



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

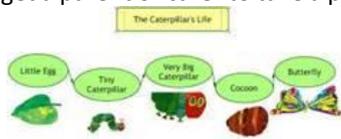
Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We have already got straight back into the swing of things, with trips and visits in full flow as usual! There are also a number of parent workshops coming up, including our annual E-Safety workshop for all parents on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are 2 sessions, morning and afternoon, and we strongly encourage all parents to attend one – you may also win a prize! The sessions this year are run by the Hackney Prevent Team and promise to be hugely informative; do come along. In this edition we have a number of updates relating to staffing and our site, so do read on to find out more. Contributions from both our FOHH group and Local Advisory Board (LAB) will also feature in our next newsletter to keep you updated with what's happening around the school!

*Claire Syms*

### Monday Missions

#### Reception:

Last week we learnt all about the lifecycle of a caterpillar! Can you draw and label a picture to show how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly? Remember to bring your wonderful pictures in to show your class or get a parent or carer to take a picture and put it on ILD!



#### Year 1 :

In history, we have been learning about Neil Armstrong and his achievements. Can you create a timeline of his life?

#### Year 2: Ms Muir says

$$1/2 = 2/4$$

Is she correct? How many ways can you prove it?

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

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

### Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	10 <sup>th</sup> February		24 <sup>th</sup> February	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	95.0%	99.6%	88.2%	99.3%
Eclipse	96.7%	100%	97.1%	98.75
Quasar	100%	100%	88.4%	100%
Galaxy	97.9%	100%	95.9%	99.3%
Hawking	97.3%	98.7%	92.6%	98.5%
Herschel	91.3%	99.3%	83.0%	98.5%
Einstein	98.2%	100%	96.8%	100%

Well done to Quasar, Eclipse and Einstein for reaching 100% on either attendance or punctuality (or both!) Our Spring attendance to date has been much higher than in previous years so thank you to all our families for making such a concerted effort to ensure children are in every day and on time!

### ★ ★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	14/02/2020		28/02/2020	
<b>Reception</b>				
Comet	Karter	Archie R	Zayn	Zachary
Eclipse	Wilfred	Nanfel	Amalya	Hannah
Quasar	Grace	Ayyub	Marayo	Kaliyah
Galaxy	Samuel	Malachi	Kayden	Zion-levi
<b>Hawking</b>				
Hawking	Theo	Yen	Isla	Ela B
Herschel	Tiannah	Elizabeth	Mya	Joshua
Einstein	Jahzara	Jayden	Ta'kai	Yvonne

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

## Staffing update

We are delighted to share that Ms Shiels is expecting her first child! Ms Shiels' baby is due in August and she is hoping to be with us right up to the end of this academic year before commencing her maternity leave. Amanda is hoping to return to Halley during the next academic year, in the Spring or Summer term. We are sure you would like to join us in passing on huge congratulations to Ms Shiels and wishing her all the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy (and of course beyond!) We will keep families updated with staffing plans for next year over the coming weeks.



## Extended schools Star of the week

ASC	Child's Name
Lego	Kairan
Street Dance	Oscar
Multi sports	Orlando
Clay club	Maya, Farrah, Theo, Ela B, Rio, Emir
Ukulele	Iman, Enya

## Power for Good staff awards

Year R nominations (14/02/20)	<b>Natasha and Sasha</b>
Year 4 nominations (07/02/20)	<b>Jennifer and Lola</b>



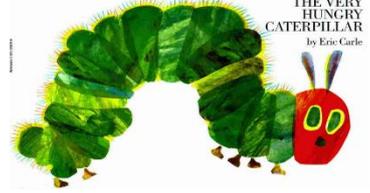
## Eco Bricks

As part of our Zero Waste project, we are asking all children to fill an 'eco brick' of non-recyclable/harder to recycle plastic (packaging such as crisp packets and chocolate bar wrappers amongst lots of other things). The brick should be an empty, dry 2-litre plastic bottle and the contents need to be packed in as tightly as possible so that the bottle can withstand a person's weight without buckling! We are aiming to take as much plastic out of circulation as possible, and will create some fantastic, artistic structures and installations from our completed bricks. Please bring any completed bricks into school. Classes will also be constructing eco bricks in school – the eco challenge is on! Have a look at the helpful graphic below for what to do!



