

HENDON NEWS

8TH OCTOBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

As each week this term passes, it really does feel like we are able to embrace so many more of the traditional aspects that enhance a school's curriculum which had by necessity been on hold. This week, saw our Year 5s exploring St Albans cathedral, engaging in historical as well as creative learning. We had Netball and Football fixtures against other schools and held the first full Student Council meeting devoid of 'bubbles'. And, whilst I know that COVID-19 is still in our school community, these are hopeful steps for the future.

I would also ask that parents continue to show patience during this time with some of the newer, but hopefully temporary aspects of daily life, such as supply and driver issues. We are doing the best we can to 'return to normal', however there are certain things beyond our control. Be assured that we will always put the children and their well-being first.

This week also saw our Year 6 students receive their responsibility badges. This is a very special assembly which models for all of the Prep students how important it is that we encourage and listen to the voice of our children, and the importance of allowing children to assume responsibilities and share ideas. Our new Librarians have already made a great start and are creating a recommendation list of books for display in the Library, and our Music Captain, Grayson will be joining the 'house-band' (Mr Donovan, Mr Dabbadie and Mr Jones) for an end of term performance! Exciting times!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Lunch Menu

Due to supply issues impacting the whole country, please note that our weekly published menus are subject to necessary changes until the situation improves. While our chef tries his best to keep to the menu as published, there are occasions when a day may need to swap with another, or a different item may need to be added or replaced.

WhatsApp Groups

Sadly the Whatsapp group and misinformation has again been causing upset in certain year groups and distress for some of our parents. Please can we request that you do not reference individual children on these groups. This is hurtful to us all. If you are unsure of anything or there is something you wish to discuss with a teacher, please contact the school directly. The Whatsapp groups should be a positive way of communicating general information that parents wish to share with each other. It is not a forum to discuss teachers or children.

Natasha's Law

As many of you will know, Natasha's Law came into effect on October 1st, requiring a list all ingredients and allergens on food labels, following the tragic death of Natasha Ednan-Laperouse from anaphylaxis after she ate sesame in a baguette that had not been labelled.

Schools are required to list all ingredients and allergens on the labels of any food made on site that are pre-packaged prior to them being offered for consumption, e.g. sandwiches for trips, salad pots or cakes. As a school we have moved away from allowing home baked food items into school for birthdays or cake sales post lockdown to reduce the likelihood of allergy incidents in school. Children may still bring in their own healthy, nut-free snacks but please do remind children that they should not be sharing snacks.

Global Be Well Day

Our day of wellbeing activities was a huge success last week. Click on the image opposite to see the highlights.



Reminder Dates in October:

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
Monday 18 th October	RJ	Assembly	8.45am School Hall, RJ parents invited
Tuesday 19 th	Y4	Cross Country Festival	
Tuesday 19 th	Y6	Independent Senior School Meeting	4.30pm School Hall
Thursday 21 st	Y3	Trip to National Gallery	
Thursday 21 st	Preschool	Trip to Angel Theatre	
Friday 22 nd	Rec – Y6	Harvest Festival	
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October: HALF TERM			
Monday 1st November: Back to School			

Match Reports

Hendon Prep Year 3/4 vs Lyonsdown School

A group of 8 selected students from Hendon Prep took part in their first ever Netball fixture on Monday 4th October against Lyonsdown School. The girls were magnificent and put in a fantastic performance. Winning their first match 1-0 before losing their second and finishing with a 1-1 draw, the girls were able to leave extremely proud of their accomplishments. A fantastic first outing for our young Netball side!

Well done to Nysa, Anwita, Sarah, Ella, Isla-Rose, Sashi, Lily, Lynne.



Hendon Prep Year 5/6 vs Lyonsdown School

A group of 9 selected students from Hendon Prep took part in their first Netball fixture of the season on Wednesday 6th October. The girls started off on fire and edged the first quarter 3-2 followed by a convincing 5-0 in the second to win the match 8-2. The girls then put up a spirited effort against a very strong team going down 10-4. This was a good start to their season against a strong side and the team looks very promising for the season ahead.

Well done to Nushiika, Jessica, Sonali, Sophia, Ako, Eva, Zeruchi, Riya and Mariam.



Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

Responsibilities Assembly

As well as delivering our broad academic curriculum at Hendon Prep we also place great importance on a 'character education' and helping our children develop certain 'life skills', which will be of benefit long after they leave full time education. We do this by encouraging all of our pupils to play a positive and active role in contributing to the life of the school. In doing so we teach them to be organised and responsible and develop their sense of self-esteem. This is also a great way to see Fundamental British Values at work. In Year 6 we extend this philosophy further when we ask every child to 'apply' for additional responsibilities, which they carry out during the academic year. Pupils must write a formal 'letter of application' for the roles they are interested in, to Mrs Gorasia. During this week's Prep assembly, we announced and celebrated the successful applicants, when they were awarded their badges.

Well done to everyone who applied; the application letters were particularly excellent this year.

House Captains



Sports Captain



Sports Prefects



Wellbeing Champions



Art Prefects



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Science Prefect



Digital Leaders



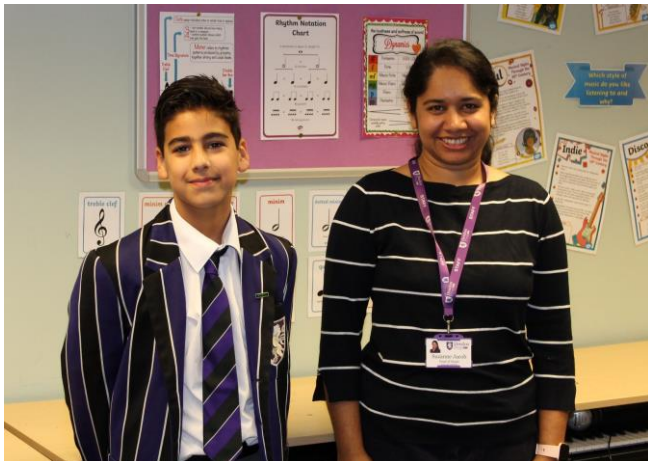
Librarians



Head Boy and Girl



Music Prefect



Meet Our School Council

The school council is formed from a group of pupils elected by their peers. Each member will act as a representative for their classmates in discussing school matters and sharing their views with Mrs Gorasia and the teaching team.

