



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many of our families at our rearranged summer BBQ last weekend – there was such a sense of collective joy at being able to get together again! I think the smiles and laughter brought the sunshine for us, too! We have had some really lovely feedback from our families, and I would like to extend very sincere thanks to our wonderful outgoing FOHH committee who, with their usual grit, determination and good humour, helped us to reach our aspirational **£5000** fundraising target for our brand new sports hall space. What a phenomenal achievement – and SO appreciated by our children! Now is the time to put yourselves forward if you would like to pick up the FOHH Committee mantle – please do get in touch with the school so that we can continue planning our future events and confirm our next fundraising priorities!

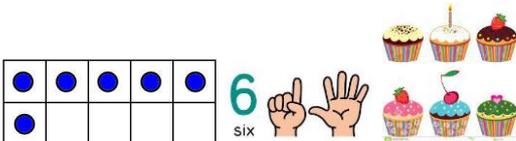
Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Reception The children have been working hard on learning their new letter sounds and are now beginning to hear sounds in words. Maybe you could play eye spy with a slight twist; instead of letter names you could use letter sounds. "Eye spy with my little eye, something that begins with the sound.... p (pen, peas, paper etc)

This week the children in Comet Class are also thinking about shapes. Go on a shape hunt around your home or on your way to school. What shapes can you spot? Maybe you will see a triangle on a road sign or a rectangle on your cereal box!

Year 1 We have been consolidating our knowledge for numbers within 10 and how we can represent these numbers. How many different ways can you represent the number 6? 8?



Year 2 In topic, we have had a great time learning about our body parts and our five senses! Can you draw and label as many body parts as you can? Name the five senses and describe what we use them for. We have also been learning about healthy eating and which plants or parts of a plant we can eat. Keep a food diary of all the plants you eat. What part of the plant were you eating?

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Ending	17/09/21		24/09/21	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Apollo	98.5%	98.5%	90.7%	90.7%
Comet	96.8%	98.4%	97.6%	98.4%
Eclipse	99.3%	99.3%	99.3%	98.6%
Galaxy	96.1%	96.1%	92.9%	92.9%
Hawking	99.2%	99.2%	96.0%	96.4%
Herschel	99.6%	99.2%	93.3%	94.2%
Einstein	93.0%	93.9%	97.4%	97.4%
Jemison	93.8%	94.2%	95.6%	97.2%
Johnson	79.4%	79.4%	85.9%	86.6%

Well done to Herschel and Eclipse classes for very good attendance during the last fortnight.

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	17/09/21		24/09/21	
EYFS				
Apollo	Starting after half term			
Comet	Suheyla	Mae	Michaela	Indiya-Rae
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Eliz	Tianna	Dylan	Gina
Galaxy	Maliyah	Mohammed	Adriel	Arthur
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Sebastian	Korree	Niyah	Orlando
Herschel	Jahzion	Amelie	Tyler J-C	Callum
Einstein	Mattia	Le'shai	Elif	Julia
Jemison	Kauthar	Joshua	Theo	Tiannah
Johnson	Summayah	AJ	Kelis	Beatrix

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

Halley House Nursery Class



Our Nursery class roll continues to steadily rise, as we get more and more interest in our wonderful Apollo Class! Thank you to all our



existing families and community members for sharing our excitement and passion for Early Years education (and beyond!) – you are our greatest advocates for the school and the provision we offer. We have been so impressed with how settled our nursery children are – they are models of responsibility in our lunch hall, enthusiastically take part in PE and art lessons (led by specialists) and generally throw themselves wholeheartedly into learning and having fun! Ms Mattison, our Nursery Manager, offers regular tours, so if you haven't yet signed up but would like to have a look around please do get in touch: nursery@halleyhouseschool.org.uk



Family Breakfast Run

Remember that this Friday is our family breakfast run as part of our involvement in the Virgin London Mini Marathon. The mini marathon is all about inspiring children and young people of all ages and abilities to be physically active. Regular exercise has a positive impact on children's health and fitness and taking part can help start a habit that stays with children for the rest of their lives. Physical activity also supports good mental health and wellbeing – everyone feels happier after they've been for a run! Children will be running in aid of sports equipment for all year groups, including nursery – items we would like to buy include soft play equipment, new rackets and balls, and new gym mats. Join Coach Abdou and a range of staff at 7.45am at school for a run around Hackney Downs and back again in time for breakfast! The fundraising web link will be sent out this week.



