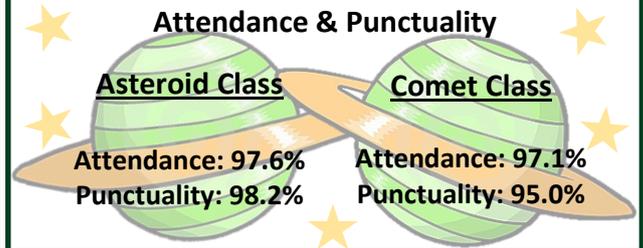




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

It was another improved week for attendance last week – we still have a lot of work to do to meet our overall target of 96.5% for the year so let's keep it up! We all really enjoyed our owl visit last week, and getting the opportunity to meet friends from one of our sister schools, Whitehall Park. We are looking forward to welcoming Reception children from Kilburn Grange to Halley again this week for our Science Dome experience on Friday. We are also taking part in a BPET-wide art challenge, which will see children from across all 7 schools contributing pieces of art related to 'Our Local Area.' The artwork will be presented in a virtual gallery so that all participants (and parents/carers) can see the creations! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the FOHH meeting last week – please see the update from Miss Duarte in this newsletter.

Claire Syms



Diary Dates

Monday 25th April

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016

Tuesday 25th April

- FOHH Little Stars Stay & Play 9.00-11.00am

Thursday 28th April

- Forest Schools @ Butterfield Green 1.15-3.00pm

Friday 29th April

- Science Dome – Space & Dinosaurs!

Monday 2nd May

- Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4th May

- Open Evening for new parents – 6-8pm

Monday 9th May

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016

Tuesday 10th May – note change of start date

- Swimming Lessons start at King's Hall, 10.30-11.00am

Monday 16th May

- Open Morning for Reception Admissions 2016
- Parents' Open Evening

Friday 27th May

- End of Summer 1

A new addition to our Halley family!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news – Ms Lim and her husband are expecting their first baby in September! Ms Lim will continue working at Halley House School for the remainder of this academic year before she takes her maternity leave. We will, of course, be keeping in touch with Ms Lim and her new addition (and expecting cuddles) during her maternity leave and look forward to welcoming her back to her role when this is complete. I am sure you will join all of the HHS staff in wishing Ms Lim all the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy and all the adventures that lie ahead!

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:
Elijah
Sumayyah

Comet Class:
Hailey
Isohbella

Well done for working so hard and being such good role models!

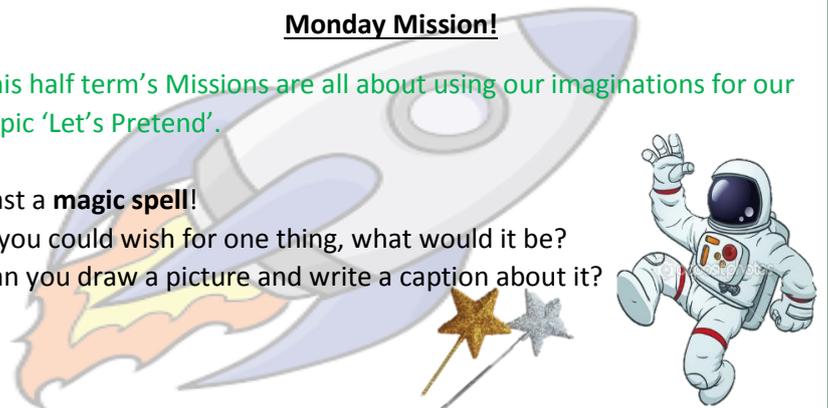
Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about using our imaginations for our topic 'Let's Pretend'.

Cast a **magic spell!**

If you could wish for one thing, what would it be?

Can you draw a picture and write a caption about it?



Owl Time!

Our Owl Experience last week was truly fantastic, with both adults and children alike enthralled by the magnificent birds. Staff from Owl Time expressly stated how well behaved all children were, and the very high levels of concentration and maturity they showed throughout. We will shortly be sent the photos of individual children with one of the owls, which you can choose to buy if you wish – we will let you know when they arrive. Special thanks to all the children and staff who joined us from Whitehall Park School for the morning – we really enjoyed meeting you all and welcoming you to our school! We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did!

