



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

Welcome to our final full newsletter of this academic year! And what a year it has been, jam-packed full of adventures, opportunities and new experiences. As ever, we are not slowing down just yet and have crammed in a few more trips, visitors and celebrations before our last day of term, including transition morning, Behaviour reward trips, our Opera Up Close performance, Sports Day and of course our annual school fete – to name but a few! If you haven't yet had chance to volunteer your time on Saturday 6th, please do speak to our FOHH Committee and don't forget to keep selling raffle tickets ahead of the day as there are lots of great prizes to be won! Sincere thanks to all our families and community members for all your support and contributions to what has certainly been my favourite academic year to date – so much accomplished and still so much to come! Wishing you all a fantastic Summer break when it arrives and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: As we prepare to leave Reception and move to Year 1, draw a picture and tell us what the best part of your school year has been!



Year 1: In PSHE we have been learning about growing up. You are moving into Year 2 and moving class is part of growing up! What are you looking forward to the most? Are you nervous about anything? Talk to an adult in school or at home about how you are feeling.



Year 2



We are learning about Australia in Topic. Could you create your own shoe box diorama of a habitat in Australia? You could use natural and man-made materials. You could use your local library to find books to help you research different habitats to base your design on.

Attendance & Punctuality

| Week Beginning | 17 th June | | 24 th June | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | Attendance | Punctuality | Attendance | Punctuality |
| Asteroid | 97% | 97.4% | 97.6% | 99.6% |
| Comet | 96.5% | 98.4% | 93.6% | 97.4% |
| Eclipse | 84.4% | 98.1% | 88.1% | 96.5% |
| Quasar | 99.2% | 99.2% | 95.6% | 99.3% |
| Galaxy | 96.9% | 98.4% | 94.4% | 98.0% |
| Cosmos | 92.4% | 94.7% | 95.0% | 99.3% |
| Hawking | 98.1% | 98.6% | 91.4% | 97.3% |

Well done to Quasar w/c 17th June and Asteroid w/c 24th June for their excellent attendance. Punctuality has largely improved across the school throughout the year – well done! We still have 9 days of school left this year and it is vital that children don't miss out on any of their activities – we would love to see some more 100% ratings appearing before we finish for the year!

★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

| | 21/06/19 | | 28/06/19 | |
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| Reception | | | | |
| Asteroid | Tyler | Ezra | Orlando | Harlei |
| Comet | Ella | Ishmael | Sebastian | Akira |
| Eclipse | Freya | Leon | Mattia | Karishma |
| Quasar | Munachi | Stella | Koko | Inez |
| Galaxy | Freddie | Isaiah | Maryam | Manyiel |
| Cosmos | Kauthar | Ruth | Ava D | Ava K |
| Hawking | Tiger-Rose | Beatrix | Rio | Ta'Kai |

The Wickers Charity

We are delighted to announce that Sam from The Wickers Charity will be working with us throughout the remainder of the academic year and into next year. Sam is a qualified teaching assistant who will be joining our team on Friday mornings on a fortnightly basis. He will also be delivering sessions to different groups of children. These sessions will focus on feeling safe in our community, resilience and how to deal with the impact of violent crime. These sessions will be delivered only to children in the current Y2 and Y3.



Our collaboration with The Wickers Charity feeds into our ongoing commitment towards tackling knife crime in our community. The Wickers Charity hosts weekly activities across Hackney for families. These are wonderful and varied events designed to support families and get children involved in our community. Please see The Wickers Charity website for further details or speak to Ms Foster. If you would like any support in any capacity from the school or The Wickers Charity in dealing with knife crime and its impact, please speak to Ms Foster or Ms Syms. We are always happy to talk. <https://www.thewickerscharity.org/whats-on>

Sports Day!

Our sports day is approaching fast and preparations are well underway. The weather looks like it is going to be fantastic. We are kindly asking if anyone has a gazebo that we could borrow for the day to provide some much needed shade at the Petchey Academy.

The Strings Club

We are very excited to announce that Halley House School will be hosting the fabulous Strings Summer Camp for 3 weeks in the Summer holidays. The Strings Club is an award winning holiday camp where the children are taught a number of string instruments such as the Violin, Ukulele and Cello as well as musical drama and dance. Standard hours and pricing are as follows:



9.30am – 4pm £47.50

9.30am – 12.30pm £25.00

1pm – 4pm £25.00

Wrap around 8am - 9.30am £5

Wrap around 4.30pm – 6pm £5

Further information can be found on the attached flyer. There is also a free Discover Day being held in Stoke Newington Library on Sunday 7th July at 1.30pm - 2.30pm. This is a free event and if a Halley House pupil attends they can have one free standard day at the Summer Camp. There is also a further 10% discount for Halley House pupils attending the camp!

Halley House Sleepover

Our first HHS fundraising sleepover was a brilliant success! Children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and there were a range of activities to take part in throughout the evening and next morning. We had 37 children for the sleepover, and we raised £330 after expenses. What a great night! Huge thanks to all staff who helped make the sleepover possible, including our fantastic organisers!