Welcome new Comet Class



Comet Class have settled in really well into their new Reception class at Halley House and have been doing exceptionally well at learning their new sounds during their whole class phonics lessons each morning. It has been wonderful to see all the children make new friendships with each other, whilst showing excellent examples of the Halley House value of being 'Helpful and kind'. Well done Comet Class!



Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)



The Reception baseline assessment (RBA) is a new national assessment that will be administered to all reception age children in England from autumn 2021. The assessment will provide a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the end of year 6. It is a short (approximately 20 minutes), practical assessment focusing on their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. It is similar to everyday activities carried out within a Reception classroom. Miss Ashley will carry out the assessment one-to-one with each pupil, during the first 6 weeks of reception. It does not require any preparation at home or at school, and will help teachers to understand what children can do at the beginning of their time in reception. For further information, please refer the DfE handbook for parents [here](#).

Voices from PSHE

In Voices from PSHE, we hear from a Halley child about what they have been learning in their PSHE lessons. This week, Beatrix in Year 6 talks about a few of her recent lessons that are helping the children to think about their transition to secondary school and goals.

"In one of our recent PSHE lessons, Ms Slater gave us a sheet with boxes on it and we used this to discuss our feelings about going to secondary school, our ambitions for the future and all the things that we have already achieved. We also talked about our favourite chocolate bar. We learned that some children in other countries don't get to go to school because they have to work farming cacao beans. That made us feel extremely sad for them."

To help facilitate a conversation about goals at home, CBBC has a range of episodes of the programme 'My Life' available on iPlayer. 'My Life' is a documentary series following the lives of a diverse group of KS2 children as they work towards their goals around the world.



Reporting absences

Please ensure that you notify the office no later than 8.30am regarding your child's absence. When you call or send an email, please give a full detailed description of the illness/reason for absence so that it can be recorded correctly and avoid being marked as unauthorised. Please remember that proof of absence is required for more than 3 days of absence.

Multi Sport Festival



Year 4 have been invited to a multisport festival on Wednesday 6th October 2021. The

festival will take place at Britannia Leisure Centre (Pitfield St, London N1 5FT). All children will need to be in PE kit. The event starts at 9:00am so all children in Year 4 will be invited to breakfast club for the day so that we can prepare to leave the school building by 8:20am. It would be advised to bring a bottle of water for the session. Children will be back before dismissal at the end of the day.

Year 6



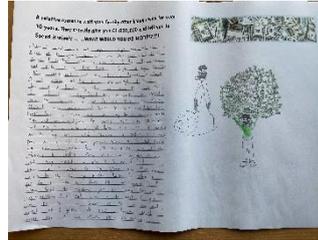
Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the year. We have been thinking about and discussing our hopes and aspirations as we begin our final year of primary school and how we can build a growth mindset to achieve this. We have jumped straight into our new

topics: learning all about the extraordinary medical practices of the different ancient civilisations and how modern medicine has helped us in understanding our own circulatory system. During outdoor adventures we used the outdoor space and natural objects to create models and diagrams of circulatory system. The results were fantastic!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to term. The children have arrived with a dogged determination to grow as learners and individuals. In literacy, we have just recently finished Julius Caesar, an adaptation of the Shakespeare play into a child friendly novel, which the children have all enjoyed. This week we acted out the play and wrote our own script of the novel! The children have begun to showcase their wonderful flare for writing. In maths, we have started to develop our sense of place value and have become confident comparing 4-digit numbers and even rounding numbers up to 10,000! We will shortly be starting a new unit of addition and subtraction, which is often a slightly tricky unit. If there is any additional home-learning you would like help with, please, do let the Year 4 team know. In Science and History, we have delved into the unit of 'Sound' and 'Romans' respectively. We have started to investigate sound as a series of vibrations and we will be making our own "telephones" to further explore this topic. This week in History we made and designed our own Roman shields, which even the Roman legions would be impressed by. Year 4 will have their parent curriculum meeting on Monday 4th October from 5-5:30pm. If you are able to make it, we would love to have you along!

Creative Writing Club



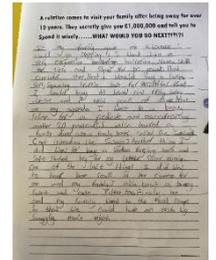
Children in Creative Writing club have been very busy over the last few weeks using their imaginations to conjure up some amazing pieces of work. Last week they were given the following scenario:

'A relative comes to visit your family after being away for over 10 years. They give you £1,000,000, telling you to spend it wisely... WHAT DO YOU DO?'



