

HENDON NEWS

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Head of School

Dear parents, carers and children,

Tuesday saw our Year 6 children receive their Prefect results and the additional responsibilities each student will take on for the year (see below for photos). This very special Prep Assembly gives our children in Year 3 upwards the opportunity to be inspired by what is possible and encourages all of our children to embrace learning, as well as contributing to a bigger, better cause. The letters of application were well thought-out and I was very impressed by how each student could express how they met the role criteria. Very well done to Year 6!

I have also had a wonderful week visiting classrooms and observing the array of outstanding English lessons taking place. While our Year 5s were producing persuasive advertising using a variety of literary devices and understanding proven methods, our Year 1 students were discussing how important adjectives are to enhancing written sentences. Our youngest Preschoolers, are starting their literary journey with daily phonics sessions and talking about the myriad exciting stories they hear everyday. It is the best part of my role to see and hear our children learning with their wonderful teachers.

Along with daily reading/listening to stories, it is vital that all of our children are given the opportunity to express their learning at home in their own time and own way. This reinforces and consolidates ideas and concepts. Having a 'highlight' of the day is a good place to start this conversation.

Best of luck to any of our Year 6 sitting State Selective exams this weekend – just do your best. Wishing you all a relaxed and safe weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Wilf Slack Facilities

After many weeks of negotiation, it is with great sadness and frustration that we have to report that the agreement between Hendon Prep School and The Hall School has been suspended due to the current pandemic situation which means the Prep children will not be able to attend the field on a Friday afternoon for their Games sessions. Please be assured that alternative facilities are being sought and we will update all parents in due course. In the meantime, our Head of PE, Mr Kavanagh, and the staff will continue their lessons out on the school playground. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Mrs Davies, Executive Head

NHS flu vaccinations - consent reminder

The NHS will be at school on **10th November** for the flu vaccination (a quick and simple spray up the nose). This year the consent process is electronic. Please [click here to access the form](#) - Hendon Prep School unique code is CL101368.

Please can parents complete the form regardless of their consent choice as the NHS are collating reasons why parents choose not to vaccinate their children. The deadline for submitting your form is **1st November**.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Public Health England has produced a letter which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are. The intention of the letter is to support parents and carers in identifying when their child needs to self-isolate as a result of displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing. [You can access the HTML version of the letter here.](#)

Enhancing Our Curriculum

Ready Steady Bake

Hendon Prep bakers baked delightful cupcakes this week. The pupils researched the recipe, mixed different ingredients by calculating and measuring flour, butter and sugar and then finished them off beautifully by decorating them. Our bakers are building lifelong skills by learning how to cook and applying their maths and science skills whilst doing so. Well done bakers!



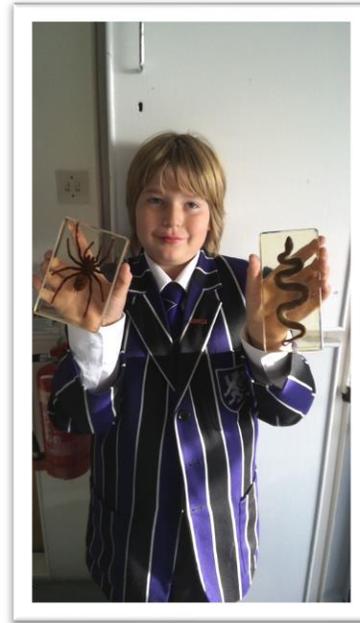
Predicting the weather

In computing, Year 4 are working on a topic linked to data and sensors. This week we had some super examples of weather stations created to sense and record weather data, great work everyone.



Scientific classifications

This week, Year 6 continued learning about animal classification in Science. Noah helped bring the lesson to life by bringing in his pet snake and a tarantula (a number of our pupils were very happy that the animals were not actually alive!).



Meet Head Boy & Head Girl

This year's Head Boy and Head Girl were chosen by democratic vote. Last year's outgoing Year 6 and our final Year 8 pupils voted alongside the current Year 6 cohort for the boy and girl they would like to see represent the school for this academic year. Here they are, receiving their badges during a special assembly this week - we are delighted to introduce Sebastian and Arissa. Congratulations to both.



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Responsibilities Assembly

As well as delivering our broad academic curriculum, at Hendon Prep we also place great importance on delivering a 'character education' and helping our children develop certain 'life skills', which will be of benefit long after they leave full time education. We do this by encouraging all our pupils to play a positive and active role in contributing to the life of the school. In doing so we teach them to be organised and responsible and develop their sense of self-esteem. In Year 6 we extend this philosophy further when we ask every child to 'apply' for additional responsibilities, which they carry out during the academic year. Pupils must write a formal 'letter of application' for the roles they are interested in to Mrs Gorasia. During this week's Prep assembly, we announced and celebrated the successful applicants, when they were awarded their badges. Well done to everyone who applied; the application letters were excellent this year.

House Captains



Sports Captain



Librarians



Art /DT Technicians



Science Technician



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Drama Prefect



ICT Technicians



Our Student Council



Well-Being/Peer Mentors



And finally, a COVID reminder from Public Health England -

If your child has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell

But they don't have:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP