



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We are racing towards the halfway point of the year and are enjoying a productive Spring term to date, with lots going on in all our year groups. We were delighted to recently receive a prize for our 'Let's Count' activities and display and are looking forward to putting these funds and our FOHH fundraising towards new resources for our children, notably in our library space and for PE/sports equipment. Thank you to our whole community for contributing to our ongoing development as a school; we are hugely appreciative! One of our regular volunteers was also recognised by our Y4 children for his contributions to school life; many of our activities simply wouldn't be able to go ahead without your support, so thank you! Please also do let me know if you would like to contribute to our Review in February as part of a parent discussion group.

*Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

**Reception:** We are learning about Chinese New Year this week! Can you design your own Chinese New Year dragon and write which materials you would like to use?



**Year 1:** In Science we have been talking about the properties of materials. Can you test which materials at home are soft, rigid, transparent and waterproof?

**Year 2:** In Computing we are learning about uses of IT outside of school. How many pieces of computer technology can you find in your home? What do you use each of them for?

**Year 3** Please refer to your child's homework passport

**Year 4** Please refer to your child's homework passport

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	13 <sup>th</sup> January		20 <sup>th</sup> January	
Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	95.8%	98.9%	95.7%	98.9%
Eclipse	95.0%	98.0%	95.0%	98.1%
Quasar	96.6%	98.6%	96.6%	98.6%
Galaxy	96.3%	98.4%	96.0%	98.4%
Hawking	97.3%	98.4%	97.3%	95.4%
Herschel	96.1%	95.5%	95.9%	95.4%
Einstein	95.6%	97.3%	95.0%	97.4%

Well done to Hawking for their good attendance two weeks in a row! Attendance for all classes was above 95%, which is a good achievement, although we are still aspiring to be above 96.5% across the school so there's still room for improvement!

### ★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

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	17/01/2020		24/01/2020	
Reception				
Comet	Selah	Nael	Jahmore	Yedaiah
Eclipse	Ezra	Kian	Tazio	Oscar
Quasar	Demi	Kian	Artemas	
Galaxy	Kush	Josiah		
Hawking	Maryam	Mon' Ay	Martha	Demarrio
Herschel	Ava	Victoria	Isaiah	Kauthar
Einstein	Oscar	Anna	Alanna	Hailey

Well done to everyone for being such good role models by showing our school values and trying your best!

## Extended Schools stars of the week

Club	Child's Name
Lego	Kairon
Across all Clubs	Abiel
Irish Dancing	Darcey
Aftercare	Isabelle
Aftercare	Eleigh
Aftercare	Oscar
Street Dance	Cavalli
Street Dance	Leah
Drama	Alanna
Science	Iman

## Power for Good staff awards

Every week a different year group nominates adults around the school who use their 'Power for Good.' Adults with the most nominations receive their certificates as part of our weekly celebration assembly, and all adults who receive a nomination get a copy of the form so they can see in which ways children have recognised their contributions. This week it is Y2's turn again, followed by Y1 and then Reception.



Year 4 nominations (17/01/20)	<b>Sam and Michael</b> (Olivia and Leon's dad)
Year 3 nominations (24/01/20)	<b>Jo, Katanya and Connie</b>

## Collaboration with The Wickers Charity

We are delighted to inform you that we are continuing our close partnership with The Wickers charity into 2020. We will have several volunteers with us throughout the week. All volunteers are currently undertaking teaching assistant training and we are delighted to have them at Halley House. The volunteers will help children with their learning, outside play and act as role models. Please do introduce yourself in the playground!



## 'Let's Count! Day' Success

Following our extremely successful 'Let's Count! Day' we are delighted to announce that Halley House has been placed as an area runner up. There was significant competition but the engagement of our children, mathematical understanding and contextual learning were noted by the judges. We have £100 to spend on school resources.



## Science Fair Poster Competition

We are very excited to announce that our second Science Fair at Halley House will be taking place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme this year is 'Our Diverse Planet'. To ensure that everybody is aware of the Science Fair, we will be holding a competition of the most engaging, eye-catching and informative poster. The staff at Halley House will vote for the best poster which will then be showcased around the school. Please ensure that the date and the theme is included on the poster. The size of the poster must be A3.



The deadline for poster submissions is **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. The posters can be handed to Ms Khatun at the beginning or at the end of the school day. Any questions, please feel free to ask Ms Khatun.