The children got their creative caps on and got to work imagining what they would do in that situation. Some of them decided to put the money into

buying schools and buildings to help put people and children in need in a safe space, whilst others chose to invest their money in colourful tutus and socks to match!



Maths Whizz

Thank you to all of the parents that were part of the Maths Whizz training session a few weeks ago and, as promised, we have now managed to find the most appropriate platform to share this with everyone. To access the presentation, simply click on the [link](#). This will explain how the Maths Whizz site works and the benefits to your child. In Key Stage 2, we are using Maths Whizz for children's homework so this is a good opportunity for you to see just how helpful it is to support the learning already being done in school.

Parent Wellbeing Sessions



After half term we are going to be running some wellbeing sessions for parents. We have linked up with the Museum of Happiness to deliver these sessions and, as an introduction, had this video produced by Vicky Johnson to introduce the sessions. To access the video, please click on the [this link](#). Please look out for further information about the sessions in school in the next few weeks as we would love as many of our families to be involved as possible.

Thank you from Mr Oxford!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me to do the Shine Night Walk at the weekend. I started walking at 8:39pm and finally arrived at the finish (13 miles later) at 12:50am. After a day of nursing blisters, I am proud to have managed to raise almost £500 for Cancer Research.



Year 6 Residential trip

We are delighted to share with our school community that we have secured our first Y6 residential trip! Children will be leaving on Monday 4th July and returning to school on Friday 8th July 2021. The children will be visiting Tolmers camp in Hertfordshire – for more information and to see what's on offer, do have a look at their website: <https://www.tolmers.org.uk/>. Bookings will be available on SchoolsBuddy from tomorrow, with the first payment due by 1st November 2021.



Extended School

Services must be pre-booked so that we can fulfil all our health and safety requirements, have the correct ratios and ensure adequate provisions. Please note that last entry for Breakfast Club is 8:30am. If you have any questions, please do come and see Natasha in the office or [email](#).

Birthday celebrations

Due to allergies and dietary requirements, we kindly ask that parents/carers refrain from sending in party bags and/or birthday cakes for distribution to children. If you wish for your child's birthday to be celebrated in school please let the office know and we can arrange for a special treat during Friday green time Thank you.

School Uniform



All children must be coming to school in their full school uniform. Please remember to check that ALL items of uniform (including ties!) are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please also ensure book bags and PE bags are clearly labelled so that if anything is misplaced it can be easily reunited with its owner! We have a

fantastic supply of good quality second hand uniform (so much so that we don't currently need any more donations), so please do get in touch with Tal by email: drorister@gmail.com to organise any items you might need!

Reception Admissions September 2022

Our Reception tours for admission in September 2022 are starting next week, on Wednesday 6th October. Spaces can be booked through our website and return to being 'in person' visit this year! Ms Ashley, our Early Years Lead, will be leading the tours and presentation, along with input from Ms Syms. Please do spread the word if you are aware of any interested friends or family.

Secondary Transfer September 2022

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our recent Year 6 transition and curriculum workshop last week. Slides have been sent out for reference. More information from Hackney can be found [here](#). Please do ask if you have any questions or need any particular advice or guidance. As a reminder, we strongly urge all our Y6 families to visit secondary schools you are interested in to help you make an informed decision. The recommended deadline for applications is Friday 22nd October (the last day of Autumn 1), although the 'official' deadline is not until 31st October. Thank you to those families who have already completed or started their applications; we will be following up with all our families ahead of Friday 22nd to ensure all applications are in on time!

Drop off/collection policy

Our policy states that all children should be dropped off and collected by a parent/guardian; this is to ensure that children arrive at and leave school safely with a responsible adult. It also means parents and carers can pass on and receive any informal messages (such as updates) from staff as necessary. **All children must be dropped off and collected by a parent/guardian, including those children in Key Stage 2.**

Year Groups	Timings
YR, Y1	8.45am – 3.25pm
Y2, Y3	8.55am – 3.35pm
Y4, Y5, Y6	9.05am – 3.45pm

If you miss your allocated drop off time you must bring your child to the office to be taken to class for registration. Sibling drop off is at the EARLIEST time every day and collection is at the LATEST time. Parents should drop off at the gate in the mornings, and can come into the playground at allocated collection time in the afternoons.

