

HENDON NEWS

14TH FEBRUARY 2019

From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents

As we approach the half-term break it is an opportune moment for me to pause for reflection on the many activities that have taken place at Hendon in the past two weeks that paints a picture of the day-to-day life of this dynamic school.

Last week, our pupils in Years 3 & 4, enjoyed a three day residential visit to the Lincolnsfield Centre, Bushey. The aim of the visit was two-fold: to provide our pupils with an invaluable learning experience about the period of the Second World War at this former American Air Station and secondly, to experience a class residential to support their collective personal development. I am delighted to report that the children had a marvellous experience, certainly judging by their ebullience on my visit.

This week our Year 1s have enjoyed a visit from 'Zoo-4-You' who brought their collection of small mammals to school to extend the children's knowledge and understanding of the animal world as part of the Science curriculum. Year 2 have been equally busy learning all about the traditions and myths of Scotland in Humanities and extended their cross-curricular knowledge in Mathematics and Science with baking Scottish short-bread! The final piece of this Celtic journey closed with a visit from the Freshwater Theatre Company with their own version of the story of Katie Morag who lived on the fictional island of Struay.

In complete contrast, our footballers in Years 5 and 6 have been representing the school at the Barnet Football finals in separate competitions for boys and girls. They qualified for their respective

knockout stages by winning their matches in the Barnet Schools South competition earlier this term.

One of my personal high-points from the week was the 'Tea-time' concert on Tuesday afternoon. Our wonderful musicians from Years 2 to 6 performed individual pieces of music on a variety of instruments from the electric guitar and ukulele to the more traditional sounds of the violin and piano. This was warmly received by the audience of family and friends who acknowledged the pleasure to be had from such public performances, no matter the level of talent. I equally enjoyed observing our Reception class constructing a living willow dome with the support of Mrs Platt and Mrs Kezunovic in their outside learning space. It was great to see their sense of achievement from this exciting enterprise as budding future engineers!

I am also pleased to acknowledge the generosity of family and friends of the school who continue to support our House charities by their financial donations. We have had two major charities this week acknowledging our engagement by coming in person to talk to the children about their work: Haven House Children's Hospice and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. A big thank-you to parents for all your continued support!

Finally, I would like to thank our school caterers: Thomas Franks, who have been busy this week running nutritional workshops for our children. This excellent initiative is designed to further educate our children in the importance of healthy eating.

May I wish all our children and families a restful half-term break!

School News:

- **Break Time Snacks:**

We are committed to encouraging our pupils to live healthy lifestyles. With this in mind, please ensure that any playtime snacks sent in are fruit or vegetables. Because Senior Prep have their lunchtime later, these pupils may bring in a sandwich with a **nut free** filling if required. Pupils can continue to bring in a small bag of crisps to eat before their after school club if they wish. Pre-Prep are provided with their own reusable water cup in their classrooms. Senior Prep can bring in a reusable water bottle to keep in school. We are trying to discourage the use of plastic non-reusable water bottles.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

- **Coding Club:**

We are delighted that our new coding club, which will begin at the start of the Summer Term, has already received a great response. This club will be run by external providers, Community Coding Club, on Wednesday after school. If you are interested in your child attending this after school club please collect further information and a booking form from the school office as soon as possible, as places are limited.

- **The £5 Challenge:**

As part of our enrichment programme a number of Senior Pupils have signed up for the £5 Challenge.

The children will develop their entrepreneurial skills during this activity as their challenge is to develop a product or service with just £5 and then turn a profit. There are lots of great ideas coming from our students who are all very excited at the prospect of making money! Watch out for the dates where the students will sell their products or services to the school community at Hendon Prep.

- **Guitar Lessons:**

Tom English is the new peripatetic guitar teacher at Hendon Prep. He has been teaching in London for the past 6 years and has a wealth of experience tutoring children between the ages of 5 and 18. Tom is happy to guide students towards ABRSM graded music exams if they wish or simply to play for enjoyment.

If your child is interested in signing up for guitar lessons please contact Ms Dawson directly lorna.dawson@hendonprep.co.uk.

If your child has never played before Tom would be delighted to offer a free trial. This way they can meet him, try out the instrument and decide if it is something they would like to pursue.

- **Absences**

A polite reminder that if you need to take your child out of school for a planned absence of a day or more, permission must be obtained in advance from Mr Lloyd-Williams by emailing absence@hendonprep.co.uk

Absence requests of less than a day, or absence due to illness, should be reported by email to absence@hendonprep.co.uk

- **World Book Day:**

World Book day will be celebrated on Thursday 7th March and all children from Nursery upwards are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book.

- **Healthy Eating Workshop for Nursery & Pre-School:**

Following the successful Nutrition Workshops in school this week the Nursery & Pre-school children are already looking forward to their Healthy Eating Workshop on Wednesday 27th February.

REMINDER DATES:

- Friday 15th : Half term dismissal usual time.

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February: Half Term

- Friday 1st March : Cross Country @ Lyndhurst House
- Tuesday 5th : Y3 Trip: House of Illustration
Y 6 & 7 Trip: Bedford School - Chemistry Lecture
- Wednesday 6th: Parents' Evening:
Year 1: Surnames A – L
Year 2: Surnames A – L
Year 4
Year 6
- Thursday 7th: World Book Day
- Friday 8th : International Women's Day

Next Week's Lunch Menu:



THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish of the Day Beef, Tomato Ragu Pasta Bake	Dish of the Day Lamb Kofta served with Pitta Bread	Dish of the Day Southern Fried Chicken	Dish of the Day Lamb Moussaka	Dish of the Day Breaded Fish Cake
Vegetarian Option Penne Pasta with Fresh Tomato and Basil Sauce	Vegetarian Option Cheese and Red Onion Tart	Vegetarian Option Broccoli Wellington	Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable Moussaka	Vegetarian Option Cauliflower Cheese
Side Dish Penne Pasta Carrots Green Beans	Side Dish Rice Sauté Courgettes Tzatziki	Side Dish Creamy Mash Potato Sweetcorn Mixed Roasted Vegetables	Side Dish New Potatoes Broccoli Mashed Swede	Side Dish Chips Garden Peas Savoy Cabbage
Jacket Potato Served with filling of the day	Jacket Potato Served with filling of the day	Jacket Potato Served with filling of the day	Jacket Potato Served with filling of the day	Jacket Potato Served with filling of the day
Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads	Salad Bar A range of composite & basic salads
Pudding Yoghurt Fresh fruit salad	Pudding Yoghurt Fresh fruit salad	Pudding Jelly Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Salad	Pudding Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Salad	Pudding Vanilla Cookies Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Salad

Daily Salad Bar

With a selection of home cooked meats and freshly prepared salads



HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

The past few weeks have been so incredibly busy at Hendon Prep, so it's impossible to pick just one highlight – look out for full reviews coming up on the News section of the school website!

Zoo For 4 You Visit Year 1:

The children had a fabulous time learning all about (and getting to hold) the wonderful Zoo 4 You animals – some even overcame their fears to handle the animals!



Nutrition Workshops:

From Reception upwards, the children loved learning all about making 'good choices' and healthy eating and in our annual nutrition workshops.



Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip to Lincolnsfield

The Year 3 & 4 pupils went back in time for a couple of days to 'live' in the 1940s – which even included a day in a 1940's school - Here they are in the middle of a lesson- very different to Hendon Prep!

