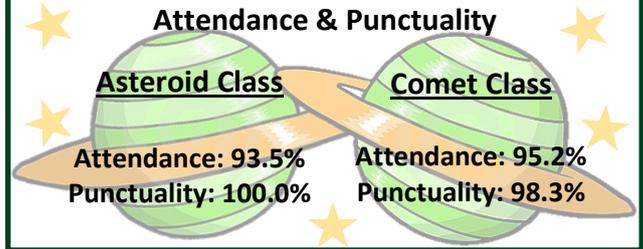




Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School, Children had a thrilling day out to the Tate Modern last week, enjoying the walk over the Millennium Bridge, the vast array of interactive art and, of course, lunch! School staff were pleased to hear that children had been recounting their adventures at home, too – we received lots of lovely positive reports the following morning! There will be no off-site outdoor adventures this Thursday as we have some visitors from Hackney Learning Trust, who will be looking at the fantastic progress HHS children have made since September. Don't forget to sign up for ukulele club if you have not done so already, and please remember that this Friday is an INSET day for teacher training, and school will be closed to children.

Claire Syms



Diary Dates

Monday 20th June

- Welcome Evening for new admissions, 5.30-6.30pm

Tuesday 21st June

- Little Stars Stay & Play, 9.00-11.00am
- Swimming at King's Hall

Thursday 23rd June

- NO Forest Schools this week (visitors to HHS)

Friday 24th June

- INSET day (children not in school)

Monday 27th June

- Spanish Week

Monday 4th July

- Children's end of year reports sent home

Saturday 9th July

- Teddy Bears' Picnic for new admissions, Hackney Downs 12-2pm – all welcome

Monday 11th July

- Parents' Evening 3.00-6.00pm

Wednesday 13th July

- Uniform Event – Uniform4Kids, 5.00-7.00pm

Friday 15th July

- Sports Day!

Monday 18th July

- Transition morning for new YR and Y1 children

New staff for next year

We are delighted to share the following teaching staff arrangements for next year:

- Ms Nina Leigh – YR Comet Class Teacher
- Ms Amanda Shiels – YR Asteroid Class Teacher
- Mrs Varsha Patel – Y1 Eclipse Class Teacher (class share)
- Ms Jade Duarte – Y1 Eclipse Class Teacher (class share)

Both Mrs Patel and Ms Duarte will be attending Parents' Evening on Monday 11th July, and will introduce themselves/talk to parents following individual meetings with children's current teachers. Children will spend the morning with their new teachers on Monday 18th July, as part of transition arrangements.

Friday 22nd July

End of term and end of year! School finishes at 2pm.

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

Asteroid Class:
Eleigh
Kelis

Comet Class:
Amara
Hailey

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

Monday Mission!

This half term's Missions are all about using our geographical skills and knowledge for our topic 'Going Places'. This week's mission is linked to our book, 'The Colour of Home'

What important things would you pack in your suitcase? Draw a picture and write a caption about why they are important to you.



Preview day at Tate Modern



The children had a fantastic time taking part in A.S.S.E.M.B.L.Y (the special opening of the new Tate Modern for schools). The children were able to take part in the exclusive preview before the general public were able to visit. There were 3,000

lucky schoolchildren and teachers at the event who were the very first to explore the new spaces and displays. Halley House children behaved beautifully, as they always do! Special thanks to Helen Cooper (Oscar's mum) for nominating the school to be part of such a wonderful event – we were thrilled to be selected!

Our specific project for the day was to explore materials and we were allocated a gallery named 'Materials and Objects' where the artwork was about artists who have embraced new and unusual materials and methods. The children were brilliant at describing the textures of different artworks and were really good at talking about how the pieces of art made them feel. A particular piece that really got the children talking was *Behold* by Sheela Gowda. When the children first described the materials they could see in the installation they said things such as string and rope but were flabbergasted when they were informed that the 'string' was actually knotted human hair!



Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) Parent Portal

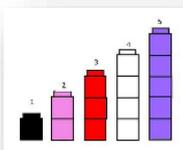


Thank you to all parents/carers who have signed up to our ILD Parent Portal account! It has been

lovely to see so many of you sign up to view observations of your child's learning in school. Remember to log on regularly to see weekly updates and don't forget that you can also upload your own observations from home. Your child's class teacher will be notified of when observations from home are uploaded so they can also see the wonderful learning opportunities you are doing with your children. If you have yet to create an account and require a re-print of how to do so please speak to Ms Lim.

Maths Homework

This week's maths homework (attached) is all about spotting patterns.



RWI Home Reader Books

Please remember to bring in your child's RWI Home Reader Books (black and white copies) every Monday so they can be changed. These books are for you to read together with your child to consolidate their learning at school and should be returned to school weekly. If you have any copies of books you have already read at home please return them to school so they can be given out to other children as they reach the appropriate stage in the cycle.

BPET Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the recent BPET questionnaire, which was sent to families at all of the Trust's seven schools. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we are always grateful for the insightful and relevant comments about what we can do to improve even further.

100% of HHS parents agreed or strongly agreed that:

- ✓ Children are given opportunities to develop socially and emotionally
- ✓ Achievement is recognised and praised
- ✓ Children make good progress in school
- ✓ Leadership & Management in the school is good

The provision and quality of wrap around care (Breakfast Club, After School Clubs and After Care) and dedication and professionalism of staff were also noted as key strengths of the school. We will provide an update on all the work we have been doing towards your suggested improvements before the end of our first year!

There were also lots of positive trends from results across all Trust schools:

- 97% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child enjoys coming to school
- 90% would recommend the school to other parents
- 93% of parents feel the school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on their child
- 92% of parents feel the school develops a child's independence and responsibility

Ukulele Club – reminder

Ukulele club starts this week, on Thursday 23rd June, and will run for 5 weeks. Please remember to complete the sign up form and return to the office to secure a place!

BPET Art Gallery

All schools have submitted pieces of artwork to form part of the inaugural BPET Art Gallery. The Gallery itself is situated in Richmond, and should be open for viewings during the last week of term – full details will be shared shortly! There will also be a 'virtual gallery' posted online so that the children's amazing contributions can be viewed wherever you are! Many thanks to Mrs Colenso (Headteacher) at Deer Park School for instigating and organising such an exciting celebration of children's creativity!

Tate Modern

