

HENDON NEWS

7TH JANUARY 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,



Happy 2022 and welcome back to the start of the new year and our new term! It is always such a joy to see our children, happy and smiling and eager to get back to their learning after a break away. Despite all that goes on in the world around us, our children show resilience, enthusiasm and super positivity which is to be commended.

We started the new year thinking about one positive change or action that each child from Reception to Year 6 felt would most help either their own achievement or personal development goals. It was fascinating to hear the types of goal the children wanted to set for themselves, ranging from eating less sweets and tidying up their toys to reading more each evening, developing more confidence to answer questions and using kinder words. All brilliant goals for the year ahead!

Inevitably, I need to mention the ongoing pandemic which continues to impact our lives. We are determined to keep consistency, routines and the learning ongoing for all of our students. The well-being of our students is always at the forefront of what we do, and while we do not under-estimate how important it is for students to attend school, the caveat to this is that we rely on parents to not send children who are sick into school. This does impact staff and other children. I have included the latest COVID headlines as relate to our community, but as you know, these are constantly changing.

Wishing you all a warm, safe and peaceful weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Spring Term Calendar

We have a busy Spring Term planned, and the new calendars were given to the children on the first day of term. If you haven't seen your copy yet, please check your child's bag for the calendar.

Date Change 1M Trip

This term, Year 1 have a very exciting trip planned to the Tower of London. The trip was originally planned for 10th February, as detailed in the Spring Term Calendar, however due to an unforeseen diary clash, this trip has had to be rescheduled for the **24th February**. Further details regarding the trip will be sent out closer to the time. Thank you for your understanding.

Spring Term Menu

Due to ongoing issues with food deliveries, Chef has been unable to finalise this term's new menus. Please be assured that the children continue to receive a delicious hot lunch every day, however the issue of planning the menus more that a few days ahead persists.

New Staff Member

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new School Administrator, Miss Kaya Kiciak, who joins Hendon Prep from a large, North London senior school and brings with her a wealth of Office experience. We know that you will make her feel very welcome.



LATEST COVID UPDATES:

Testing: Adults and children who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately. They will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This applies only to those with NO symptoms. People with COVID symptoms should still take a PCR test.

This is a temporary measure while COVID 19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID 19 are high, the vast majority of people with a positive Lateral Flow Test result can be confident that they have COVID 19.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive Lateral Flow Test result should report their result via <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow up PCR test.

Please also inform the school if your child tests positive.

Self-Isolation: The period for those testing COVID positive has now been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals should take a Lateral Flow test on Day 6 and Day 7 which must be 24 hours apart. Those who receive 2 negative test results are no longer required to complete the 10 full days of isolation. They may then return to school on Day 8. Anyone unable to take Lateral Flow Test or who test positive will be required to complete the full 10 day self-isolation.

Close contacts of a positive COVID case - Those who are fully vaccinated, or pupils aged between 5 and 18 years 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID, should take a Lateral Flow Test every day for 7 days and continue to attend the school setting as normal unless they have a positive result or develop symptoms at any time.

WELCOME BACK!

Our first day of term saw lots of happy, smiling faces and an excellent return to learning throughout the school.

It is lovely to have everyone back in school, well rested, and ready to go.

Well done Hendon Prep!