HM Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday

Children enjoyed acknowledging and celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday last week, and took home a special commemorative medal to mark the occasion.



Punctuality

School starts at 8.55am. Children arriving after 9.00am will receive a late mark. Please do everything you can to ensure your child is in school on time every day so that their learning is not disrupted. Collection at the end of the day is at the following times: 3.30pm (no clubs), 5.00pm (ASC) and 6.00pm (AC). Please let the school office know if there are exceptional circumstances that mean you will be late to collect your child. Please also refer to the ASC/AC agreement regarding fines for late collection.

Potato shoots!

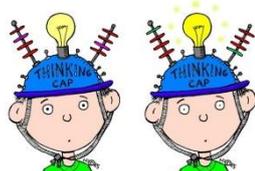
We are growing potatoes in the school playground and were pleased to notice green leaves erupting from the soil last week! To promote growth, the potatoes are regularly re-covered with soil – so keep an eye out for what's happening in the tyres! We are hoping to sample some of our home grown potatoes when they are ready, for lunch one day!

School rucksacks

We have opted to use school rucksacks from next year, in place of the current PE bags. We hope the rucksacks will offer a sturdier and more hard-wearing option to the PE bags. Rucksacks will be available to order later this term, ready for September. We hope to have a sample for you to view in the office before then. As with all our uniform items, the rucksack will be available from Uniform4Kids.

Maths Homework – Problem Solving

This week's maths homework is about spotting patterns. Please see the attached guidance for more information – you can use a set of dominoes or print out the version attached.



Swimming lessons



Please note that we have had to move the start of swimming lessons back a week due to external visitors to the school. Lessons will now start on Tuesday 10th May. Swimming

lessons are part of our PE curriculum and we strongly encourage all parents and carers to complete authorisation forms. If you do have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Ball Court on the Hindle House Estate

Children really enjoyed using the ball court to play basketball, football and lots of other playground games during last week! As always when we take our children off site, they were impeccably behaved and set an excellent example for the school.

Multilingualism!



Children had great fun on Friday sharing what they had learnt with each other in different languages. Here are some of the things we taught each other:

Maori: te whakarongo pai – good listening

Turkish: tamam – okay

Italian: tavolo/albero – table/tree

Australian term: capsicum – a pepper

Mandarin: xiè xiè – thank you

Hungarian: szia – hello

Polish: Cześć – hello

Spanish: buenas tardes – good afternoon

French: très bien – very good

Norwegian: takk – thank you

Swahili: kwaheri – goodbye

Urdu: subha bākhair – good morning صبح بخیر

Continue the fun at home by searching for new words and phrases in different languages, and we can continue to share them with each other in school.

Monitoring Visit

On Tuesday 3rd May we will have

our final BPET School Improvement Visit for this

academic year. As part of the visit, staff from Bellevue Education would like to meet with parents and carers to discuss your views of the school. If you would like to be part of this group, and are likely to be available at the start of the school day on 3rd May, please just let the school office or Miss Syms know. There will also be a similar discussion with a representative from Hackney Learning Trust later in the Summer term, so do let us know if you would be interested in contributing your thoughts on the school.



MESSAGE FROM MISS DUARTE TO ALL FOHH:

Dear FOHH,

After a successful FOHH meeting last week we have decided that instead of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson we will have a panel of parents and carers who will facilitate the organisation of our Parent, Carer and Teacher Association. If you are interested in being on this panel please see me or contact me via the office email.

We are pleased to announce that FOHH will be organising and hosting an open evening for our new parents joining us in September 2016. The open evening will take place on Wednesday 4th May from 6pm-8pm. We hope to see as many FOHH members at this evening, as your contributions will be invaluable. Please get in touch if you can help in any way from donating refreshments and snacks to helping to set up – but most importantly, please do come along on 4th!

FOHH members have also decided to run a Summer Fete on Friday 15th July where we hope to celebrate a successful academic year! Details of how you can help organise this event will follow in the coming weeks.

To make communication within the group easier I would like to give the members on our panel your email address so that they can keep you informed of any upcoming events and explain how members of FOHH may be able to facilitate and help organise these events. If you object to your email address being given out please let me or the school office know so that I can remove your details from any mailing lists.

Many thanks for all your continued support,

Miss Duarte

Owl Time!



Outdoor play!