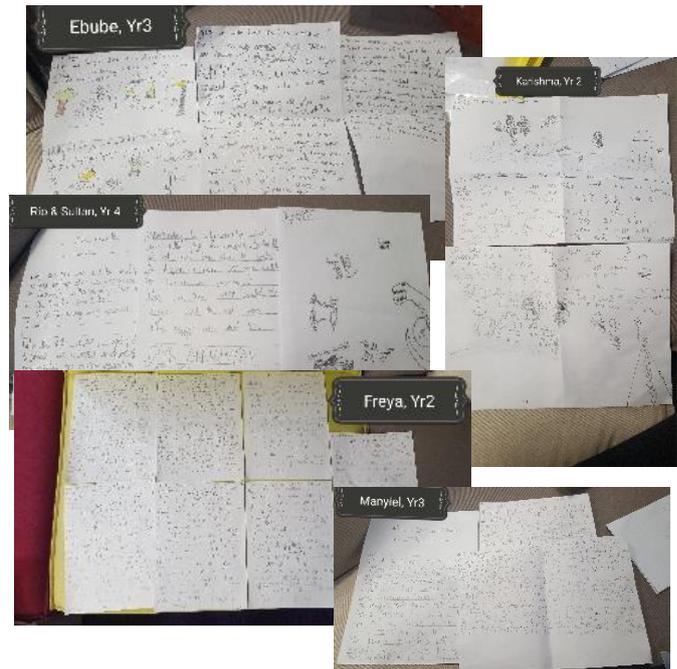
## Lifecycles

Reception began their new topic this week – lifecycles. We read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and observed a caterpillar's different stages of growth and metamorphosis using time lapse videos. Some of the children chose to look for butterfly eggs and caterpillars at Butterfield Green during our Outdoor Adventures session, but after a while of searching to no avail we felt that it might still be a little too cold... maybe we will have better luck next week! We also had some very interesting P4C conversations, where we were trying to decide which came first, the caterpillar or the butterfly? Some great discussion and reasoning work from everyone. Well done Reception!



## Creative Writing club

In Creative Writing club the children have been working on writing their own stories using their great imaginations. Over the next few weeks Ms Sasha and Mr Can (Creative Writing club lead) will be typing up the children's fantastic stories and creating their very own books to take home including their amazing illustrations too. Well done to all creative writing club children! Here are some examples of the children's work so far.



## Happy School Bag Collection

Remember to bring in your clean and reusable clothes, bags and accessories for recycling this week – the company will be coming to collect next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. The more bags we collect, the more money raised for the school so don't miss the opportunity for a thorough spring clean! Thank you for all the bags brought in so far!



### Playground rota

Our new playground rota has been a great success at lunchtime, ensuring that there is more space in the playground and that all children are getting a chance to do a range of different activities.

### Forest School

Year 3 have been extremely creative in their Forest School group over the past few weeks. The children have implemented their knowledge of Ancient Greeks and have been exploring a variety of natural resources which were then used to re-create their own version of Greek gods and Greek temples! The children also worked in groups to role play the stories from the Greek Myths book, which we've been reading in literacy, such as Orpheus and Eurydice and Twelve Tasks of Heracles. Ask your child to retell their favourite at home!

### Science Day and Science Dress-up

We are excited that Halley House will be holding a **STEM Day** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 in all year groups will be doing a range of activities. Each year group has been given a theme for the day, which links to our **Science Day Dress-Up**. Please find your child's year group theme and ideas below:



**Reception** – Local Environment (*habitats that are common in Hackney, trees, a bumblebee*)

**Year 1** – Freshwater (*pond, frog, pondweed*)

**Year 2** – African Savanah (*zebra, cheetah, lions*)

**Year 3** – Oceans (*jellyfish, starfish, scuba diver, plastic bottle – to demonstrate the effect of plastic in the ocean*)

**Year 4** – Mountainous Regions (*hiker, mountain goat, brown bear*)

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

### Science Fair

Our HHS Science Fair is taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and we are very excited to see all the participants' projects! If you would still like to participate in the science fair, please inform Ms Khatun so that we can prepare and set-up the hall to allow pupils to clearly demonstrate their project. Our inaugural Fair was hugely popular last year and we are looking forward to building on our successes!