Tuck Shop

Our Friday Tuck Shop has been a great success this term. We have raised £270 to date! You can catch Ms Connie & Ms Lola every Friday from 3:45pm in the playground. All the money that is raised during the year is donated to the enrichment fund, money from which is directed towards subsidising trips (such as Behaviour reward trips), treats (including Green Time resources) and any other fun activities outside of the core curriculum.

Extended Schools

All parents will shortly receive new clubs lists for the Autumn term 19/20. I hope you are as excited as we are to be able to provide a variety of exciting clubs next term! Over the coming weeks you will receive your new SchoolsBuddy user name and password. This will allow you to log in pay your deposit and secure your child's space in a club.



Some quick reminders!

- Breakfast club is open 7:45- 8:30am. If you drop your child after this time you will still be charged.
- Late fees are charged at £1 per minute; these charges begin when the gate closes.
- We are encouraging parents to start using the extended school email for all breakfast and after school club queries (this ensures any queries are directly appropriately and answered speedily): extendedschool@halleyhouseschool.org.uk

We are currently looking for some Extended Schools volunteers for next year. If you would like to gain some experience in a school setting then please come and see Ms Natasha in the office for an informal discussion.

STEM Summer Camp Activities

If your child doesn't fancy a music based summer camp we have also been offered the following:

Kids With Brains & OoberKidsRepublic



Kids With Brains and OoberKidsRepublic, one of our Summer Fete Raffle supporters are also offering 10% off on any day of their summer camps 2019 for any Halley House student. The camps are held in Stoke



Newington at St Mary's CoE School on Barn Street (N16 0JT). To claim this offer use the following code when booking: **mhrAbG**

To book, visit: <https://hoop.co.uk/go/kids-with-brains-ooberkidsrepublic/>

For more information about the providers please visit their websites: <http://www.kidswithbrains.co.uk/> <http://www.ooberkidsrepublic.com/>

Our HHS year!

Staff have been reflecting on some of the many highlights and successes they have enjoyed this year. Have a look at some of their comments and photos below!



Outdoor Adventures

This year we have been exploring Butterfield Green. We planned and carried out lots of different activities. One of my highlights of Forest School was when we made our own plant, and drawings of plants, using different natural resources.



We also re-enacted the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. Children were encouraged to work in groups and communicate with each other regarding their roles in the role-play. They



helped their peers to remember their lines if needed and pretended to sell tickets for their show! Children were very happy once they performed their show, which helped to boost

their confidence. *Miss Sumaiya, Y1 Teaching Assistant*

After School Clubs



From the beginning of the Summer I have been supporting after school clubs such as Ukulele, Mandarin, Choir, Spanish and Gymnastics. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children taking part and enjoying themselves; especially

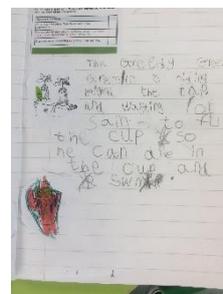
when Oscar from year 3 was helping the younger children learn Mandarin, as he had previously learnt the language in Reception, which was a delight to see! *Miss Sasha, Midday Supervisor and ASC Support*

Reception Read, Write Inc.

Children in Reception have been working hard on using capital letters and adjectives in their writing. Well done to all of my Reception group for their



focus in trying to include these in



their work! They have made such fantastic progress with their literacy during the course of this year and I

am so proud of their efforts! *Miss Tracey, Y2 Teaching Assistant*

Forest School

Children in Reception recently built a wonderful woodland hideaway during their session at Forest



School. They made sure that no harm came to any of the tree branches. They collected twigs and some sticks to make a pretend fire to protect themselves from 'danger'. Children discussed and came up with different ideas and strategies on how to build their den or shelter so they can all fit under it. They also pointed out some reasons why they would need a den to protect themselves. These activities provide children with excellent opportunities to think creatively and build upon their knowledge of our outdoors. *Miss Nureen, YR Teaching Assistant*



Hawking Class



In Hawking Class this year we have all achieved some amazing things. In our writing we have all become much more fluent and articulate. In maths we have become more confident in multiplying two digit numbers! And in reading we have developed our respective passions for fiction and non-fiction texts alike. This year we have had some amazing trips like our river boat trip in the autumn term, to the Greek Galleries in the British Museum in spring and more recently to the Science Museum. These trips have been exciting opportunities for us all to be exposed to relevant learning in new and unfamiliar contexts. World Book Day was a real highlight and it allowed us all to share our favourite texts and characters inspiring each other to read and uncover new books. Our Winter Show, Michaelmas Mouse, was a real highlight allowing everyone to showcase their amazing talent for the stage. We recently had the privilege to perform at the Hackney Dance Festival where we performed a West African dance routine. We think we can all agree (teachers and parents) on how proud we are of everyone's diligence and determination in both the curriculum and during our amazing excursions!

