

HENDON NEWS

29TH NOVEMBER 2018

From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents

I am often encouraged by my family to look for the joy in every-day. As a teacher, I have the privilege of working with very talented children who always bring great happiness to my professional life because of something they have shared or done.

This week, I can think of two examples in particular that have been memorable.

Firstly, I have really enjoyed sitting in on music lessons. There is something magical about children singing together and observing them learning new material about the life of a composer. I especially enjoyed working with our Y4 pupils, who were encouraged to use their imagination to create a story, which they then had to set to music using both their musical skills but also experimenting with different instruments, some even unfamiliar to them.

Academic research would equally support the many educational benefits of studying music. We know that learning a musical instrument can improve the development of speech and reading skills as well as improving the ability of a child to concentrate. Albert Einstein, who studied the violin from the age of 6, equally attributed his great discovery of the

Theory of Relativity to music; he reportedly said, 'My new discovery is the result of musical perception'.

The second memorable experience this week occurred during a mock 11+ interview with two Year 6 pupils. I was impressed by how knowledgeable they both were about contemporary issues and how interested and animated they became in their desire to share their answers and opinions with me. Very quickly it became a natural conversation with question and answer and counter-positions being expressed by both pupils. Such talent and skills for children so young comes as no surprise to me as it is evident that they are learning about the world in which they live and have the confidence to share an opinion, albeit that it is not always fully developed.

So my challenge to adults is to encourage our children to use their imagination, to be more creative and to experiment with both music and to exchange ideas about the world in which we live. Who knows, there may well be another Einstein too, waiting to be discovered in your family!

School News:

- Don't forget the HPPG Christmas Bazaar on Friday 30th 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.

Please note that in order to accommodate the Bazaar, dismissal routines for tomorrow afternoon will be as follows:

Nursery, Pre-School & Reception will be dismissed from the main school entrance.

Years 1 – 8 will be dismissed from the side door to the right of the building (as you face the school).

Could we please ask parents to be a little patient as dismissal make take longer than usual under these circumstances however this is to

ensure that all children are dismissed safely.

- The excitement is building for next week's Pre-Prep Christmas production, which includes a guest appearance by the wonderful Pre-School Children. Please make sure you have your tickets for either the Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning performance.
- The Nursery children are very much looking forward to welcoming their parents to their Christmas party on Friday 7th December, when they will entertain them with a little performance of some Christmas songs. Parents will then be invited to join their children in some Christmas focused activities.

REMINDER DATES:

- Friday 30th : HPPG Christmas Bazaar: 3.20pm to 5pm
- Tuesday 4th : Pre-Prep Christmas Production: 2.30pm
- Wednesday 5th : Pre-Prep Christmas Production: 9am
- Friday 7th : Nursery Christmas Party: 8.45am – 9.15am
- Monday 10th : HPPG Class Parties
- Tuesday 11th : Nursery Coffee Morning: 8.40am – 9.30am
Carol Service Rehearsal: 10am
- Wednesday 12th : Christmas Lunch
- Friday 14th : Christmas Carol Concert: 9.30am – 11am
St Mary's Church, Hendon

End of Term Dismissal: 12 noon from School

START OF SPRING 2019 TERM: MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

Last week twenty one children from Years 4-8 took part in the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Arts Depot in Finchley. In a new initiative introduced by Mr Chapman, the young and exciting company of actors performed Shakespeare's comedy; *Much Ado About Nothing* to over 300 paying audience members.

The talented children, directed by Mr Chapman, discovered that performing Shakespeare on a professional stage was something they could do too! The Shakespeare Schools Festival gave them the confidence to aspire and achieve something truly remarkable - and for the parents... an unforgettable experience!



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