### Enterprising Y3s!

Our Y3 children have decided they would like to offer Henna to our school community, every Tuesday starting from this week at the cost of £2 per design per child (or adult!). This is on first come first serve basis from 3:45-4:30pm in the playground. If you have any questions please speak to the Y3 Team!

### Learning Review

Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to our recent Learning Review, just before the half term break. The feedback was incredibly positive, with development points aligned to what we are currently working on as a school. A summary of some of the points from the report are as follows:



#### Some key strengths:

- *Consistency in behaviour across the school*
- *Learning environments are consistent – warm, inviting, vibrant.*
- *Evidence of language/dialogue being focused upon – key vocabulary being shared and discussed*
- *Pupil dialogue is embedded within the classrooms, and actively used by all.*
- *Pupils are given adequate time to think and discuss*
- *Strong relationships between staff and pupils in addition to a strong, collaborative staff team*
- *Pupils work well together, are respectful of each other's contributions.*
- *Parents are supportive of the school.*

#### Next steps:

- *More opportunities for pupils to ask questions for themselves and of each other.*
- *Increased use of 'working walls' alongside celebratory displays in classrooms*
- *Continue to develop new feedback policy to ensure clear to all and consistently applied*

### Tuck shop!

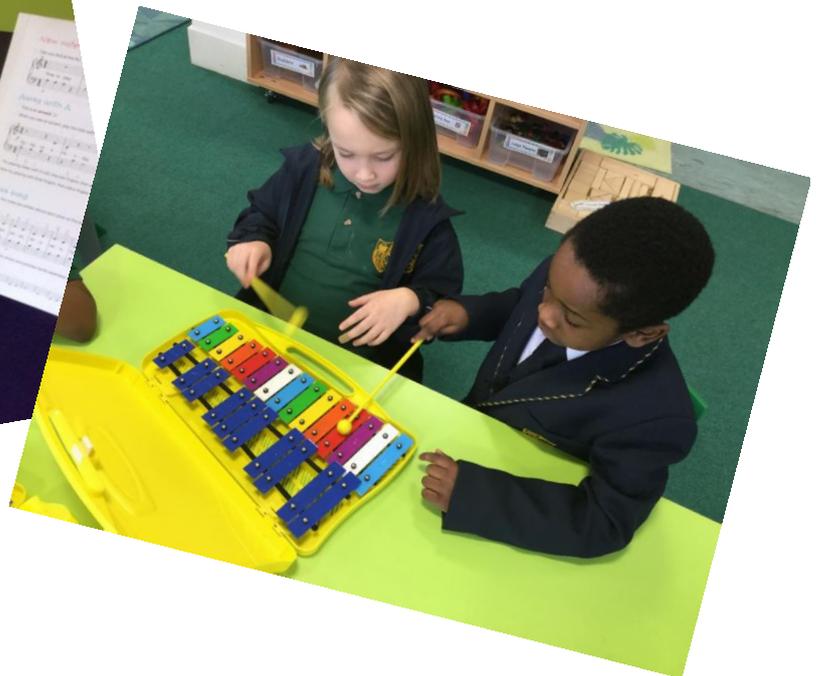
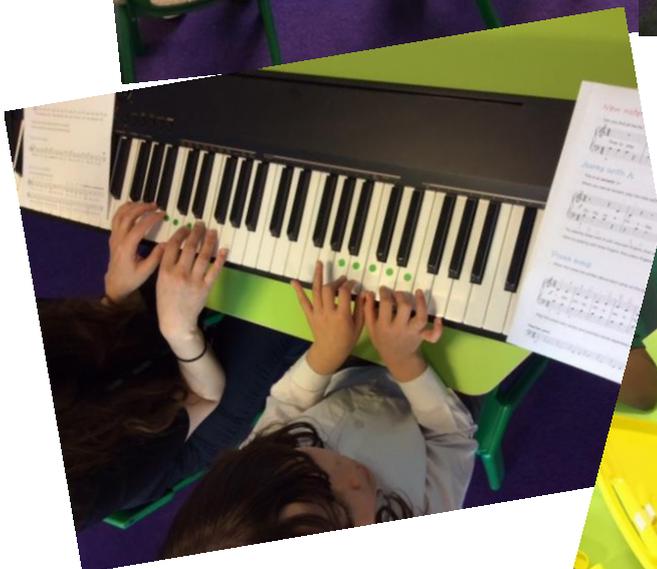
Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with the tuck shop – all proceeds go towards trips and equipment for the playground. Mac and Cheese will be on sale on the 27<sup>th</sup> March so please place all orders via the school office!

