

# HENDON NEWS

22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

## From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents

I was privileged to attend the Arts Depot, Finchley on Tuesday evening this week to support our company of actors, who performed on stage to a public audience, as part of the *Shakespeare Schools Festival*, the largest youth drama festival in the world!

A 1,000 schools will participate in this Festival in 136 theatres with 300 performances up and down the length and breadth of the United Kingdom during the months of October and November.

Hendon Prep was one of four schools to perform on Tuesday evening, but more significantly, the only prep school. Our company, made up of children as young as Year 4, did not look out of place besides the older students from large senior schools. We performed a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's play: *Much Ado About Nothing*. Under the directorship of Mr Chapman, our pupils relished their opportunity to perform in public and wowed the audience with their natural ebullience and energy. For many, this was their very first opportunity to perform in such a grand setting, literally on a big stage, at a national festival. As Headmaster, I was truly impressed by their wonderful efforts and extremely proud of them and our School.

Another significant event that took place this week was the participation of some of our

Year 4 & 5 pupils who engaged in a global Skype day called *#CognitaCalling*. Under the guidance and initiative of Miss Tsepani, our children hooked-up with other Cognita schools from around the globe, in Asia, Europe and Latin America. 104 classrooms participated and shared news of their cultural, linguistic and educational insights.

This initiative will reap many educational rewards, but more significantly, empower our children to celebrate and share what is best about our school and our membership of a global schools group.

Equally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our senior pupils and prefects who acted as tour guides during our Open Morning on Thursday. They represent what is best about our community and the opportunity it can afford to young people to be our strongest advocates and ambassadors.

My reflection this week is how transformational education can be in shaping our character and personality, especially when young people are empowered and encouraged to take a much greater lead. I genuinely believe that every child has great potential, which can only be truly unlocked when children are challenged and inspired by great teachers and supported by loving parents to take on new opportunities for personal growth. This week, I seen evidence of this in abundance, long may it continue!

## School News:

- We look forward to welcoming parents of children taking part in the LAMDA Assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Could we ask parents to wait on the school forecourt, after dropping off their child in the playground, until 8.40am when we will admit you to the hall through the double doors.
- We also look forward to welcoming parents to our Year 3, 4 & 5 Tea Time concert on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Parents attending will be admitted to the school hall via the double doors. There is no need to sign in with the School Office. Please join us for refreshments at 4.15pm.
- Please support the HPPG Christmas Bazaar on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November which will be held in the school hall from 3.20pm until 5pm. Once you have collected your child please enter the school hall via the playground door. If you are unable to attend you can still support this initiative by donating some of your unwanted toys and books for the second hand stall – please ensure that they are in a salable condition though. Please contact your Class Rep for further details. Or if you are planning to visit and would like to help out on a stall please also see your Class Rep as the HPPG would very much appreciate some help.

### REMINDER DATES:

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup>: LAMDA Assembly: 8.40am  
Football: U9 Boys v Lyndhurst House
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> : Tate Year 3 Project Photography Session  
Nasal Flu Vaccinations: Reception to Year 5  
Tea Time Concert: Y3, 4 & 5: 4.15pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> : HPPG Christmas Bazaar: 3.20pm to 5pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> : Pre-Prep Christmas Production: 2.30pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> : Pre-Prep Christmas Production: 9am
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> : Nursery Christmas Party: 8.45am – 9.15am
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> : HPPG Class Parties
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> : Nursery Coffee Morning: 8.40am – 9.30am  
Carol Service Rehearsal: 10am
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Lunch
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Carol Concert: 9.30am – 11am  
St Mary's Church, Hendon

**End of Term Dismissal 12 noon from school**

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

Years 4 & 5 had a fabulous experience this week when they connected via Skype to the British School of Barcelona in Spain to find out all about school life in another country.



## Next Week's Lunch Menu:



### MONDAY

**Dish of the Day**  
Piri-Piri Chicken

**Vegetarian Option**  
Stuffed Pepper with Savoury Rice

**Side Dish**  
Boiled Rice  
Garden Peas  
Coleslaw

**Jacket Potato**  
BBQ Boston Beans filling

**Salad Bar**  
A range of composite & basic salads

**Pudding**  
Banana & Berry Smoothie  
Yoghurt  
Fresh cut fruit

### TUESDAY

**Dish of the Day**  
Baked Chicken Sausages  
With a Red Onion Gravy

**Vegetarian Option**  
Quorn Sausages with Red Onion Sauce

**Side Dish**  
Mash Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Carrots

**Pasta Bar**  
Tomato & Basil Sauce

**Salad Bar**  
A range of composite & basic salads

**Pudding**  
Yoghurt  
Fresh cut fruit

### WEDNESDAY

**Dish of the Day**  
Lamb Bolognaise Lasagne

**Vegetarian Option**  
Three Cheese Macaroni Bake

**Side Dish**  
Garlic Bread  
Sweetcorn  
Steamed Courgettes

**Jacket Potato**  
Tuna & Sweetcorn filling

**Salad Bar**  
A range of composite & basic salads

**Pudding**  
Sticky Toffee Pudding served 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**  
Roasted Chicken  
With Gravy

**Vegetarian Option**  
Roasted Vegetable Filo Pie

**Side Dish**  
Roast Potatoes  
Medley Vegetables

**Pasta Bar**  
Cream of Chestnut  
Mushroom Sauce

**Salad Bar**  
A range of composite & basic salads

**Pudding**  
Yoghurt  
Fresh Cut Fruit

## THIS WEEK'S MENU

### FRIDAY

**Dish of the Day**  
Pizza  
(Spicy Chicken and Sweetcorn Sauce)

**Vegetarian Option**  
Pizza  
(Vegetable and Margherita)

**Side Dish**  
Chunky Chips  
Garden Salad  
Peas

**Jacket Potato**  
Baked Beans and Cheese

**Salad Bar**  
A range of composite & basic salads

**Pudding**  
Chocolate Krispies Cake  
Yoghurt  
Fresh cut Fruit

