

HENDON NEWS

24TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

This has been a busy, action-packed week at Hendon Prep as you will see from the features below. Sadly, a number of our staff across the school have been hit by illness. However, teaching and learning have continued unbroken and unabated. This is a good opportunity for me to remind all parents to please be sensible and follow NHS guidance when your children are not well.

Thank you to Mr Charkham, our Head of Science who delivered a fun and informative Assembly to our Reception to Year 2 students this week where he shared what a special month this is in the Jewish community. Students learnt about the shofar, what the special festivals are and ended by singing a song together.

One of the most special parts of our school is our diverse and multi-cultural community and a fundamental part of our school ethos is to celebrate, understand and embrace differences, as well as to recognise all of the wonderful things we share in common. As I begin my third year back at Hendon Prep, it is with a full heart that with our school focus continues to be to stretch our students in their learning, celebrate diversity and promote inclusion. Feeling represented, heard, safe and to have a sense of belonging all underpin wellbeing and this in turn impacts how our children learn. I love seeing how happy the children are in class and outside and the eager way in which they grasp all of their learning.

We look forward to a day off timetable next Thursday 30th September when the whole school will be focussed on activities for Cognita's Global Be Well Day.



Wishing you all a relaxed and safe weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Century Tech Launch

At Hendon Prep, we're always looking for ways to extend our students' learning. This week pupils in Years 4-6 were so excited to use CENTURY – a ground-breaking online learning platform. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of using Century in some of their English, Science and Maths lessons. The children started the week with completing part of their diagnostics and then took some time to explore the different features of Century.



Nasal Flu Vaccine

Nasal flu vaccines for children in Reception to Year 6 will take place in school on **11th October** and an e-consent form will be sent via Cognita Connect from the NHS.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

Reminder Dates in October:

Thursday 7 th	Y5	Trip to St Albans Cathedral	
Monday 11 th	Rec-Y6	NHS Flu Vaccine	
Tuesday 12 th	PS -Y2	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4-6.30pm online
Wednesday 13 th	Y5 – Y6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4.30-7.00pm online
Thursday 14 th	PS	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4-6.30pm online
Thursday 14 th	Y3 – Y4	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4.30-7.00pm online
Tuesday 19 th	Y6	Independent Senior School Meeting	4.30pm School Hall
Friday 22 nd	Rec – Y6	Harvest Festival	

Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

SMART working

In ICT this week, Year 1 have been learning about personal information and how and what we should share online. This follows up their previous lesson on how we can be SMART when working online.



Around the universe

Year 5 went on a walk around Hendon to make a scale model of the Solar System, having prepared for the trip by each making a poster with their planet drawn to scale. With the sun as a 15cm sphere, how far away do you think we had to walk to put Neptune (the furthest planet) in its correct place? Ask the Year 5 students for the answer!



Hendon Prep vs Lyndhurst House

After over a year of interruption, pupils and staff were delighted to attend our first sporting fixture of the year. A squad of 9 children from Year 3 and 4 were led by captain for the day Dylan to take on 3 teams from Lyndhurst House in football fixtures. Hendon Prep managed to end the tournament unbeaten, securing 3 draws from their 3 matches.

Dhilan put in a superb display as goalkeeper and the 5 goals were shared between Adam and Alex. Player of the match went to Nysa.

Well done to all of the squad on an excellent start to their season.

Results:

1-1, 3-3, 1-1



Team: Dhilan, Mikael, Lily, Pranav, Nysa, Adam, Yuvraj, Alex and Dylan.



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Democracy At Work

School trips are an important part of a child's learning as they extend and bring to life topics covered in the classroom. This week Year 6 were excited to visit the Houses of Parliament where they took part in a wide range of activities including a debating workshop in their very own 'House of Commons'. The children were given a tour of the building and were very excited when they spotted Rishi Sunak and Theresa May. Celebrating democracy as an integral part of Fundamental British Values is interwoven into our curriculum but this was a great way for the children to see it all in action.



Ducks To Water

Swimming provides many wellbeing benefits which can help to keep children healthy and happy at the same time. Swimming keeps children's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture. It is also a great deal of fun, which is why our Years 5 and 6 are delighted to be back at Poolside Manor once a week for their swimming lessons.

