

HENDON NEWS

19TH NOVEMBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

Throughout the week, children have been sharing words of kindness with each other and with me. Our youngest students in Pre-Prep Assembly were beautifully able to explain the link between wearing odd socks and Anti-Bullying week and how we may have differences, but that it is never ok to be unkind to each other. We shared the story '*Kindness is my Superpower*' and I know this is a story that our children particularly love.

With just 3 weeks now until the end of term, our school, like all others have Christmas activities and events planned (see final section for details). With events cancelled or virtual last year, there is a real sense of excitement and anticipation as we look forward to these celebrations. However, with COVID cases on the rise nationally in schools, we have the opportunity to try, by working together, to ensure that these celebrations can continue as planned.

Key Control Measure Reminders for our School

- Hygiene – Ensure good hygiene including hand sanitizing and regular hand-washing
- Cleaning regimes – these focus on high-use touch points and shared equipment in the day
- Ventilation – Classrooms and other areas are fully ventilated between classes and breaks times
- Testing – our staff continue to LFT test twice weekly
- Follow Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Please do let the office know if you will be away prior to school closing on **Friday 10th December**, so teachers can plan accordingly, or if you require leave on religious grounds for the final afternoon when Y1-6 will hopefully return to St Mary's Church.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend, Mrs Gorasia

School News

Anti-Bullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying Week, an annual event organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA), which has one vision: to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn, something which we wholeheartedly embrace throughout the year here at Hendon Prep.

From Preschool to Year 6, the children have been taking part in activities and discussions on the theme of kindness, and this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme *One Kind Word*.

We started the week by taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday and then on Tuesday, 5RD presented an incredibly thought-provoking assembly on the importance of kindness and kind words. The children spoke clearly and eloquently on the subject of bullying and what we should do if someone is being unkind. Bravo 5RD!

The week continued with various well-being activities related to kindness and inclusion. Our Prep students also completed their annual Voice of the Student well-being survey so that our SLT can continue to ensure that the views of our students are always a part of our focus.



Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

French Foundations

It is widely accepted that the earlier children start to learn a new language, the easier it will be for them to pick it up. Children have an incredible ability to absorb and reproduce new sounds. As French is part of our unique EYFS PLUS Curriculum at Hendon Prep, our children start to learn French in the Preschool. This week the children have been working on their counting with Ms Fernandez.



Spanish Extensions

We add Spanish to our curriculum in Year 1 and are always impressed with how children embrace learning two languages, along with daily English in school. This week Year 6 have been learning how to use a bilingual dictionary to extend their knowledge in Spanish. They are learning how to express opinions and using various strategies to extend their written sentences. This gives our children a great start to any Senior School they move on to.



Building Bridges

Both 2W and 2G have worked incredibly hard in Science this week as they completed an engineering project to build a bridge which would hold the weight of a (toy!) car. The children tested different ways to make the bridge strong by rolling, folding, twisting or layering paper. Both classes produced some amazing models that they are rightfully proud of. Great job Year 2!



Sports Report

Hendon Prep boys football team took part in the first round of the Barnet schools cup on Tuesday 16th November, facing tough opposition. Hendon started slow and found themselves 5-1 down at half time in what was not a great start! However, the second half was full of determination and footballing excellence. The boys showed great character to score with the last kick of the game to level at 6-6. Extra time played out all square before Hendon reigned victorious in the penalty shootout 3-1! A truly remarkable game that will not be forgotten anytime soon!

A huge well done to - Pedram, Emmanuel, Xavier, Jai, Grayson, Raul, Louis, Jamal and Taha.

Player of the match - Pedram



Hendon Prep netball team continued their winning start to the season with a 3-2 victory on Thursday.

In a close game a solid defensive performance enabled Hendon to hold on at the end.

Player of the match - Lareen

Well done to Jessica, Sonali, Ako, Zeruchi, Lareen, Nushiika and Riya



Reminder Dates Coming Up :

Monday 22 nd November	Reception	Trip to Sunny Hill Park	9.30-12noon
Tuesday 23 rd November	5T	Class Assembly	8.50am
Tuesday 23 rd November	Year 2	Local Science Walk	10.30 – 11.30am
Tuesday 23 rd November	2G	Parent / Teacher Conferences – Virtual	4 – 6.30pm
Friday 26 th November	PS	Preschool to Reception Transition Meeting	9am
Wednesday 1 st December	Y6	ISEB 11+ PreTesting	9-12noon
Monday 6 th December	Reception	Christmas Play	2.30pm
Tuesday 7 th December	3CJ	Class Assembly	8.50am
Thursday 9 th December	PS-Y6	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	
Friday 10 th December	Y1 - Y6	Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church	2pm
Friday 10th December - End of Term Arrangements – Year 1-6 pick up from the Church at 3pm Preschool & Reception pick up from school at 3.30pm No After School Clubs or Supervision School Closed for Christmas			

Spring Term 2022 begins on Thursday 6th January at 8.30am