

HENDON NEWS

22ND OCTOBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

Thank you so very much for the incredibly generous Harvest Festival donations which flooded in this morning (and across the week). The display of your contributions was overwhelming and by far the most plentiful we have ever accumulated. This is testimony to Hendon Prep being such a wonderful, positive and caring community. The Homeless Action In Barnet team were as moved as I have been to receive our huge donation. Mr Dabbadie delivered the gifts after our assembly and the charity send you all their sincere gratitude. I cannot thank you enough for how your contributions will impact families less fortunate than ours. Please look out for photos of this morning's Harvest celebration after we return. The children in Y1-6 sang, danced and recited with joy.



This was another action-packed week as you can see in the Newsletter which showcases how much our children are learning and benefit from our enhanced curriculum from the youngest to our Year 6s. We had our Preschoolers visit the Angel Theatre, Year 3s studied mastery of art at the National Gallery, while our Year 6s continue to be challenged and prepared for their 11+ examinations. To celebrate our last day this half term, our House Band also serenaded the children during lunch time with songs which included our updated school song '*Sweet Home Hendon Prep School*'.

I hope you all have a great week ahead, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1st November.

Take care, Mrs Gorasia

School News

Half Term Activities

Many families ask about homework during holiday time and at Hendon Prep we offer non-compulsory holiday homework in the Prep school, with a few additional activities for Y1-2. This is because we believe that children should spend their holiday developing other interests as well as developing a love of reading for pleasure. The best support parents can give is to encourage their child to explore the world around them and to engage with them in questioning ideas and expressing opinions. Parents should encourage a love of reading, visit art galleries, museums and exhibitions with their child, do puzzles and crosswords, follow the news together, travel, play sports, have adventures, make inventions out of junk – all things which will foster curiosity and independent thought. These are just some ideas for the upcoming break.

Building Work

A number of parents have expressed their concerns over the building project going on opposite the school. Our Site Team have been in regular contact with the project manager to mirror our concerns over the air pollution and noise. Please do feel free to send your concerns directly to Barnet Council.

State Senior Schools

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 6 parents attend the Year 6 Independent Senior Schools meeting this week. Please do not forget to complete a Local Authority application form for Year 7 (September 2022) entry. These can be found on your LA website.

Half Term Holiday

Please do notify the School Office if you are intending on going abroad this October half term. While some countries are opening up, others are still following stricter guidelines and all subject to changes. Please do follow any updated government guidance on your return.

Flu Vaccine

At Hendon Prep, we annually hold a session for our students to be flu vaccinated.

Flu is infectious and spreads easily to other people from coughs and sneezes, with flu germs living on hands and surfaces for 24 hours. Children are more likely to spread flu as they stay infectious longer than adults. Vaccinating pupils will not only protect them against flu, but it will also reduce transmission of flu to others and, therefore, protect their family, friends and vulnerable members of the community too. Flu viruses are constantly changing so children need to be vaccinated each year.

All children from 2 to 15 years old (on 31 August 2021), and those children clinically at risk from 2 to 17 years old can receive a free nasal spray flu vaccination. Administering the nasal spray flu vaccine is easy, it's just a squirt up the nose.

Please do contact your GP if you missed the session at school this year or have changed your mind and want to have your child vaccinated.

RJ's Harvest Assembly

On Monday RJ presented their Harvest Assembly and we were so proud of how confidently the children performed. It was also wonderful to once again be able to invite parents into school to watch the performance. Thank you to everyone who attended. For those unable to make it, you can view the video by clicking on the image below.



Reminder Dates in November:

Monday 1 st	PS-Y6	BACK TO SCHOOL	8.30am
Tuesday 2 nd	Y1	Toy Museum	
Thursday 11 th	Y4	Trip to Hendon Synagogue	
Monday 15 th	PS- Y6	Odd Socks Day	
Tuesday 16 th	5RD	Class Assembly	9-9.15am

Sports Report

Cross Country

On Tuesday 19th October, a selected group of Hendon Prep students took part in a cross country competition.

This was the first taste of the long-distance running event for our children and everyone did very well to complete the races.

This was good experience for the children and they are already talking about returning with winning medals next year.



Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

Celebrating October

At Hendon Prep we celebrate diversity throughout the year, and we are proud of all backgrounds within our school community. October is Black History Month and pupils in 5RD and 5T led a special assembly this week about this national celebration, which gives us the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture in society and to foster an understanding of black history. The children planned, researched their material and created an informative PowerPoint presentation to share with the school. Well done everyone!



Kind Hearts and Hands

Monday 15th November marks the beginning of Anti Bullying Week. The theme for this week is One Kind Word. We talk to our children constantly about being kind. Kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of those around us. During Anti-Bully week the children will be taking part in a range of different activities, and we would like to start with getting the children to 'fill our hearts with kindness'.

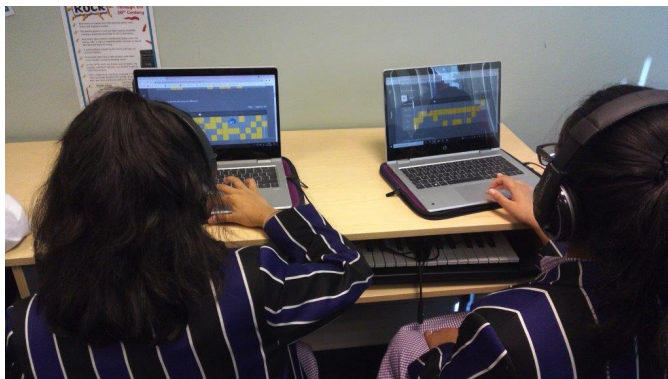
To do this they will need to draw around their hand, carefully cut it out, write one kind word in the middle and then decorate their hand with bright colours and patterns. Each beautiful handprint will be used to fill a heart shaped display.

Children should bring their handprints to school by **Monday 8th November** and hand them to their form tutor.



Musical mix

In Year 6 Music lessons this week, children have been using an online programme to discover certain combinations of acoustic and electronic drum sounds. Many types of music are created in exactly this way — by mixing and matching small musical ideas to make interesting combinations, and then changing those combinations over time. Pupils experimented by making their own musical patterns by changing the sounds and tempo.



Glass slippers and paper bridges

During their Science lessons this week, 2G have been looking at different types of materials. They have used their research skills to identify various materials and their analytical skills to assess the suitability of different materials for various tasks.

The children all decided that glass wasn't a suitable material to make a slipper, as it would break, shatter or crack. It would be far better to make a slipper out of fabric or leather.





Pumpkin Competition



Cedars House will be running a pumpkin competition for the first week back after half term for all pupils at Hendon Prep.



Pupils from Brinsdale, Tenterden, Brenthurst and Cedars Houses are invited to take part and bring in a photograph or a poster of their pumpkin creations to school on the morning of **Monday 1st November.**



If you wish to participate in this competition you can submit your entry:

- as a photograph and send it via e-mail to parents@hendonprep.co.uk for the attention of Cedars House
- or bring a photo or poster into school as a hard copy on A4/A3 paper



The pumpkins will be judged and there will be special prizes for the top three pumpkins chosen from the Pre-Prep and Prep School.



The first winner will be awarded 50 House Points, the second winner 30 House Points and the third winner 15 House Points for your House. The winners will be announced on **Monday 8th November.**



It would be great to see lots of pumpkin entries – don't forget to name your pumpkin! Remember **no real pumpkins** are to be brought into school, just photos or posters please.



Good luck everyone!

