

HENDON NEWS

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Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

As we come to the end of our 3rd week of term, I am awed by how brilliantly our children have again adjusted and settled to the demands of online learning during this lockdown. I am reminded of the new skills they are acquiring and the resilience they show. Many of our children are becoming more independent, taking ownership of their day and producing work beyond our expectations.

I was particularly moved by Arissa in Year 6 who delivered an impressive Powerpoint presentation to our English class today expressing her feelings on the pandemic. She reminded us of things that we may be missing: our extended family and friends, trips to the cinema or dining out; but also how fortunate many of us are to have each other, access to online learning, a home, food and warmth. Our children fill my heart with hope – they are passionate and caring and love sharing their ideas. And for those children that are finding aspects of online learning a challenge, we keep trying our best – we start each day with a smile and we do not give up trying.



Wishing you all a safe and gentle weekend,
Mrs Gorasia

School News

Sibling Registrations

At Hendon Prep, we pride ourselves on being a family school, where siblings of current pupils are given first consideration for our much sought-after Preschool and Reception places. However, we can only facilitate this if your child is registered with us. We have now started the process of enrolling external applicants for September 2021 entry and so if you have a younger child who will require a Preschool or Reception place this September, please contact a member of our Admissions Team as soon as possible to request a Registration Form. We also already have a list of applicants for Reception 2022 places and so, again, if you will require a place in this academic year please contact the Admissions Team, as applicants will be invited for assessments during September and October of this year, in order of application - admissions@hendonprep.co.uk

Sharing Teaching & Learning Online

Remaining connected with classmates and the wider school community is more important than ever for our pupils during this time of online teaching and learning. Regular live assemblies, registration and form times are as important for our children's wellbeing as the live lessons are for academic success. Sharing images of good work and our children learning at home is a wonderful way for our community to remain connected. To that end please feel free to send photos, short videos and examples of your child's work to our Marketing Department, who will be delighted to share it in this newsletter, on social media and via our Cognita Connect platform. Please send your contributions to Cognita Connect.

E-Safety

Our pupils have made a great start to online learning and have begun to really show their independence. They have a good understanding of e-safety, which has been supported by specialist ICT teaching, discussions with form tutors and through whole-school assemblies. With children spending an increasing amount of time on the internet, it is important that adults at home continue to monitor and guide them to make safe choices. As such, please try to monitor the websites that your child uses at home, outside of lesson time, particularly if you are not familiar with them.

Here are some helpful websites and resources to support you and your child online:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)

Inside Our Curriculum - Preschool

Feed the birds

During their discussion about birds and the seasons in Preschool, the children learned that as there are no berries on the trees during the winter months some birds find it harder to find food.

Preschool decided that they would help Hendon's wonderful bird population by making some bird food.

Birds require high-energy (high-fat) foods during the cold winter weather to maintain their fat reserves to survive the frosty nights, so the children made some fabulous 'fat balls' to hang in the garden for their feathered friends.

They had so much messy fun mixing lard, cheese, dried mealworms and sunflower seeds together to make the 'yummy' bird food.

They will keep a close eye on the Preschool garden to see which birds they attract.

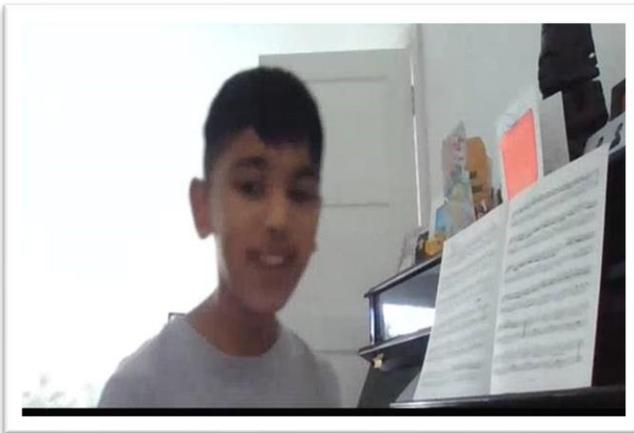
Great job Preschool!



Staying Connected and Creative Online

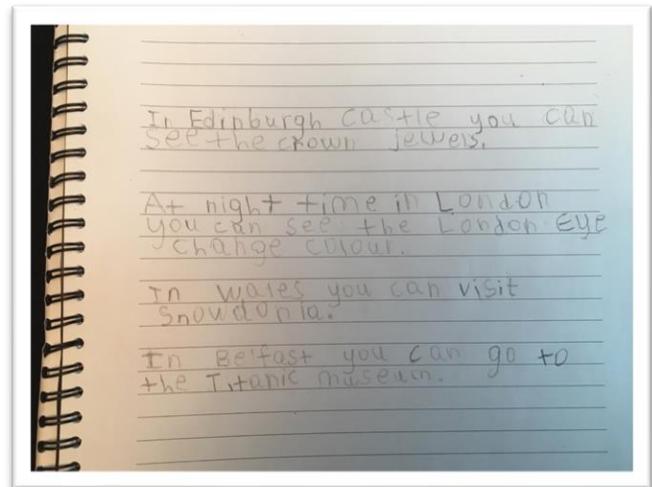
Year 5 have been using their live form times creatively by performing for each other and hosting live quizzes.

- Kaiyan played 2 pieces on the piano– Turkish March and Sonata Number 3 by Mozart
- Zeruchi played the keyboard – Faded
- Lareen played the piano – Dusty Blue and The Waltz
- Jai played the electric guitar – Old Bens Blues
- Kaiyan and Lareen tested their classmates' knowledge on events from 2020 during their quizzes.



Y1 Travels

During Humanities in Year 1, the children learned about the four nations that make up the United Kingdom. The children had to research a tourist attraction in each nation and complete a short sentence about each site. The work that was produced by everyone was outstanding. Maxwell described Edinburgh Castle, the London Eye, Snowdonia and the Titanic Museum in Belfast!



Pop Art

Year 4 had fun learning about the colours in Pop Art by playing a treasure hunt where they had to collect as many objects as they could find that were primary colours. They then had to create a piece of work like Andy Warhol's coke bottle print. Ako's was a wonderfully colourful example.