### Site usage and space

We are looking to create a second hall/gym space in the building on the second floor (removing a wall between our current play room, Solar, and the adjacent room, reconfiguring the space, and re-flooring it to ensure suitability for PE, gymnastics and indoor games). The room will be multi-purpose and, amongst other benefits, will provide the school with great opportunities to increase our sports offer both within curriculum time and during extended hours. We believe the larger communal space will improve provision across the school for all our children, and forms a component part of our ongoing approach to counteract restricted outdoor space on site. Further details, including fundraising and grant options, use of the space and renovation plans, will be shared with our community in due course. Parents and carers are encouraged to write any statements of support for the project to Ms Syms, as well as raise any questions or points for discussion.



Pupils from across the school have been having a go on a variety of musical instruments. Children have been taking part in guitar, drum and piano lessons as well as ukulele clubs. In lessons, Reception class have been experimenting with dynamics and tempo on their percussion instruments whilst Year 1 have been introduced to glockenspiels. Year 2 have been composing their own scores for flipbooks that they have made, Year 3 have been exploring the Garageband software on the i-pads and Year 4 are beginning to read notation using recorders. Perhaps it's time for a school orchestra to form soon!



Check out our amazing and creative hairstyles for **CRAZY HAIR DAY 2020!**



Thank you for your contributions, FOHH raised **£142.35!**

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>Spring 2 2020</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAB Meeting 6-8pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day! Dress as a book character and donate £2 to our library fund!</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM Day</li> <li>• Science Dress Up Day £3 to our science workshop (AS Creatives)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy School Bag collection – don't forget to donate your items!</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT - Y4 Prehistoric Britain</li> <li>• BPET Boys' Y3 Football Tournament, Watling Park</li> <li>• Dental Fluoride second application</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT - YR Freightliners Farm</li> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Y2 Museum of London</li> <li>• Science Fair, 4pm - All</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT - Y4 Tate Britain</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT- Y1 Royal Observatory (Planetarium)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comic/Sports Relief Day</li> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – ALL, Sports4Schools professional athlete visit</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent E-Safety Workshops from Hackney Prevent Team, 9am and 5pm – all parents to attend!</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOHH School Disco! (During school hours)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Drumming Performance (Y3/Y4 Parents only)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring in all completed Eco Bricks</li> <li>• End of Spring 2, school finishes at 2pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April-Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strings Club @ Halley House (during Easter holiday)</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 1 2020</b>	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of Summer 1. All Extended Schools provision resumes</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions September 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPET Girls' Y3 Football Tournament, AFC Wimbeldon</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP/VISIT – Y1 trip to Garden Classroom</li> <li>• Open Morning, Admissions September 2020, 9.15-10.15am</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kittle School Photographer in school</li> <li>• Writing Weeks start</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair opens</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPET Y4 Athletics competition, Parliament Hill athletics track</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hackney Half Marathon</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair closes</li> <li>• Outdoor Classroom day – all classes</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London History Day – dress up as a famous Londoner and donate £2 to our playground/site fund</li> </ul>