

HENDON NEWS

13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents,

Like many of you, I enjoy visiting the wonderful galleries and museums that we can access here in the Capital. On a recent visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum (V & A) in South Kensington, I was not only struck by the wonderful exhibits on display but equally by the number of families who were there.

These ‘family days out’ are much more than a family spending quality time together, they are an opportunity for the whole family to get involved in learning; learning through looking and touching and more direct engagement.

In the context of school, we also understand that curriculum learning equally requires children to learn in different environments, which is why at Hendon, we also endeavour to offer opportunities beyond the classroom, whether simply within the locality or further afield on visits or even residential trips beyond London.

These different learning environments enable children not only to explore new opportunities but also recognises that we learn in our own unique way. Sometimes we learn by working with others, perhaps within a team, but more significantly, it encourages children to problem-solve and even develop skills and ‘behaviours’ that will be equally

important to their character development and possible future employability.

As we all know, our employability requires us to have received a broad education rather than one that is narrowly focussed on a small definable group of subjects. Parents will be familiar with the educational mnemonic *STEM* (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) but I would also encourage us to be thinking of *STEAM* which includes – Arts.

It is important to recognise that a holistic education equally embraces the Arts and, I believe, also makes for a more rounded and more interesting personality. This point is nicely illustrated by the Learning Manger at the new V & A Dundee that opens this week-end, who recognises the importance of art and design in schools, who believes that museums should be ‘...a place of inspiration and discovery of learning’. So, where are you taking your child this week-end?

Challenge: What objects are buried beneath Cleopatra’s Needle on the Thames Embankment?

School News:

- We look forward to welcoming our Reception and Year 1 parents into school next Tuesday, 18th September, for our first coffee morning of the year. Could all parents please sign in with the school office prior to making their way to the hall.
- All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on Friday 21 September, when we will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day. We would like everyone to take part so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans and with a £1 donation for this wonderful charity. If you'd like to find out more about how your support will help, please visit their website at jeansforgenes.org
- On Friday 28th September we will be taking part in the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning. The event will take place in the school hall from 8.45am until 9.45am and we would love to see as many parents as possible come along to support this great charity. If you cannot make the event but would still like to take part you can always donate some cakes for us to sell on the day; which can be dropped off at the school either on the morning of the 28th or the afternoon of the 27th. We will be delighted to accept both; shop-bought or home-made cakes, however if you do bake your own cakes could we ask you to also supply us with a list of ingredients please.

REMINDER DATES:

- Monday 17th : U9 Boys Football v Lyndhurst House
- Tuesday 18th : Reception & Y1 Parents Coffee Morning: 8.45am
- Wednesday 19th : Y5 & 6 Back to School Meetings: 4.15pm
- Thursday 20th : Headmaster's Tea with School Prefects: 3.30pm
- Friday 21st : Jeans for Genes Day
Y7 & 8: Back to School Meeting: 4.15pm
- Tuesday 25th : Y3 visit the Unicorn Theatre
- Wednesday 26th : European Day of Languages
- Thursday 27th : School Open Day : 9.30am to 11.30am
Headmaster's Tea with School council: 3pm
- Friday 28th : Macmillan Big Coffee Morning: 8.45am to 9.45am

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT:

The children thoroughly enjoyed their first sports lesson of the year last Friday when, led by our specialist sports provider; Non-Stop Action, they worked on their ball skills. We think we may have more than a few future stars for the football teams this year. Watch this space for upcoming match reviews.



Next Week's Lunch Menu:



MONDAY

Dish of the Day
Turkey or Beef Taco with Guacamole and Chunky Salsa

Vegetarian Option
Quorn Chilli Taco with Guacamole and Chunky Salsa

Side Dish
Savoury Rice
Sweetcorn and Peppers

Jacket Potato
Cheese and Spring Onion

Salad Bar
A range of composite & basic salads

Pudding
Apple & Kale Smoothie
Yoghurt
Fresh cut fruit

TUESDAY

Dish of the Day
Soy and Honey Glazed Chicken with Noodles

Vegetarian Option
Stir-Fried Soy and Ginger Tofu with Noodles

Side Dish
Pak Choi
Green Beans
Prawn Crackers

Pasta Bar
Tomato and Red Lentil Sauce

Salad Bar
A range of composite & basic salads

Pudding
Yoghurt
Fresh cut fruit

WEDNESDAY

Dish of the Day
Lamb and Spinach Curry

Vegetarian Option
Chick-Pea and Sweet Potato Coconut Curry

Side Dish
Bombay Potatoes
Cauliflower and Cumin

Jacket Potato
Tuna Mayonnaise filling

Salad Bar
A range of composite & basic salads

Pudding
Chocolate Pudding with Custard
Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Salad
Daily Salad Bar

With a selection of home cooked meats and freshly prepared salads

THURSDAY

Dish of the Day
Roast Turkey With Gravy

Vegetarian Option
Roast Quorn Fillet

Side Dish
Roast Potatoes
Medley Vegetables

Pasta Bar
Three Cheese Sauce

Salad Bar
A range of composite & basic salads

Pudding
Yoghurt
Fresh cut Fruit

THIS WEEK'S MENU

FRIDAY

Dish of the Day
Breaded Chicken Escalope

Vegetarian Option
Sweet Potato & Courgette Fritter with Rainbow Slaw

Side Dish
Chunky Chips
Garden Salad
Peas

Jacket Potato
Baked Beans and Cheese

Salad Bar
A range of composite & basic salads

Pudding
Banoffee Pie
Yoghurt
Fresh cut Fruit



Week commencing: 20/09, 01/10, 22/10, 12/11, 03/12

