

HENDON NEWS

12TH NOVEMBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

This week students continued to show empathy and kindness across the school. Our Pre-Prep Assembly focussed on Remembrance and the symbolism of wearing a poppy, while Prep Assembly was about gratitude and developing ways in which we can be happy.



Our Sports Teams have received great feedback on manners, courtesy and team kindness this year, but I was particularly thrilled to receive a message from Hendon Synagogue after the visit from our Year 4 class which read: *"We have just had the children here to visit the Synagogue. Please can I just say they were the most charming, polite, and respectful group of children I have ever encountered. The Rabbi who met with them could not get over how well behaved they are. They are a credit to your school."*

As I have said previously, when we have visitors to the school, or when our children are off-site, the feedback we receive is always so positive and I am very proud when our children follow our Golden Rules both inside and outside of school. It is also testament to the consistent messaging and care children receive from their teachers and our wider staff team.

Just a quick reminder for all children to wear Odd Socks to school on Monday – if they want!

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Pumpkin Competition Winners

Congratulations to everyone who entered our Pumpkin competition this year. The standard was very high, and our judges had a tough time selecting the winners. A big well done and house points go to the following pupils:

Pre-prep:

- 1st place: Loyal, 2W - 50 House Points
- 2nd place: Sanav, RP - 30 House Points
- 3rd place: Peter, 1M 15 - House Points

Prep:

- 1st place: Nysa, 4T- 50 House Points
- 2nd place: Yuvraj, 3CJ - 30 House Points
- 3rd place: Grayson 6K, - 15 House Points

Special Mentions: Ayera (Preschool, 5 HP), Ibrahim (1M 5 HP), Salena (5RD 5 HP), Sieana (1M 5 HP), Ako (5T 5HP)

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 15th November marks the beginning of Anti Bullying Week. The theme for this week is *One Kind Word*. Throughout the school we have already been discussing acts of kindness and kind words. The children have also worked hard to create a wonderful display as they 'filled a heart with kindness' with their beautifully decorated hands.



Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

Rainbow Spaghetti

Preschool had a wonderful time this week exploring the colour and slimy texture of 'rainbow' spaghetti as it slipped through their fingers. Sensory play such as this helps our children to develop their fine motor skills, creativity and imagination as they find different ways to play with the spaghetti.



Namaste!

Rain most certainly doesn't stop play (or learning!) at Hendon Prep. This week, pupils from Year 3 and 4 who have chosen Fitness for their Wednesday afternoon Enrichment session took part in a yoga session due to the bad weather outside.

Yoga improves balance, strength, endurance, and aerobic capacity in children. A growing body of research has also shown that yoga can improve focus, memory, self-esteem, academic performance, and classroom behaviour too.



Illuminating experiments

Year 3 have been learning about Light and Shadows. They made holes in boxes before peering inside to see what they could - or couldn't - see. Which materials and colours showed up the best? And which special materials reflects almost all the light directly back to its source? Do you know?



Expanding Beyond The Classroom

Year 4 spent an informative afternoon at Hendon United Synagogue this week. Rabbi Zvi Portnoy gave them an exciting tour of the synagogue and the children got to see all the wonderful things that they have been learning about in their R.E lessons.

The visit also included a talk about Jewish tradition and customs, discussion on artefacts, undressing and dressing a Sefer Torah, and an explanation of the recent Jewish festivals. Trips like this are so important to build on the knowledge that pupils have acquired during their lessons and to foster an understanding of how beliefs are put into practice.



Sports Report

Hendon Prep continued their excellent start to the Netball season with a comprehensive 13-2 victory on Thursday afternoon. The girls have found a winning formula and currently sit top of the league.

Player of the day: Nushiika.

Well done to -

Sonali, Ako, Zeruchi, Riya, Nushiika, Lareen and Jessica.



And Finally...

We Remember Them

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, Hendon Prep stood in silence to remember all of our armed forces and paramedics who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world.



Preschool created a beautiful poppy collage after thinking about what Remembrance Day means to them and decided it means we need to 'spread peace and love.'



Our Chamber choir paid tribute to all fallen service people. Click on image below to listen.



Reminder Dates Coming Up :

Monday 15 th	PS- Y6	Odd Socks Day	
Tuesday 16 th	5RD	Class Assembly	9-9.15am
Friday 26 th	Preschool (Pre-Reception class)	Preschool to Reception Transition Meeting	8.45am