Finally, a thank you to all our parent helpers and volunteers this year who have assisted us on trips, going to swimming and outdoor adventures! *Ms Clarke & Mr McDonald, Y3 Class Teachers*

Year 1



It has been a fantastic year in Year 1. All the children have made good progress and grown in confidence and independence. There are so many highlights to choose from but here are just a few. Our buzzing bee workshop at the Garden Classroom, our spectacular seaside workshop at the Museum of Childhood and delightful dressing up for Science day. *Ms Andrew & Ms Khatun, Y1 Class Teachers*

Asteroid Class



Looking at the class picture from our first day in Asteroid class, it makes me so proud to think about how hard the children have worked this year (as well as how much they have grown!). I have loved teaching and providing numerous real life experiences for the children to explore and learn from, resulting in the class becoming curious and inquisitive learners. It has always been a pleasure

teaching in Reception, especially when you see children independently apply something you have taught them previously, be it writing their name for the first time or counting objects to 10. I have enjoyed watching the children become more confident in themselves by developing their own friendships, sense of self and learning opportunities. *Ms Shiels, YR Class Teacher*



Cosmos Class



This year at Halley House I have loved getting to know such a funny, intelligent and kind group of children. In Outdoor Adventures they have embraced nature with vigour and demonstrated definition of originality and resourcefulness, always making something amazing, from such simple things. They continue to surprise me with their wit, enthusiasm and knowledge every day both regarding to their learning and the world around them. As a Year 2 team we have endeavoured to ensure our curriculum helps the children develop practical skills and independence, notably making Samuel Peypys' burned black bread and biscuits in our pyjamas! It has been fantastic to watch them become reflective, self-aware and confident people with informed and interesting opinions. As a year group their team work and leadership skills have excelled and I have loved seeing how they care and support each other. They have taught me so much about the sort of teacher I want to be and how always find the joy in every opportunity that presents itself. It has been an honour seeing them grow into fantastic learners and leaders, who are more than ready to succeed in Key Stage 2. *Ms Muir, Y2 Class Teacher*

Comet Class

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year teaching at Halley House, particularly being back in the creative world of reception. The children have been what has made my year; with their inquisitive natures, enthusiasm for learning and real sense of adventure! We have had so much fun and I am so proud of everything that the children have achieved. Thank you Comet Class, you have been amazing! *Ms Ashley, YR Class Teacher*



As a teacher, watching the performances that children put on are always a highlight for me and this has certainly been the case at Halley House. I have been lucky enough to teach ukulele club and accompany them to a performance in front of other schools. The Christmas show took a massive amount of teamwork, organisation and practice from both staff and children and was a fantastic success. I have also enjoyed bringing performance into the classroom in lessons, including English and PSHE, as well as watching the classes dramatically re-enact scenes from the Great Fire of London. Performances like these allow children to think artistically, overcome nerves and enjoy the feeling that comes with expressing themselves creatively in front of others. Another highlight has been leading singing assemblies on Wednesday mornings. Singing is always a fantastic way to start the day and throwing some actions in the mix really helps everyone to have an energetic start to the day as well! The photos I have chosen illustrate the concentration involved in learning African drumming rhythms, the freedom of expression captured in drama during outdoor adventures, and the last minute practice (and perhaps mild panic!) before hitting the stage at the ukulele festival. *Mr Challens, Y2 Class Teacher*

Year 2

We have had an amazing year in Year 2! We have worked hard not only in our classroom but on trips and in our weekly outdoor adventure sessions. This has brought our learning to life and given our learning a real life context and purpose. The exceptional specialist teachers has enabled us to put on outstanding performances, build our confidence and develop new skills. I have loved seeing our children develop not only academically but as people throughout this year.
Ms Foster, Y2 Class Teacher



| DIARY DATES | |
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| Summer 2 | |
| Tuesday 2nd July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Morning – all year groups |
| Wednesday 3rd July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – YR trip to Discovery Centre • Annual reports sent home |
| Thursday 4th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Y3 trip to British Museum • Comet Class Assembly, 9-9.15am |
| Friday 5th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day |
| Saturday 6th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHS Summer Fete, 2-5pm |
| Monday 8th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Behaviour Trip, Trampolining |
| Tuesday 9th July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT – Y1 Behaviour Trip, Trampolining |

| Autumn 1 2019 | |
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| Monday 2nd September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day. Children not in school. |
| Tuesday 3rd September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day. Children not in school. |
| Wednesday 4th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Autumn 1 for all. • New Reception children start at 9.15am. • Reception children finish at 12 noon • Breakfast Club Starts Y1-Y4 • ASC Free flow sessions, including Aftercare for Y1-Y4 |
| Thursday 5th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club starts for Y1-Y4 |
| Monday 9th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club open to all • Reception children finish at 1pm this week |
| Monday 16th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Extended Services commence, including After School Clubs • Reception children in all day |
| Friday 27th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macmillan Coffee Morning, all welcome, 9.00-10.30am |