

HENDON NEWS

6TH NOVEMBER 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

The first week back after half term has been a very busy, enjoyable one but of course ended more unusually than expected, as we enter our second national lockdown. On Wednesday I wrote to all of our families to outline our current position in school and reminders of our COVID-safe procedures.

As far as possible, school continues to be as safe and hygienic as possible. I'd like to thank all the students this week for their understanding of the rules and boundaries that keep us all safe. They really have been great, and respectful of their peers and staff which helps us all. Well done!

I am always proud and impressed with how well our children have risen to the ongoing challenges. As a school we have continued the academic cycle embedded into the school year and part of this is our termly internal assessments for Years 1-6. These summative assessments are never anything to worry about and are a part of adding to ongoing formative assessments which teachers make all the time. These assessments form part of target-setting for end of term progress reports, as well as inform teachers of any gaps, strengths and next steps. Along with all the impressive work, I've also seen many acts of kindness, compassion, empathy and general 'togetherness' between our children. We welcomed 4 new students this week and it is testimony to our children that after her first week with us Ella in Year 3 stated that she hadn't had a 'good week' – she'd had a 'great' week!

On a personal note, thank you to those of you who have given me such positive encouragement this year. I love Hendon Prep and could not be more delighted to be Headteacher of this very special school with its amazing staff and children.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Please stay home and stay safe, Mrs Gorasia

School News

Handbells Club

Handbells club begins this half term in the Music room on Wednesdays. It will be from 1.00-1.30pm and pupils will need to make sure they eat lunch earlier. It is for Prep school pupils on a first come first served basis.

If your child is interested in joining **and** is able to sight-read basic musical notation, please email the school office via parents@hendonprep.co.uk by **Tuesday 10th November**. There are limited spaces available.

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is United Against Bullying.

Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and at Hendon Prep, we firmly believe in the importance of incorporating this fundamental part of human interactions into the curriculum via 3 core principles:

We Listen, We Celebrate Differences and We Include All.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We will celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils to wear odd socks to school on this day. There is no need to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive socks. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!



Enhancing Our Curriculum

Young Poets Society

Year 1 have recently completed a unit on Poetry in English, encouraging them to play with language and words and share their thoughts, ideas, and feelings. 1G have written their own poems about Autumn and included them in a wonderful autumnal display in their classroom.

Autumn by Levy (1G)

Yellow leaves falling,
Damp mud
Monsters coming
Trick or treat

Autumn by Noah (1G)

Crunchy leaves falling from the trees
Trees rustling in the wind
Hot pumpkin soup
Scary, spooky monsters



Bright Sparks

This week in Science, Year 4 started a unit on electricity. The children studied various circuits and investigated the requirements of a circuit. They put theory into practice when they made their own basic circuits. There were smiles all round when they got the lamps in their circuits to light up.



Great British Banana Bake Off

Reception children made delicious banana bread muffins this week.

Cooking activities are a wonderful and enjoyable way to help young children develop confidence and team working skills. Following recipes teaches children to follow instructions, develop problem-solving skills and independence.

Cooking together also offers excellent opportunities for language development by linking the activity to Mathematics, Science, Arts, and Literacy. This is done by encouraging children to talk about what they are doing, counting, and watching materials change colour, texture, and form.

