

HENDON NEWS

15TH NOVEMBER 2018

From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents,

To-day marks **World Philosophy Day** which is a wonderful opportunity to promote critical-thinking! In an age when so many children experience education as a 'means to an end' rather than 'an end in itself,' there is no better time than now for children to pause and still themselves, in order to think more critically.

Sadly, even in education, teachers are not immune to being impressed with children who are quick to respond to a question, perhaps wrongly assuming that this is an indication of great intellect. This perception of a child's intellect equally places the more reflective child at a disadvantage. There is also added pressure on children, in the modern age, to offer a quick response to an issue, especially given the immediacy of information with news feeds and other social media.

Many students of philosophy are attracted to notions of 'talking about ideas' and sharing their personal opinions; however, philosophy really does require students to make time for reading and, more importantly, time for *reflection*.

So, on World Philosophy Day, I would really like to encourage our children to spend more time reflecting and critically-thinking on contemporary issues. I want to encourage them to adopt this learning behaviour so that it becomes a 'habit' and to consider this great

'learning habit' as a key tool in their educational cupboard, not just for the future, but also, for the now!

On a similar theme, this week marks **Anti-Bullying Week** in Schools, so our attention is rightly focussed on promoting positive behaviour and encouraging greater reflection on the various manifestations that this immoral conduct can present. For many schools the threat of cyber-bullying is both real and highly prevalent and children are particularly vulnerable to this danger.

The **Anti-Bullying Alliance** are promoting the concept of '*Choose Respect*'. Their research confirms the view that 'bullying' is a behaviour choice and, therefore, we can consciously (...with awareness or knowledge) decide not to behave in a manner that causes long-lasting harm to others.

Like many other schools, we are daily endeavouring to promote and encourage great behaviour in all members of our community. Not only to promote positive behaviours in our staff and children, but also, modelling to our children how to make better choices, to be more responsible and to be better citizens for our community and society at large. All of these skills requires intellect and critical-reflection. As Headmaster, this is what a character education is truly about. Please look at the link below for more information about 'Choose Respect':

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

School News:

- Please support the HPPG Cake Sale tomorrow. It will be held in the school hall from 3.20pm. Once you have collected your child please make your way to the playground and enter hall through the rear door.
- We very much look forward to welcoming Year 2 & 3 parents to our Coffee Morning on Tuesday 20th November from 8.40am. Once you have dropped your child off in the playground could we ask you to please wait on the forecourt at the front of the school until we admit you through the double doors. Mark Lloyd-Williams and Nicola Scott-Phillips will both be attending.
- Don't forget to book your tickets to what promises to be a fabulous performance at the Finchley Arts Depot on 20th November; when some of our Senior pupils will join pupils from Haberdashers' Boys' School, Whitefield School and JCoSS to take part in a production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Please call the Box Office on 020 8369 5454 for tickets.
- We are thrilled that pupils in 3C will be taking part in the **Tate Year 3 Project**. This art project is the brain child of award winning artist and filmmaker Steve McQueen and will be one of the most ambitious visual portraits of citizenship ever undertaken. Every Year 3 child in London is invited to have their class photo featured in a huge installation at the Tate Britain gallery next year. A photographer from the Tate will be visiting Hendon Prep on 27th November to take 3C's picture. You can find out more about this fascinating project at: <https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen>
- If you have a child (who is not currently in our Pre-School) who will be 4 in September 2019 and requires a Reception place please contact the Admissions Office for a Registration Form as soon as possible as we have a limited number of places left.

REMINDER DATES:

- Friday 16th : BBC Children in Need: **Own Clothes Day**
Football: U11 & U9 Boys: Hendon v Dwight School
HPPG Cake Sale: 3.30pm
- Monday 19th: Football. U13 Boys v Lyndhurst House
- Tuesday 20th : Years 2 & 3 Parents' Coffee Morning: 8.40am
Shakespeare Schools Festival: Finchley Arts Depot. 7.00pm
- Wednesday 21st: Football: U11 Boys v Lyndhurst House
- Thursday 22nd: Open Morning: 9.30am to 11.30am
Year 2 & 3 Visit Chicken Shed Theatre: A Christmas Carol
11+ Briefing Evening: Year 4 & 5 Parents. 6.30pm
- Monday 26th: Football: U9 Boys v Lyndhurst House
- Tuesday 27th : Tate Year 3 Project Photography Session
Nasal Flu Vaccinations: Reception to Year 5
Tea Time Concert: Y3, 4 & 5: 4.15pm
- Friday 30th : HPPG Christmas Bazaar: 3.20pm to 5pm

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

Year 1 had a fabulous time today visiting the Freshwater Theatre's Magic Toyshop. Their History topic this term is Old Toys and they found out many new and interesting facts. A great experience was had by all.



Next Week's Lunch Menu:



MONDAY

Dish of the Day
BBQ Glazed Chicken

Vegetarian Option
Roast Squash Jambalaya

Side Dish
Roast Potato Wedges
Carrots
Peas

Jacket Potato
Cottage Cheese filling

Salad Bar
A range of composite
& basic salads

Pudding
Orange and Carrot Smoothie
Yoghurt
Fresh cut fruit

TUESDAY

Dish of the Day
Lamb Spaghetti Bolognese

Vegetarian Option
Homemade Falafel with
Tzatziki and Pitta Bread

Side Dish
Green Beans
Garlic Bread

Pasta Bar
Sun blush Tomato Sauce

Salad Bar
A range of composite
& basic salads

Pudding
Yoghurt
Fresh cut fruit

WEDNESDAY

Dish of the Day
Beef Ragu with Sweet
Paprika and Peppers

Vegetarian Option
Five Beans Roasted Squash
Tagine

Side Dish
Cous-cous
Sweetcorn
Peas

Jacket Potato
Tuna Mayonnaise filling

Salad Bar
A range of composite
& basic salads

Pudding
Mixed Berry and Apple
Crumble with Custard
Yoghurt
Fresh cut Fruit

Daily Salad Bar

With a selection of home cooked meats and freshly prepared salads

THURSDAY

Dish of the Day
Roast Beef and Yorkshire
Pudding with Gravy

Vegetarian Option
Roasted Quorn Fillet

Side Dish
Roast Potatoes
Medley Vegetables

Pasta Bar
Roast Pepper & Tomato
Sauce

Salad Bar
A range of composite
& basic salads

Pudding
Yoghurt
Fresh cut Fruit

FRIDAY

Dish of the Day
Crispy Fish Fingers
With Lemon & Tartar Sauce

Vegetarian Option
Cheese & Tomato
Quesadillas

Side Dish
Chunky Chips
Garden Salad
Peas

Jacket Potato
BBQ Beans filling

Salad Bar
A range of composite
& basic salads

Pudding
Chocolate & Sweet Potato
Brownie
Yoghurt
Fresh cut Fruit

THIS WEEK'S MENU

COGNITA
TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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

