

Newsletter

Monday 10th February 2020

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have already reached the final week of Spring 1, and as we head into the half term break it is a great opportunity for us to reflect on everything we have accomplished this academic year, as well as prepare for what lies ahead! As part of this process, we have our Learning Review this week, which is a developmental peer review undertaken by staff from other Trust schools considering what we already do well and what we could do even better in line with our school and Trust priorities. Thank you to those parents who have already indicated they can come along on Wednesday morning to talk to the review team if you would like to be involved please just let me know! Tomorrow is Safer Internet Day – do keep an eye out for our upcoming parent workshops too (including prizes to be won!) Have a restful half term break when it arrives.

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception: Last week the children learnt about grouping and sharing! Collect a variety of objects, how can your child group the objects? How can they share the objects? How are they going to ensure that the groups are of equal size?





Year 1: We have learnt lots about animals and UK geography this half term. Can you create a mind map to show all you've learnt?

Year 2: In science we have been learning about "inventions" - Can you design an invention to help improve an appliance at home.

Year 3 Please refer to your child's homework passport

Year 4 Please refer to your child's homework passport

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	27 th January		3 rd February	
Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	97.9%	99.3%	99.7%	98.6%
Eclipse	96.7%	97.8%	97.5%	96.2%
Quasar	96,8%	97.9%	98.8%	97.2%
Galaxy	95.9%	98.6%	99.3%	99.0%
Hawking	96.7%	97.9%	97.3%	98.6%
Herschel	96.0%	95.8%	98.7%	95.5%
Einstein	95.7%	92.9%	97.1%	94.9%

Well done to Comet for their very good attendance two weeks in a row and to all classes for w/b 3rd February for being at 97%+ for attendance! We also had some great punctuality scores across the school so do keep it up!



values and trying your best!

Extended schools Star of the week

ASC	Childs Name	
Multi Sports	Jahmil	
Across all ASC	Kelis	

Power for Good staff awards



Year 2 nominations (31/01/20)	Sam and Tracey	
Year 1 nominations (07/02/20)	Can and Amanda	

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 11th February) aims to create both a



safer and a better internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. The campaign aims to reach out to children and young people, parents and carers, teachers, educators and social workers, as well as industry, decision makers and politicians, to encourage everyone to play their part in creating a better internet. We held our school assembly on Monday and are doing various different activities in class to make us more aware of what our online presence says about us. *Please look at the attachments to this newsletter for ideas about how you can help at home.*

Year 1 Reading Books



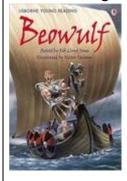
The phonics texts sent home on a Friday are for your children to share their amazing reading with you, with sounds that they have been

practicing in school. Unfortunately, a number of children are coming to school without returning these texts, meaning that on some weeks there



are not enough books for every child to take home. Please ensure that these books are returned to school **every Friday**. Thank you.

Year 3 - Writing Week



Since Monday the 3rd of February, Year 3 have been studiously reading and re-telling our new focus text Beowulf. Based on the famed epic poem this text presents a familiar story suitable for a younger age group. It is an exciting tale of heroism, bravery and vanquishing evil. In the coming week the pupils in Year 3 will be writing their own

versions of this story. We can't wait to see what exciting monsters their heroes must battle!

Year 3 trips

Year 3 had an adventurous week last week where we visited the Mirror Maze at the Olympic Park and a mosque visit based in Shackwell Lane. At the Mirror Maze, children had the opportunity to explore the maze and discuss the purpose of it. In partners, one person had to hide within the maze and the other child had to find them using the reflection of the mirrors. It was quite confusing as there were too many mirrors! We also visited a beautiful mosque in our local area — Azizye

Mosque. This was part of our RE curriculum. We had learned about the features of a mosque in class and it was a great opportunity to explore a mosque and understand how Muslims pray.



Science Day and Science Dress-up

We are excited to announce that Halley House will be carrying out a **STEM Day** on Friday 6th March. We will be carrying out exciting tasks in every year group where they will be exploring each section of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We have successfully booked a workshop visit, where children will be doing drama-based activities. The workshop has provided each year group a theme. This links to our **Science Day Dress-Up** where children will dress according to their year group theme. Please find your child's year group theme below:

Reception – Local Environment

Year 1 – Freshwater

Year 2 - African Savanna

Year 3 - Oceans

Year 4 - Mountainous Regions

If you have questions or need any ideas, please feel free to ask Ms Khatun in Y3!

