

HENDON NEWS

15TH OCTOBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

Our children always love to share their learning, particularly when we have visitors to the school. And this week we had a very special visit from the Cognita Executive Global Team, who are visiting a random selection of our 86 worldwide schools. Our Group Global CEO, European CEO and Global Director of Education were so impressed by Hendon Prep: our children and the calm, happy, learning environment. The feedback expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome received, how friendly and engaged our children were and how tangible the caring ethos is throughout our school. Like the children, I am always delighted to show-off our school knowing that at the heart of what makes us so special is the team of outstanding teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff who are committed every day to delivering the very best to each of our children.

This week, I was also able to attend the annual Prep Heads lunch at Habs Boys School, which of course has not been on the calendar since COVID struck. This is one of my favourite off-site trips as some of our ex-Hendon Prep students update me on how they are and show me around the school. It was a delight to catch up with 2 of our alumni who are now in Year 10, as well as to check in with those I taught who are now in Year 13 (Upper 6th). The very clear message from the Habs leadership team was the stress for a move away from tutored students, the importance of encouraging wider interests and the focus on developing character and well-being in our children. Habs have created a bespoke 90-minute assessment for Y7 entry which they hope is 'tutor-proof', comprising verbal, non-verbal reasoning, Maths and English skills, and an interview process which they believe will allow children to show their natural personality and not a rehearsed version.

Working closely and keeping up in contact with our many different Senior Schools and other Headteachers is an important part of my role. I am confident that we are doing a great job in preparing our children for these next steps. Our balance of traditional teaching and learning methods, along with use of Ed Tech and our enriched curriculum at Hendon Prep all supports the development of character and well-being, as well as academic achievement.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Harvest Festival

Every year for Harvest Festival our school donates items of food to the charity HABS (Homeless Action in Barnet). This year, we have been given the opportunity to contribute. We will be having our annual Harvest Festival (Y1-6) on Friday 22nd October. Each year group will be performing songs, poetry and readings. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to this event.

We kindly ask you to donate sealed packets of dry, non-perishable food, which we will deliver directly to HABS. Here are some suggestions:

- Tinned foods
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Rice
- Cereal
- Long life milk and juice (not fresh or chilled)
- Cup-a-soup packets

Pupils can bring in their donations next week. To find out more about the charity HABS, feel free to look at their website: www.habcentre.org

Reminder Dates in October:

Monday 18 th	RJ	Assembly	8.55am School Hall, RJ parents invited
Tuesday 19th		Cross Country Festival	
Tuesday 19th	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	Y1 – Y6	Harvest Festival	
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October: HALF TERM			
Monday 1st November: Back to School			

Match Reports

Year 3/4 tournament vs Local Prep Schools

A selected team of Hendon Prep students took part in an eight team tournament against other local prep schools on Thursday 7th October. The team had a tough start to the competition but managed to piece it together and progress to the plate final. Unfortunately losing out in the final, the team returned with silver medals, a good effort and plenty to build on. Players of the match - Nysa and Pranav

Well done to - Mikael, Yuvraj, Nysa, Pranav, Pranith, Adam, Dhilan, Dylan, Alex



Year 5/6 vs Lyndhurst House

On Monday 11th October a team of selected students from Year 5 and 6 took part in their first fixture of the season vs Lyndhurst house. 4-1 winners in the first game, the team played some fantastic football.

The fantastic football continued in the second match and the boys were unlucky to lose 2-0 in a match they dominated. Player of the match - Jai

Well done to Urav, Xavier, Antoni, Jamal, Louis, Emmanuel, Grayson, Jai, Pedram



Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

An inclusive community

At Hendon Prep, we create a positive atmosphere in which children feel safe, happy and secure and can take full advantage of the opportunities for learning. We encourage children to develop their teamwork skills and self-esteem as they grow within our school community. Pre-Prep and Prep pupils enjoyed participating in our termly House meetings this week which were led by our Y6 House Captains. Pupils discussed different ways of supporting their Houses, came up with fun competition ideas and had the opportunity to interact with other year groups.

Well done everyone!

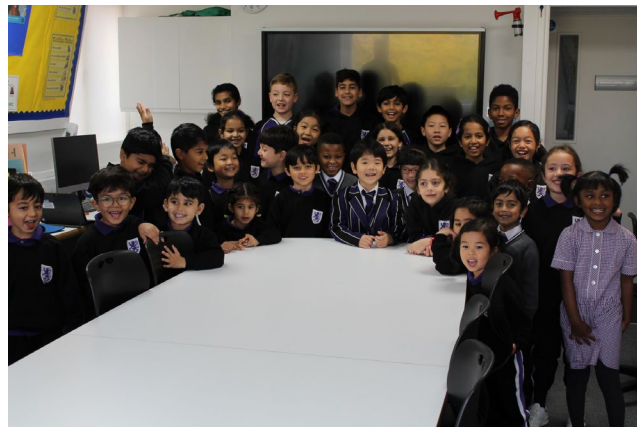
Meet Tenterden House



Meet Cedars House



Meet Brinsdale House

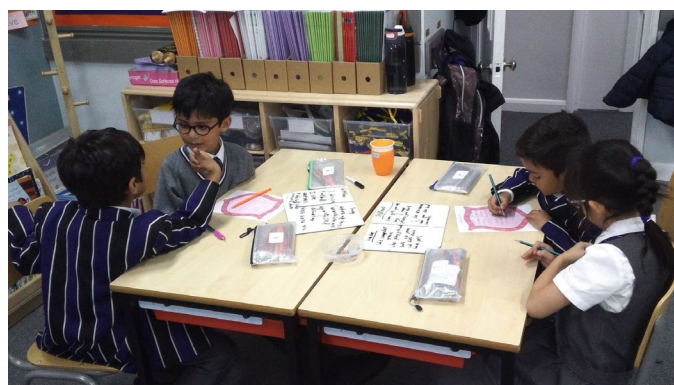


Meet Brenthurst House



Celebrating diversity

In PHSE 2W worked in pairs to think about ways in which they are similar and things that make them different. They realised that we can all celebrate differences and learn from each other. 2W made shields together to record their thoughts.



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Music appreciation

In Year 4, the composer for this half term is Scott Joplin aka 'The King of Ragtime'. Scott Joplin (c. 1868 – April 1, 1917) was an American composer and pianist. Joplin achieved fame for his ragtime compositions. One of his first and most popular pieces, the "Maple Leaf Rag", became ragtime's first and most influential hit. You may also recognise 'The Entertainer', another of his very popular compositions.

Prep pupils have been receiving house points for coming to Mrs Jacob with any interesting facts they have researched on Scott Joplin. Adam in Year 4 even played a piece he has been learning called 'Rag-time Raggles.' Well done to Adam.



Investigating materials

This week in Science 2W were experimenting with materials. They were trying to see which ones could be changed by twisting, stretching, bending or squashing. Great fun was had by all as they worked in pairs to investigate and record their work.



Historical perspective

Last week Y5 had an amazing trip to St Albans Cathedral. They explored the history of St Albans, engaged in a fun labyrinth activity which is linked to our PSHE curriculum and created fantastic Roman mosaics as part of their focus topic in History this term.

"Today we went to St Albans and the best part of the day was when we all made mosaics. I liked making mosaics because the materials we used were so colourful and I love art a lot. I learnt two things from this great trip, that a labyrinth and a maze are totally different! The other thing was the story of how St Albans was made. This trip was so educational and fun." Ako

