

HENDON NEWS

27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

From the Headmaster:

Curricula matters have been very much at the forefront of our thinking at Hendon Prep this week.

Several staff have attended training days that have focused exclusively on the theme of Teaching and Learning. Personally, this has raised a number of questions in my own mind about the relationship between a school's curriculum and the quality of Teaching and Learning.

In simple terms, there are three key questions to consider when looking at the curriculum offer in a school, broadly speaking, the *what*, the *how* and the *why*?

At Hendon, our curriculum covers four key educational stages: Early Years (Nursery – Reception), Key Stage 1 (Pre-prep Y1 and 2), Key stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) and finally, Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8).

The delivery of these key educational phases by specialist teachers embraces not only the obvious diet of subjects e.g. English, Mathematics French, Art, Music, but additionally, and equally important, outdoor learning, citizenship, British values, LAMDA, Well-being (PSHEE) and Reasoning lessons, an Enrichment programme, including After-School Clubs (co-curricular activities) run both by staff and visiting teachers.

Schools are not simply about the passing of tests or examinations but much more about providing our pupils with skills and a breadth of knowledge that will build over time to enable them to become equipped with the tools to take on new challenges both now and in the future. The most obvious and most imminent challenge to our pupils must be the threat from *Artificial Intelligence*.

We believe that our pupils should not simply experience a curriculum which is 'standardised' for all, but rather a more 'personalised' curriculum that responds to the individual needs of every child. Children are not 'buckets' to be filled, they are unique entities to be inspired and supported on their personal learning journey.

In order for our children to make the most of these learning opportunities at Hendon, they too, must be engaged in the process of learning. Our pupils will know that I repeatedly say, that in order for us to fulfil our true potential, we must learn to still ourselves and cut out the many distractions in our world so that we can listen and concentrate. Without these basic expectations being observed, no child can ever hope to make the progress that their teacher might expect, nor can they ultimately achieve their personal goals.

School News:

- We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Macmillan Big Coffee Morning tomorrow, Friday 28th September. Once you have dropped your child off in the playground please wait on the driveway at the front of the school to be admitted via the school hall at 8.45am. If you have any baked donations for us to sell please leave them with the school office.
- Harvest Festival: Please can children bring any donations you wish to make to the hall at 8.15am on Monday 1st October, where we shall arrange them on our Harvest display.
- We look forward to welcoming our new parents to Hendon Prep on Wednesday 3rd October. This is a social gathering for parents to meet other parents whose children are new to the school, some senior members of staff and also representatives from our parents' guild, the HPPG. The event will be held in the school hall from 6.30pm to 8pm.
- You may wish to remind your children to give their hair and extra brush on Thursday 4th October as it is school photograph day.
- 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.

REMINDER DATES:

- Friday 28th : Macmillan Big Coffee Morning: 8.45am to 9.45am
- Monday 1st : Harvest Festival
- Tuesday 2nd: Shakespeare Workshop
- Wednesday 3rd : No Pens Day Wednesday
New Parents' Evening: 6.30pm to 8pm
- Thursday 4th : School Photographs
- 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

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT:

Year 3 took a trip into central London this week to see a wonderful play; Mouth Open, Story Jump Out, at the Unicorn Theatre. Read all about their trip on our website:

<https://www.hendonprep.co.uk/mouth-open-story-jump-out/>



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

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TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Week commencing:

20/09, 01/10, 22/10,
12/11, 03/12