## Absence Reporting

Please remember to inform the school office if your child is going to be absent from school failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence mark. If your child is off sick for more than three days you will need to provide medical evidence this can be in the form of a doctors note of prescription.

## Year 1 Zoo Lab Visit

Zoo Lab visited and the children were able to get hands on with a variety of animals! The experience was greatly enjoyed and the children were able to show off their classification knowledge and vocabulary putting the animals into groups including reptiles and amphibians.



## Age appropriate content

Please remain vigilant that children are not able to access the internet without adult supervision. It is also very important that we are attentive to the age rating on films, video games and TV programmes being watched by and around children, so they are not being exposed to content inappropriate for their age. Often, they pick up more than we expect or realise! Please remind family friends and members of the extended family about this too. We very much appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding staying safe online or appropriate content please speak to your class teacher or pop into the office.

## Brand new Irish Dance Class!

Halley House School, 52 – 58 Arcola St, Hackney, E8 2DJ  
Every Tuesday from 5-6pm. Please see attached information in this week's newsletter.



### NSPCC Number Day

We will be participating in the annual NSPCC Number Day event on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The children will be taking part in fun mathematical activities throughout the day. Children and staff will also be coming to school in their best maths-based costumes. Previous ideas have included wearing a tutu to represent a 2:2, drawing your favourite numbers on a t-shirt or dressing up as your favourite mathematician. Don't forget your £2 donations for this extremely worthwhile cause. Please do come and speak to Ms Foster if you have any questions!



### School Parliament

This week School Parliament met to share our reasons for standing for election and what we would like to change in the school. A particularly inspiring one was from Freddie in Year 3. *'I wanted to be on School Parliament so I can be part of something bigger'*. We discussed the importance of democracy and our role representing our classes and school. Next week we will be voting members onto select committees and starting to investigate what the school is doing well and gather suggestions for development.



### Reception at Aziziye Mosque

Last Monday we visited Aziziye Mosque in Stoke Newington as part of our religious education curriculum. We were shown around the wonderfully beautiful mosque and told about some of the special areas and objects, such as the Koran, the Imam, the prayer beads and the Minbar. We were also told about some of the practices that happen before and during prayer times, such as washing your hands and feet and facing towards Mecca. As usual all the children were attentive, respectful and made us very proud. Well done everyone.



### Y1 Purple Mash

A 'to do' has been set on Purple Mash. Please support your child in completing the activity which will further consolidate their knowledge of o'clock and half past.



### Team GB Athlete – and circuits!

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, we had a fantastic visit from former Team GB athlete Luke Lennon-Ford. This was organised by Sports Champions and Mr Challens. Luke gave an assembly talking to all of the children about his background and how he got into athletics. He also spoke about his achievements and his proudest moments, even showing the children a race in which he earned a silver medal. All year groups then took part in a workout circuit which got everyone moving! Along with Sports Champions we had a target to raise £400 across all year groups. We managed to smash that target by raising an amazing £642! Well done everyone!

### Join our Twitter page

Please feel free to join our Twitter feed by searching for @HalleyHouseSch. We try to add content weekly to show some of the exciting things going on around school!



### YouTube - changes to kids' content

Due to increased criticism (and fines levied on them), YouTube is making some big changes to comply with the law. In part, targeted ads will be banned along with push notifications. This is a game changer, especially for those who create content for kids and make money via those channels. You can read a little more on the BBC Newsround article here – <http://bit.ly/ditto22-7> Or you can see the original YouTube video explaining the changes in more detail here <http://bit.ly/ditto22-8>

### Double Parking Outside school

Please can parents/carers not double park to drop off or pick up children for school. The road outside is quite narrow and double parking causes the potential for accidents and endangering the lives of the children walking along the pavements as other drivers swerve to avoid parked cars. There is usually space on the side roads around the school for a safer drop-off if you absolutely cannot avoid travelling by car. Thank you.



### Strings Club

Strings Club will be running again during this half term. All Halley House children are entitled to a free day so please do sign up for some musical holiday fun! Please see the attached information for further details.



## FOHH Update

Hello from the FOHH team!

We wanted to let you know how your hard earned money is being used by the school in partnership with the FOHH team.

