



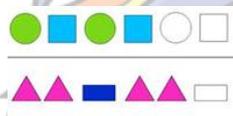
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We are now in the final week of our Spring term! How time flies! It has certainly been a busy few weeks at the end of this term and we have really enjoyed seeing so many members of our school community coming in to Halley to join us celebrating various successes and achievements – whether for parents’ evening, Bikers’ Breakfast, African Drumming & Dance, class assemblies, the list goes on! Summer term promises to be as busy as always, with further parent workshops, Reception and Year 3 swimming lessons and a whole range of new and exciting After School Clubs as part of our Extended Schools provision – so do enjoy the upcoming break to rejuvenate and come back feeling refreshed! School finishes at 2pm on Friday this week and I look forward to seeing you all then ahead of the break!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: We have been exploring shape and pattern in maths! Help us at home by letting us create patterns using either colour or shape. You can even challenge us by asking us to make a pattern using both colour and shape together!



Year 1: Our next topic is ‘Flowers and Insects’. See how many different types of flower you can spot during the break. You could even take some pictures of them!



Year 2: Throughout this half term we have been learning about London in the 1600s. What do you think your life would have been like in the 1600s? Can you write a diary entry about your daily activities in the 1600s?

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	18 th March		25 th March	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Asteroid	91.8%	98.6%	96.7%	98.7%
Comet	91.8%	99.2%	96.4%	98.8%
Eclipse	98.8%	96.8%	95.5%	98.0%
Quasar	97.5%	97.4%	100%	100%
Galaxy	98.1%	97.5%	98.8%	99.4%
Cosmos	94.2%	5.8%	96.8%	92.4%
Hawking	93.1%	96.4%	93.1%	96.7%

Congratulations to Quasar class who achieved 100% attendance & Punctuality last week, a superb effort! Keep it up! Well done also to Galaxy for coming a close second! Please ensure you let our school office know if your child is absent for any reason. Please also ensure you have provided adequate evidence for any absence to the office otherwise it will marked as unauthorised.

★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	22/03/19		29/03/19	
Reception				
Asteroid	Kayran	Kenan	Oscar	Mia
Comet	Grace	Ella	Niyah	Jasper
Eclipse	Freya	Tsubame	Alvin	Le'Shai
Quasar	Malachi	Koko	Mia	Kush
Galaxy	Isaiah	Archie	Ava D	Victoria
Cosmos	Arthur	Dolly	Jeem	Manyiel
Hawking	Nathaniel	Kelis	Andre	AJ

Accelerated Reader (AR)

Thank you to the parents who made it to the AR Parent Workshop. The workshop highlighted what the programme is all about and how you can help at home. For those who were unable to make it, please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

Y3 and their creative learning!

Over the last few weeks, Y3 have been busy enjoying their creative learning; from being young adventurers at outdoor adventures; travelling back in time during science week and creating our own class Iron Man. At outdoor adventures, we had our very own Greek Olympics and made the winning the head-dresses using leaves, petals and daisies.



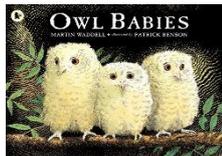
During Science Week, we took a closer look at the how rocks and fossils are formed



and how we can classify them. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Iron Man and Ted Hughes. We have worked really hard to adopt Ted Hughes' poetic style of writing and have written our own version of the chapter, The Coming of the Iron Man. We have had a wonderful Spring term with lots of exciting learning and we can't wait for what's in store for us next term!

Year 1 Writing Week

Year 1 had an amazing start to their 'Writing Week', writing predictions about the book 'Owl Babies' inside dens! They have already written the beginning, middle and a comic strip ending to the story and this week they will be very inventive creating their own versions! Some ideas so far include a family of arctic foxes living in the Arctic and a family of elephants living in the African Savannah.



Year 2 Outdoor Adventures

Year 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London in History. In Outdoor Adventures we have been acting out the story of the fire playing important historical figures such as Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farriner and the Lord Mayor, who said the fire would come to nothing (how wrong he was!). We used foliage and the physical features of our



environment to create our own stages and perform to the class.



CAMHS Open Day

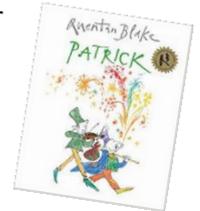
CAMHS opens its doors to professionals, parents/carers and young people on Tuesday, 16 April from 10.am to 4.pm. Come and meet the people who work there and find out what they do – lots of activities to join in. For more details, please see the [poster](#).



Year 2



In Year 2 we have been reading the story of Patrick. We have been inspired by the magical violin in the story and have started to create our very own magical musical instruments. Arthur made a 'quadrophone' with four pieces of pasta in each pot, which makes a very interesting shaking noise! Can you make your own magical musical instrument at home?



Our Super Stars

This term, the children have been working incredibly hard to show and share their 'green behaviour'. It is always wonderful to see so many parents on a Friday to celebrate their fantastic achievements. This coming Thursday (4th April) Ms Clarke will be running our parent workshop on behaviour to share our policy and approach in more detail. You are all invited to attend so please sign up in the office before Thursday.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the kind words and sponsorship I received for my London Landmarks Half Marathon. It was my first half marathon and I was extremely nervous, but to know I had support definitely pushed me through to the finish line. In Hawking Class, the children were guessing the time I would finish the race with the closest guess winning my mascot. I can now officially say that Enya McMullen guessed my time of 2 hours and 35 minutes!

