

# HENDON NEWS

17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

## Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

This week we have been delightfully overwhelmed each morning by the number of parents who have attended our 'Meet the Teacher' coffee mornings, particularly Year 2 parents who had torrential rain to contend with! It is a real testament to our parental body that so many of you were able to come into school. I hope you found the sessions useful. It's been a pleasure for me to speak to so many of you, and to hear your ideas and your feedback. If you were unable to attend, please do not worry as all of the key messaging has been sent over the past few weeks via Cognita Connect.

Children across the school have settled back into school routines very well and are adjusting to the expectations of their new year group. Our Year 6 children have started sitting external examinations for State Selective Senior schools and we wish them the best of luck as the 11+ exam season starts.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 - 6 teachers have been busy with start of year baseline assessing for spelling and reading and all of our children have been focussed on talking and expressing themselves clearly and audibly.



Thank you so much to all who sent in a donation for Jeans For Genes Day. I know there is a little more to come, but we have so far raised **£253.61**, which is amazing!

Wishing you all a relaxed and safe weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

## School News

### School Photos

Our school photographer, Gillman & Soame will be coming into school on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** to take individual and sibling photographs. All pupils should come to school in full school uniform – PE kit will not be needed this day. Preschool children who do not normally attend school on Tuesday mornings are welcome to come into school to have their photo taken. Parents should drop their child at 8.30am and return to collect them at 9.30am.



### Hendon Prep Parent Association (HPPA)

Hendon Prep had a long tradition of an involved and supportive parent association, who have in the past organised fantastic events for all Hendon Prep families, including Summer and Christmas Fairs and the wonderful International Fair. They have also sponsored school events for pupils, including an annual pantomime and raised funds for various charities.

Due to children leaving the school and family/work commitments, parents who ran our HPPG (Hendon Prep Parent Guild) have all had to stand down and so we are again looking for new parents who would like to form a brand new parent association.

Whilst the HPPG was separate from the school, and not involved in the running of the school in anyway, it did work closely with us to stage their events. If you are interested in forming a new parent body (HPPA), please email [parents@hendonprep.co.uk](mailto:parents@hendonprep.co.uk) with your details.

# Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

## Pitch perfect

Year 2 are learning about pitch in their Music lessons. They've been identifying low and high sounds. This week, they learnt how to play the tune 'Hot Cross Buns' on chime bars!



## Growth mindset

In Science this week, Year 1 have been comparing and discussing the changes humans and animals make from babies to adults. They worked well in groups to match the pictures of a baby animal to the adult.



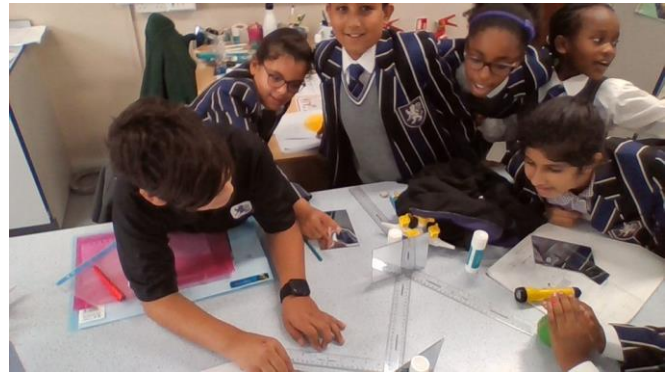
## Famous faces

2W have been considering what makes someone famous and have been researching the lives of famous people such as sports stars, scientists and heads of state.



## Ray of light

Year 6 have been learning about light during their Science lessons this week. The children set up their own experiments to prove that light travels in straight lines. This group used a laser, rulers and mirrors to direct a beam of light onto a target.



## Not long to go ...

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do here at Hendon Prep, and once a year we join other Cognita schools across the world, collapse our timetable for the day to really focus on well-being as we join in Cognita's Global Be Well Day.



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## Reminder Dates in September:

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	Senior school overview	4.30pm School Hall
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PS-Y6	Individual & sibling photos	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	Trip to Houses of Parliament	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	Coffee Morning	8.45am School Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	PS-Y6	Cognita Global Be Well Day	