Behaviour at Halley House



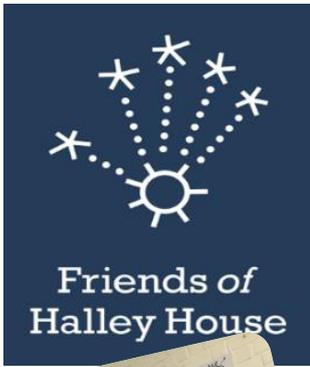
We are working hard to stay on green!



We created welcome walls to show we all belong!



We have excellent behaviour for learning!



FOHH Update



BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser

We are so thrilled to let you know that the FOHH BBQ raised a fantastic **£2199.39**. It really was an absolute success! We are so happy we were able to meet our target for the school hall even during these difficult times. The support from the Halley House community at the BBQ really was incredible. Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to, and attended, the event, making it such a fun and lovely afternoon. Special thanks to all those who helped in the run up to the event and on the day. Thank you to the school staff too especially Ms Ashley, Ms Jen and Natasha, and for those *willing* to be soaked: Ms Syms, Mr Oxford, Ms Ashley, Mr Can and Mr McDonald! An excellent way to start the school year.

Congratulations to **Helena** in Year 6, who correctly guessed the name of the enormous husky soft toy – Laika, named after the first dog in space! Helena got to take her prize home from school on Monday. Well done to everyone who had a guess – there were some fantastic name choices!



A shout-out for Vizioli's at 156 Stoke Newington High Street, N16 7XA (just past the BP service station). Vizioli's are the very generous butcher who donated ALL the sausages and hamburgers for our event on Saturday! If you've ever bought meat from there, you know it's high quality, high welfare and really tasty. Please support them by shopping there and mention that you're a Halley House parent. Support the local businesses that support our kids! <https://www.viziolis.com/>

Here's what you said!

Amazing afternoon. Reminded us what a special school we're all part of. Well done team HH!

Well done everyone for making it so successful, it was so nice to actually have an event we could all be at in person!

What a fantastic day... So much hard work went in to this prior to the event and it was worth it.

Big thank you and congratulations on what must be the best summer fair yet. A stunning success and wonderful to see so many people turn up

HHS Lottery

This lottery is a fantastic way to regularly support the school. Over £400 has been raised so far. Buy your tickets here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/halley-house-school>

Tote bags

Please buy Halley House tote bags for £7.50 from the school office. Please take cash, or let the committee know if you want to transfer money instead. All proceeds go into the fundraising pot.

Partnering with Homefinders

Homefinders have offered to support subsequent events and fundraising in school – they will share any upcoming fundraising on their social media platforms and make a donation to the school for any boards (advertising our event - as well as their company) erected outside your home. The school gets a fixed amount (£10) for every board displayed, raising funds for our school whilst promoting our events! Addresses in Hackney, Waltham Forest, Islington and Newham are all accepted and we would hugely appreciate as many family and friends as possible getting involved. If you would be willing to have a board for a future event, please let the school office know.



What's Next?

The current committee are now stepping down. We desperately need new committee members to run events and continue the fundraising. Please let the school know ASAP if you are interested. Keely, Clare, Viv and Lola (and Victoria) will be only too happy to pass on advice and details and be there to support and help every step of the way.

The school would love to hold our annual Winter Fayre again this December, but we cannot do that with a FOHH committee to help with planning and organising. We welcome interest from parents and carers who would like to co-chair and share some of the responsibility between 2 people or a small group.

Your time and support really is invaluable so please do consider putting yourself forward!

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1 2021	
Monday 27th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum workshops for all year groups this week
Friday 1st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Breakfast Run for Virgin London Mini Marathon
w/c Monday 4th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR and RWI parent workshops
Wednesday 6th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am • TRIP/VISIT – Y4 to Britannia for Multi Sports Festival
Thursday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT - Y3 to Sri Mahalakshmi Temple
Wednesday 20th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 21st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Autumn 1 for children. ASC continues as normal • Recommended submission deadline for Y6 secondary admissions
Friday 22nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day. Children not in school.
Sunday 31st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final deadline for Y6 secondary applications
Autumn 2 2021	
Monday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kittle School Photos
Friday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month evening in school
Wednesday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
w/c 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIP/VISIT - Y2 to St Barnabas Church
Friday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Autumn 2. School finishes at 2pm