Farm Visit (Reception)

This week, both Reception classes will be visiting Freightliners Farm, with Comet going on Wednesday and Asteroid on Thursday. Please ensure that you have consented for the trip on ParentPay. School will be providing a healthy packed lunch for all children, however we are asking that your child brings in their school bag to carry their packed lunch on the above days.

End of Spring term

Please remember that school finishes at 2pm this Friday. There are no After School clubs on this day. Please ensure you collect your child promptly from the school playground at 2pm.

African Drumming & Dance

Thank you to everyone who came to our spectacular African Drumming & Dance performance last Wednesday! Children across the school had worked really hard for the performance, both in After School Clubs and during curriculum lessons. Weren't they fabulous? We are sure you would like to join us in thanking our specialist teachers, Ms Harley and Ms Davies, for choreographing and organising all the lessons and the performance itself. We were delighted and honoured to be joined by Clare Potter, speaker of Hackney Council, too! We had some lovely feedback from parents and carers about how much they enjoyed the afternoon, and were so glad you could join us – and join in! We hope you have remembered all the breaks!



Quiz for a Cause – Mark Greatrex

RSBC Charity Quiz Night – 19 March 2019



Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the RSBC Charity Quiz Night at

Halley House School on 19 March 2019, in aid of Mark Greatrex's 2019 London Marathon efforts.

The quiz was wonderfully hosted by impressionist and comedian, Jon Culshaw from Radio 4's Dead Ringers. Jon delivered the questions with a range of brilliant voices from Donald Trump, Alan Bennett and John Craven to Stephen Hawking and Michael Gove.



Congratulations to the winners of the quiz, The Bitter Longshots, a team of Halley parents! They led from the first round and were unchallenged by the picture and true or false rounds, that caught a few teams out. Beat The Bar came second, with Comet Genius and Jesus College, Cambridge in joint third.

We are delighted say that the quiz night raised over £1,500 from tickets sales, the raffle and proceeds from the bar. We are deeply grateful to Michael from The Saville Club in Mayfair, (parent of Olivia and Leon in Y3 & Y1 respectively), who provided an amazing buffet that was enjoyed by all.

The raffle prizes were generously donated by a range of suppliers and local businesses that included Ream, the facilities management company for Halley House, Caterlink, our catering supplier, a meal for two at Topsy's and brownies from Arbor, the company that provides the school's management information system.

Mark is running for the Royal Society for Blind Children and funds were being raised for this great cause. RSBC is a national children's charity, based in Halley House School, that supports visually impaired children. They believe no child in the UK should grow up to be poor or lonely just because they are blind. There are an estimated 36,000 blind and partially sighted children and young people in England and Wales. Every day, four more children will be diagnosed with sight loss.

A huge thank you to Jo Kessell from HHS and Kevin McNulty from RSBC, who helped arrange the quiz night to run so smoothly. You can still sponsor Mark on his [Justgiving page](#), with the big run on Sunday 28 April.



DIARY DATES	
Spring 2	
Monday 1st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH AGM, 6-7.30pm, all welcome
Tuesday 2nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH Library Design Meeting, 8-9pm
Wednesday 3rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – YR Freightliners Farm visit (Comet)
Thursday 4th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum booklets for Summer 1 sent home TRIP/VISIT – YR Freightliners Farm visit (Asteroid) TRIP/VISIT – Y3 Green Behaviour celebration trip Parent Workshop – Behaviour, 4.15-5.15pm
Friday 5th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Fortnight ends TRIP/VISIT – Y1 Olympic Park (Green Behaviour celebration) End of Spring 2. School finishes at 2pm.
Summer 1	
Monday 22nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BANK HOLIDAY. Children not in school
Tuesday 23rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Summer 1.
Wednesday 24th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR Swimming Lessons start (Lesson 1 of 10)
Thursday 25th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Swimming Lessons start (Lesson 1 of 10) Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 26th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxford University Press Maths Photography (KS1) FOHH Social – all welcome
Wednesday 1st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxford University Press Maths Photography (KS1)
Friday 3rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Adviser Visit – Nick Walters
Monday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BANK HOLIDAY. Children not in school
Tuesday 7th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Workshop – Y2 SATs
Wednesday 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxford University Press Maths Photography (KS1)
Friday 10th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Adviser Visit – Sinead Maskew & An Porter TRIP/VISIT - Y1 Bee Workshop at The Outdoor Classroom
Monday 13th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to School Week starts Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm
Tuesday 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning, Admissions 2019, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal Parents' Evening, 4-6pm
Friday 17th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to School Week ends Local Adviser Visit – Helen Cooper
Thursday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT – YR trip to London Docklands Museum
Friday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Maths Café, 2-3.30pm, all welcome End of Summer 1. After School Clubs continue as normal.

Forest School & Outdoor Learning

Reception-Creating music using natural materials!



Using our imaginations

Exploring materials



Year 1- Investigating various textures in the environment!

Looking after our school.



Planting our new trees in the playground!

Learning about living things!