Trips and Visits

As you all know we strongly rely on parent contributions to facilitate our offsite visits. Whilst public transport and entrance to Museum & Galleries are free our children often receive a workshop, which has an associated cost and the school must pay in advance at the point of booking. There is a real danger of future visits being cancelled – we are rightly proud of our extensive trip offer and would like to continue to offer the exciting range of experiences for all our children to enjoy! Any contributions you are able to make are hugely appreciated.

Extended Schools' bookings:

Please ensure that you are booking into breakfast club and aftercare through your school's buddy accounts. This allows us to ensure that the we have the correct adult to children ratios.

Year 1 Geography



We have been investigating the rivers and seas around the UK in our classes. Over the past two weeks, we have focused our learning on the River

Thames! Both classes have been busy creating information booklets about the Thames including which animals and landmarks are near the river. We also included some interesting facts in our booklets: 'the water we drink from our taps comes from the River

Thames' (Amalya), 'there are over 100 different species of fish' (Grace) and 'there are several islands within the River Thames!' (Akira).



Reception - Maths Masters!

For the last two weeks we have been learning about equal groups. We practised counting in equal groups of 2, 5 and 10 and then solved a variety of 'sharing' problems, exploring how we could allocate cookies, gold coins and diamonds equally. The children really enjoyed singing along to some cool 'number rap' songs and were brilliant at reasoning about how to share fairly.





Watch the counting rap here!

Train to Teach information event



Primary Advantage is hosting a free information session about the different routes into teaching and the application

processes. Enquiries from members of our local Hackney community are particularly welcome. The UCAS window is open for places in September 2020, and this information session offers impartial information to anyone interested in finding out more about routes into teaching.

St. John the Baptist Primary School, Crondall Street, N1 6JG. Thursday, 13 February 2020. Sessions at 2.45pm to 3.15pm or 3.45pm to 4.15pm. Please book <u>here</u>.

Year 1 - Our Favourite Books!

This week the children of Eclipse Class created their very own book spines, choosing their own favourite books from a variety of authors. It was amazing to see the different Authors



that the children knew of and the huge variety of books that are being read by everyone! The children then discussed as a group why they chose each book and it was wonderful hearing what they could recall from each story, giving their peers a small glimpse of books that they then went on to suggest everyone go and read!

NSPCC Number day

Children kids dressed up in some fantastic number costumes. We chose a child from each class who had the most inspiring number costume and the lovely Freya from Year 2 won with her lucky number 7 outfit. Freya was very happy with the prize she received from Mr Oxford. We raised an amazing £154.52!



Do you know who all of these numbers belonged to?



Music update!

The Music Department has had a really exciting start to Spring Term 1, with a fabulous new cohort of guitar, keyboard and drum students. We're so impressed by the musical talent at Halley House, and in addition to learning foundation and theory for their instruments, all students in their instrumental lessons are working towards learning a song that they will perform as a group! Watch this space!



FOHH Update

Hello from the FOHH team!



Recycled Uniform



Happy last week before the half term. If, like many of us, you've noticed your child's clothing getting shorter and tighter and you need to update a few key pieces of uniform before the weather changes don't forget that we

have a fully functioning recycled uniform shop. We have a range of options at a fraction of the price. As you know recycled/pre-owned clothing is also amazing for the environment and even better for the school's enrichment fund. So wins all around. Please note that if we do not have your preferred size in when you enquire do check back in with us a few weeks later.

We'd love for more people to use the service, so if you're in need of uniform items please do consider our shop - you can find us on the uniform section of

Halley House site (under Recycled Uniform). If you need assistance in finding an item, feel free to email Tal (Amalya y1) drorister@gmail.com.

In addition, we want to encourage everyone to contribute uniform you're no longer in need of. At the moment we're especially after blazers and coats in larger sizes (year 2 and above), but any contribution would be really welcome.