Our main focus has been the library and new PE equipment for our fantastic kids. A huge amount of beautiful new books - our dream list of titles - have started to be delivered to Halley House this week and are currently being inputted into our Accelerated Reader library system so they can be read and enjoyed as soon as possible! The ongoing transformation of the library is well underway, thanks to all of the recent



fantastic fundraising. The bespoke shelving to house all these beautiful books is into phase 3 of the build; parents and carers are working tirelessly and at weekends to get them built and varnished. A special mention to Saskia and Jonas (Hannah and Jasper, Y1) for leading the vision on this. Please do pop your head in to have a look - and please let a committee member know if you want to help in any way. The next stage is the decoration of the space so hopefully it will be the 'wow' transformation we've all been working towards....really soon. Watch this space for ongoing updates and THANK YOU to everyone for making this possible for our children.

Thanks to the success of the Winter workshop we have a decent pot of money for exciting new PE equipment. We are in the process of agreeing a wish list with the school and very soon we expect the children to be buzzing around all the new cool pieces of equipment they get to use.



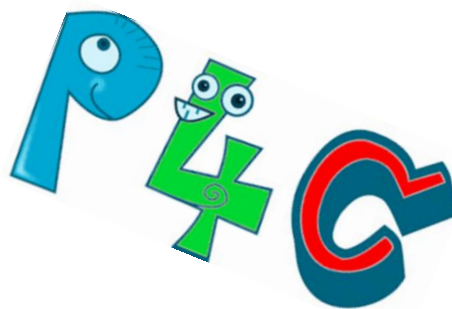
Our next FOHH meeting is at 9am on Friday 7th February. It's been great to meet new parents that have been coming along. Please do keep that going. If you haven't been to a meeting before and you have some time on a Friday morning please do come along. We welcome all ideas and everyone along. It is an open door policy. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would still like to know other ways that you can get involved please do speak to a committee member. We are always on the lookout for fundraising idea and more volunteers!



Have a great week all!





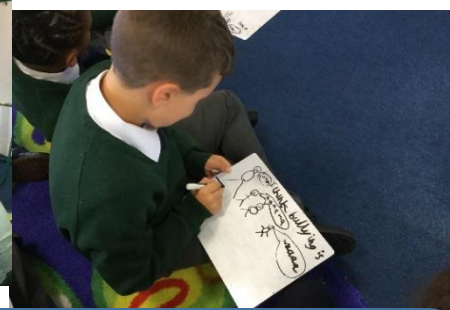
Year 1 discussing whether there are toys that are for girls or boys only.



Year 2 thinking about arguments for and against the use of flying machines.



Reception learning how to make friends and help each other in school.



Year 3 role playing about bullying and how we can help to solve it in our school community.

DIARY DATES	
Spring 1 2020	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	• TRIP/VISIT - Y3 Trip to Mirror Maze, Olympic Park
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	• TRIP/VISIT - Y3 rearranged trip to Azizye Mosque
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	• Dental hygiene assembly
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	• Adviser Visit, Adam Franklin, 8.30-10.30am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	• Writing Weeks start
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	• Ms Jo's last day!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	• NSPCC Number Day – dress up and make a £2 donation to the NSPCC • Adviser Visit, Rose Ferguson, 8.30-10.30am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	• Safer Internet Day • BPET Learning Review Day 1
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	• BPET Learning Review Day 2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	• Crazy Hair Day! • End of Spring 1. School finishes at 3.45pm; ASC run as normal.
Spring 2 2020	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	• First day of Spring 2. All Extended School provision running as normal • TRIP/VISIT Y3 Guildhall Art Gallery
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	• Swimming lessons resume for Y2 and Y3
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	• Swimming lessons resume for Y4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	• Adviser Visit, Helen Cooper, 8.30-10.30am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	• World Book Day! Dress as a book character and donate £2 to our library fund!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	• Happy School Bag collection – don't forget to donate your items!
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	• TRIP/VISIT - Y4 Prehistoric Britain
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	• TRIP/VISIT - YR Freightliners Farm • Science Fair - ALL
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	• TRIP/VISIT - Y4 Tate Britain
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	• Comic/Sports Relief Day • TRIP/VISIT – ALL, Sports4Schools professional athlete visit
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	• Parent E-Safety Workshops from Hackney Prevent Team, 9am and 5pm – all parents to attend!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	• FOHH School Disco!
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	• End of Spring 2, school finishes at 2pm.