

HENDON NEWS

20TH NOVEMBER 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

We celebrated such a joyful and beautiful start to this week when Year 3 shared their spectacular all singing, all dancing class assembly on Diwali. Listening to the children share their knowledge and story-telling skills was a treat and I was particularly impressed to observe that the children were singing along in Hindi whilst dancing! Thank you to Mrs Randeri-Dey for the dedicated work which went into preparing this brilliant, diverse and exciting session. And very well done to the children for such super work!

Odd Socks day started Anti-Bullying week across the school and there have been ongoing kindness initiatives from Preschool to Year 6. We ended the week with the Prep children singing 'The Kids Are United' the official song for this year's campaign and a discussion on how we can all be kind with our words and actions throughout the year. We work as a team to ensure that bullying of any kind, including racial, gender based, LGBTQ, body-shaming, online etc - is not seen in anyway as acceptable. I am proud of our student body who understand the importance of being kind.

From time to time, there are certain messages which I need to repeat, and I do seek your understanding on this to support our whole school community, particularly with coronavirus prevalent. So please can I ask again, that you do not send children into school if you know they are sick or still recovering from any illness. Children need time to rest and feel better before being sent back to school please.

Please stay safe and well; and enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Individual School Photos

Gillman & Soame came to Hendon Prep in September to take individual portraits, and you will have already received your child's photo proofs and account login details to enable you to order copies.

If you haven't already, please ensure you order these photographs as soon as possible (but no later than **Friday 27th November** if you would like them for Christmas).

If you have mislaid your login details, please contact Gillman & Soame directly by email at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or call 01869 328200 quoting the security password `hendonprep33cpp2020` and they will be able to assist.

Congratulations

Well done to Louis in Year 4 who passed his Flute Grade 1 with **DISTINCTION**.

Odd Socks Day

At the start of Anti-Bullying Week Hendon Prep took part in Odd Socks Day - celebrating individuality and what makes each of us unique.



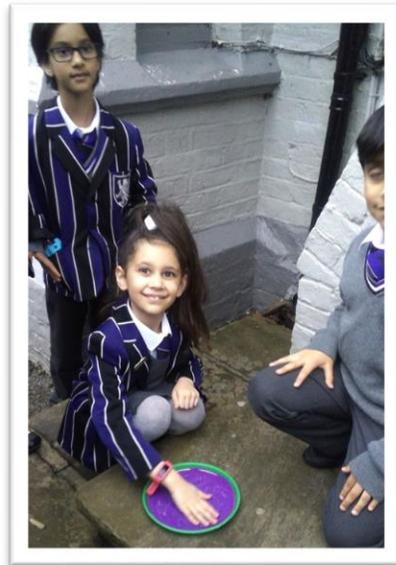
Enhancing Our Curriculum

Celebrating Diwali

Year 3 have been learning all about the festival of Diwali or Deepavali, which is the biggest Hindu festival and took place last week.

Diwali means 'row of lights' and is known as the festival of light. Hindus, Sikhs and Jains celebrate with joy and happiness.

The children in Year 3 really enjoyed making rangoli patterns and also presented the story of Diwali to our Prep pupils during their assembly, re-told the story of Rama and Sita, demonstrated an Indian dance and asked some of our older pupils how they celebrated Diwali at home this year. Such a fabulous celebration of the Festival of Lights! We will be sharing the video with Year 3 parents as soon as possible.



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The future of learning is bright

Our Prep pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of using their new personal laptops in lessons this week. All year groups started the week with an E-Safety session where they discussed how to use their new devices safely in school and at home. They then took some time to explore the different features of their new devices in lessons before taking them home for the weekend.



Questioning History

Should the Romans rule and take over Hendon Prep?

Following their research on the important aspects on Roman life, Year 5 used what they discovered to dress as Roman judges, gods and goddesses to present their findings and discuss what life at Hendon Prep would actually be like living under Roman rule.



Bringing Mapwork to life

Year 5 pupils have also been exploring the human and physical features of the British Isles this week. The children were challenged with collecting information about the Geography of the British Isles and then using what they found to create their own 3D maps, using paper plates and playdough, and discovering along the way that map making is a challenging but enjoyable task.