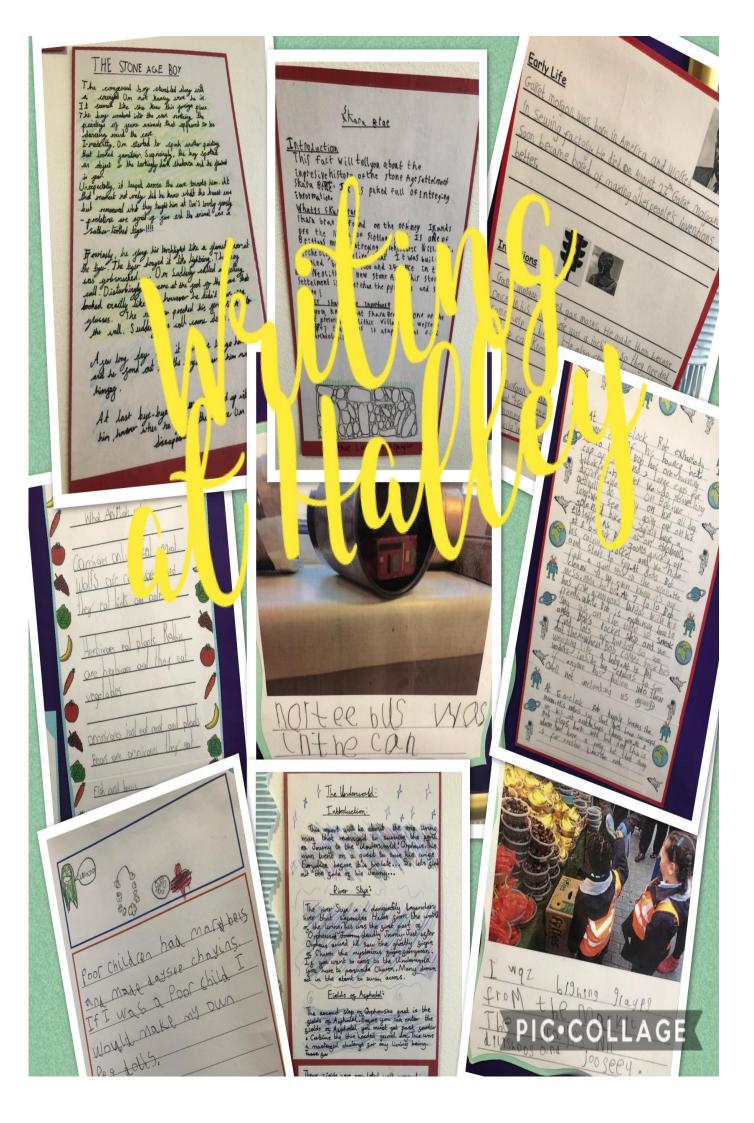
Please note, we take only items in very good condition (with no or very little signs of wear).

Reminder

On Friday 14 February - it is crazy hair day! Please send your children into school with crazy hair. I can hear some of you fretting for ideas but fear not, there are a number of easy ways to take part - suggestions below; hair accessories, ribbons, clips, hats, bandanas, rainbow hair spray, hair glitter, head bands, flowers, wigs, clip in ponytails, caps, t-shirts (worn as wigs - we've all be there!). Anything fun that can be worn on your head. A contribution of £2 is welcome but not an absolute. Everyone is welcome to take part in the fun.



Have a great week all!



DIARY DATES	
Spring 1 2020	
Monday 10 th February	• TRIP/VISIT Y3 British Museum
	• Y4 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
	BPET Learning Review Day 1
Wednesday 12 th February	BPET Learning Review Day 2
Wednesday 12 Febluary	 No swimming lessons for Y2 and Y3 this week (lessons resume after half term
Thursday 13 th February	• No swimming lessons for Y4 this week (lessons resume after half term)
- • • • • • • •	• Crazy Hair Day!
Friday 14 th February	• End of Spring 1. School finishes at 3.45pm; ASC run as normal.
Spring 2 2020	
Monday 24 th February	First day of Spring 2. All Extended School provision running as normal
•	TRIP/VISIT Y3 Guildhall Art Gallery
Wednesday 26 th February	Swimming lessons resume for Y2 and Y3
Thursday 27 th February	• Swimming lessons resume for Y4
Friday 28 th February	• Adviser Visit, Helen Cooper, 8.30-10.30am
Wednesday 4 th March	• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day! Dress as a book character and donate £2 to our library fund
Friday 6 th March	• STEM Day
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Monday 9 th March	 Happy School Bag collection – don't forget to donate your items!
Tuseday 10 th March	• TRIP/VISIT - Y4 Prehistoric Britain
Friday 12th March	TRIP/VISIT - YR Freightliners Farm
Friday 13 th March	Science Fair - ALL
Wednsday 18 th March	• TRIP/VISIT - Y4 Tate Britain
Friday 20 th March	Comic/Sports Relief Day TRIP///ISIT ALL Sports/Schools professional athlete visit
	TRIP/VISIT – ALL, Sports4Schools professional athlete visit Parent E Safety Workshops from Haskney Brownt Team, Oam and Enm., all
Monday 23 rd March	 Parent E-Safety Workshops from Hackney Prevent Team, 9am and 5pm – all parents to attend!
Friday 27 th March	• FOHH School Disco!
Friday 3 rd April	• End of Spring 2, school finishes at 2pm.
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