

# HENDON NEWS

25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

## Head of School

Dear parents, carers and children,

We have had another super week at Hendon Prep as everyone really starts to settle back into school routines and expectations. Thank you for continuing to work with us as we navigate through this return and Covid-19 adjustments.

Thank you also to those who joined me for our virtual Year 5 Senior school meeting and Meet The Teacher Prep session. Apologies for any technical issues but I'm glad so many of you made it. We will share any handouts with you next week via Cognita Connect.

Today sees a celebration of our Global Be Well day. This is an important date in the Cognita family where we take time to understand the importance of well-being. Teachers worked creatively to deliver a host of exciting activities from stone painting, pilates, nature appreciation to sleep stories, all intended to support 'wellness'. Our day started with an outstanding guitar duet by Mr Donovan and Mr Dabbadie which brought huge smiles to our Prep and Pre-Prep children and staff. Photos will follow in next week's Newsletter.

## Global Be Well Day



Be Well  
COGNITA

Wishing you a relaxed and safe weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

## School News

### Social distancing

With the change in restrictions imposed this week (22.9.20), the most recent update from the Government means that people can no longer socialise in groups of more than six.

This latest announcement has scuppered the previous hope that the rules on social distancing could be lifted by the end of the year. At school, the teachers and children have done a brilliant job at staying in their bubbles to avoid cross contamination. Hence, we would ask again for the support of all within our school community to maintain social distancing when dropping off or when collecting children from school to keep our school community safe; to collect the children and to move off the premises swiftly to allow others to come in and collect their children at a safe distance to others.

In order to further protect our staff on duty at the entrances, whilst Hendon Prep staff are happy to speak to you first thing in the morning or at dismissal to either hear your news or assist with any enquiries, it would be appreciated if parents could keep a distance of 2m apart from our staff.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Mrs Davies, Executive Head

### NHS Flu Vaccination for Reception – Y6 Tuesday 10th Nov

This year the process to register for the flu vaccine is electronic, and your reply is sent directly to the NHS. All details to sign up will be posted on Cognita Connect. The NHS ask for all parents to complete the form regardless if they give consent or not, as they are collating the reasons why parents chose not to vaccinate their children.

## Enhancing Our Curriculum

### Ding Dong Fun

Handbells club will begin after half term on Wednesday lunchtimes in the music room. Priority will be given for pupils who can read music notation. Please let the office know if your child is interested via Cognita Connect. It is from 1.00-1.30pm and for Prep students only.



### Speaking Up

Drama lessons not only develop confidence, speaking and listening skills, they also teach children to trust their ideas and abilities. Year 5 demonstrated these skills wonderfully during an improvisation class this week, when they acted out their potential future careers. Here, we have a basketball player being interviewed live on TV about his recent performance. Bravo Year 5!



### Budding Scientists

In Science club, pupils had a fun time experimenting with making a vacuum in a jar, by burning a candle until it went out. It took a few goes to get it right...but perseverance paid off!

