

HENDON NEWS

29TH JANUARY 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

As we continue to navigate our way through this term and look forward to a future when we can all return to school safely, I want to again thank you for the continued efforts that our whole school community is showing. These are not easy times and supporting children's learning at home when we may be juggling personal commitments, jobs, family, personal anxieties or illness is not taken lightly and is hugely appreciated.

This week some of our students thought about Holocaust Memorial Day where the theme was 'be the light in the darkness'. Whilst reflecting on the depths humanity can sink to, we also focused on the ways individuals and communities can resist that darkness to 'be the light'.

Next week we will celebrate and continue to encourage our children to 'Express Themselves'. As you know, I am a firm believer in students voicing their feelings and sharing their opinions. Teachers will be underpinning many of their lessons, supporting students to express themselves in a variety of ways.



Finally, we are looking forward to our second virtual Parent-Teacher conferences and being able to feedback how your child is getting. The system will go live on Wednesday at 4pm for you to sign up.

Wishing you all a safe and gentle weekend,
Mrs Gorasia

School News

Covid-19 Guidance during Half Term

School will close as usual over February half-term; we will not be open for Preschool or critical workers care during that week. Please note where pupils have been attending school test positive for coronavirus during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you are not required to take any action. You should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils attending school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please **do** inform school as we will need to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation for bubbles and/or staff, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Annual Voice of The Parent Survey

Since March last year we have faced continuous challenges both as teachers and parents to ensure that our school community continues to thrive and support each other. Whilst we recognise that this time has been like no other, we believe it is important to still reach out to you through our Annual Parent Survey. Your feedback helps us to plan and to make sure that we are placing our resources to deliver the best education for your child. You will shortly be receiving your invitation to take part in this year's survey in Cognita Connect. We look forward to your positive and constructive feedback.

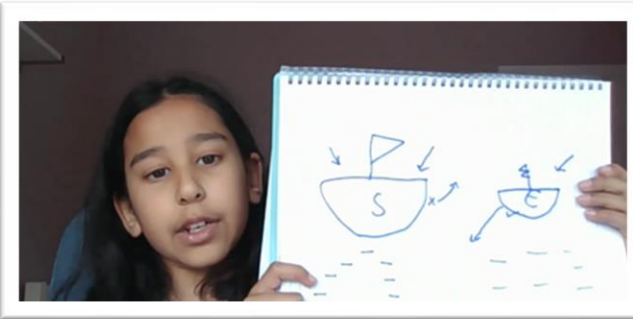
Supporting Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February 2021. This year's theme is Express Yourself. Teachers will be addressing this in PSHE/wellbeing sessions next week. However, we do encourage our parents to be aware of the impact lockdown is having on our children and encourage your children to express how they are feeling.

Enhancing Our Online Curriculum

Breaking News

Live from her London studio, Mia sent us her news report about the Spanish Armada. Year 6s have been studying the Spanish Armada during History this term and have been using their new 1-2-1 devices to create news reports, broadcasting the reasons the Armada failed. Watch out Laura Kuenssberg!



Guess the shape?

Reception children had great fun during one of their live maths lessons this week, when they had to guess which shape Mrs Platt was hiding by listening to her description of the shape's properties. Looks like everyone knows the properties of a circle. Great job RP.

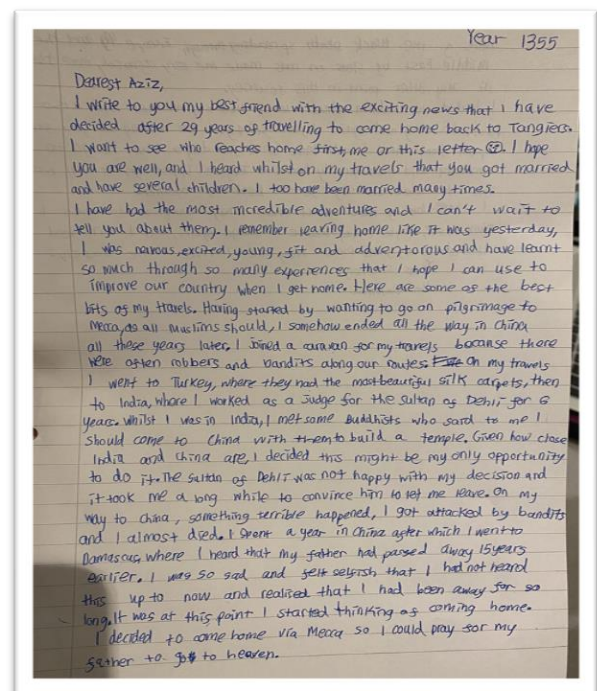


Diversity in Exploration

Year 3 are learning about explorers from different parts of the world.

Last week they investigated the life of Amelia Earhart and had to imagine they were journalists reporting on her life and adventures. They too used their new 1-2-1 devices to film their reports. This week the class have been researching the life of Moroccan explorer, Ibn Battuta. They used their knowledge to help them imagine they were Ibn, writing a letter home to describe his travels and challenges.

Amisha used a map in her report and Adam's letter to his 'friend' Aziz was incredibly informative.



Fun In The Snow

We may not have had a white Christmas this year but the snow this week was a very welcome 'change of scene' for most of us.

Whilst not all of our Hendon Prep children got to enjoy the snow covered playground, both our critical worker club children, and of course our Preschool children, who are in school made the most of the beautiful snow covered space.



Snow art by CWC



Preschool children explored the snow, painted the snow, and found some very large sheets of ice.



And finally, we had a very special visitor to the school. Can you tell what this was from the prints they left?

