

# HENDON NEWS

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## Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

This week I was touched to hear and see the wonderful work and thoughts from our children about Remembrance Day, reflecting on the lives of those who lived through or did not survive the terrible experience of war. This year marked the centenary of the burial of the Unknown Warrior - one of the most poignant events following the First World War. To honour this, prior to our one-minute silence we listened to the Military Wives Choir's beautiful version of *Abide With Me*.

Our focus in Assembly has been 'kindness' and our children enjoyed the idea of kindness being a superpower that we can all embrace. Year 1 in particular were filled with ideas about the acts of kindness that take place all across our school.

On a different note, please can I ask that parents do not send their children into school if they are not well. If a child displays any of the coronavirus symptoms, we will send students (and their siblings) home and we will need a COVID test result to be negative before your child can return to school. Whilst I understand this may be frustrating for some, it is imperative that we are all following the guidance intended to keep us safe. Your support and understanding in this endeavour is crucial.

Finally, I'd like to wish all those celebrating Diwali this weekend a wonderfully special time. It is sad that friends and family cannot be together to celebrate this year but I hope that your own private celebrations bring you joy and happiness. We are all hopeful that next year will bring a return to larger get-togethers.

Please stay safe and well,

Mrs Gorasia

**PS. Don't forget to wear your 'odd socks' on Monday!**

## School News

### Pumpkin Competition Results

Congratulations to everyone who entered our Pumpkin competition this year. The standard was very high, and our judges had a tough time selecting the winners. A big well done and house points go to the following pupils:

#### Pre - Prep

- 1st place: Maxwell (Y1) - 50 HP
- 2nd place: Grace (Y2) - 30 HP
- 3rd place: Maaz (PS) - 15 HP
- Special Mentions: Ana (PS) - 5 HP, Letlotlo (R) - 5 HP

#### Prep:

- 1st place: Eva (Y4) - 50 HP
- 2nd place: Dev (Y3) - 30 HP
- 3rd place: Arissa (Y6) - 15 HP
- Special Mentions: Nysa (Y3) - 5HP, Suraj (Y6) - 5HP



## Enhancing Our Curriculum

### Seeing around corners

In Science, Year 6 continued their unit on light and tackled a challenge which was harder than they expected: making periscopes to allow them to see around corners. After a lot of persistence, all the groups succeeded and were 'peri' proud of their work!



### Inclusion Matters

Our Y6 Wellbeing champions are launching a new initiative to help all children feel more included and give them other options during break time. Our wonderful champions will be manning the Friendship bench daily for chats and setting up fun 'quiet' activities such as mindfulness colouring, Lego and board games. Well done!



### Building Bridges

Year 2 have been learning about materials and thinking about the best materials for certain objects. Their challenge was to build a bridge out of paper that was strong enough to hold a toy car. They then made a poster to show how their bridges were built. The children built truss bridges, suspension bridges, bridges made with rolled paper, concertinaed paper and many more ideas. They worked really hard on this project and the finished bridges were wonderful. Well done everyone.



## Enhancing Our Curriculum

### The future of learning is bright

The future of learning has arrived at Hendon Prep! This week our Prep pupils opened their new personal laptops, that will not only transform the way they learn but help to ensure their education is uninterrupted should we ever lockdown again.



### Outdoor Investigations

Year 1 investigated the habitats of wood lice this week. The children used their research and observation skills to discover the following:

“Wood lice don’t like light. We know this because they scurried away when we lifted the log.”

“Wood lice like to eat dead things. We know this because we found dead leaves beside a colony of wood lice.”

