

REMINDER DATES:

- Friday 5th : Travelling Book Fair: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday 9th : Tea Time Concert, Y6 & & 8: 4.15pm
- Wednesday 10th: 5W Assembly: 8.40am
Football: Boys U13 Tournament – Hendon v Chase Lodge
HPPG AGM – 7.30pm Venue TBC
- Friday 12th : Football: Boys U10 7 a side: Hendon v King Alfred
- Monday 15th : Whole School Assessment Week
LAMDA Assembly: 8.40am
- Tuesday 16th : Pre-School Transition Meeting: 9am
- Wednesday 17th: Y5 Trip: National Theatre
- Thursday 18th : Freshwater Theatre visit Y2: Florence Nightingale Workshop
Year 4 Trip to Hendon Synagogue
- Friday 19th : Pupil's Progress Reports
HPPG Cake Sale: 3.30pm
HALF TERM – USUAL DISMISSAL TIMES
- Saturday 20th HPPG Movie Night: School Hall 4pm to 7pm
Monday 5th November : BACK TO SCHOOL

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT:

On Monday we held our annual Harvest Festival assembly, where the whole school came together to give thanks for everything we have. The Year 8 boys then took our wonderful donations to 'Homeless Action in Barnet', a local charity who run a day shelter for the homeless. As usual our Hendon Prep families were incredibly generous with their donations.



Next Week's Lunch Menu:



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish of the Day BBQ Glazed Chicken	Dish of the Day Lamb Spaghetti Bolognese	Dish of the Day Beef Ragu with Sweet Paprika and Peppers	Dish of the Day Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy	Dish of the Day Crispy Fish Fingers With Lemon & Tartar Sauce
Vegetarian Option Roast Squash Jambalaya	Vegetarian Option Homemade Falafel with Tzatziki and Pitta Bread	Vegetarian Option Five Beans Roasted Squash Tagine	Vegetarian Option Roasted Quorn Fillet	Vegetarian Option Cheese & Tomato Quesadillas
Side Dish Roast Potato Wedges Carrots Peas	Side Dish Green Beans Garlic Bread	Side Dish Cous-cous Sweetcorn Peas	Side Dish Roast Potatoes Medley Vegetables	Side Dish Chunky Chips Garden Salad Peas
Jacket Potato Cottage Cheese filling	Pasta Bar Sun blush Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise filling	Pasta Bar Roast Pepper & Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato BBQ Beans filling
Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads
Pudding Orange and Carrot Smoothie Yoghurt Fresh cut fruit	Pudding Yoghurt Fresh cut fruit	Pudding Mixed Berry and Apple Crumble with Custard Yoghurt Fresh cut Fruit	Pudding Yoghurt Fresh cut Fruit	Pudding Chocolate & Sweet Potato Brownie Yoghurt Fresh cut Fruit
Daily Salad Bar With a selection of home cooked meats and freshly prepared salads				

THIS WEEK'S MENU

COGNITA
TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Week commencing: 12/09, 08/10, 29/10,
19/11, 10/12

