



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We have been very busy over the last few weeks, with a sports visitor last week and the impending resumption of our Outdoor Adventures programme this week. We are very proud of our curriculum at Halley House and consider it of the utmost importance for all our children to access a broad, inspiring and rich range of opportunities, whilst ensuring we develop skills and knowledge in core subjects. We continue to be impressed with how well children have adapted to recent challenges, from both last academic year and into the start of this one, as they adjust to new curriculum expectations. There is plenty of support in school, so please do continue to keep in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or suggestions. We have also recently had some very positive feedback from our external monitoring, including our annual review of our safeguarding practices, school priorities and school environment.

Claire Syms

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Beginning	21 st September		28 th September	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Comet	98.5%	98.5%	99.3%	99.3%
Eclipse	100%	100%	98.6%	98.6%
Galaxy	95%	99.6%	98.3%	98.3%
Cosmos	99.6%	99.6%	100%	96.6%
Hawking	97.9%	98.5%	96.6%	98.6%
Einstein	97%	98.5%	98.6%	98.6%
Jemison	96.1%	96.1%	88.2%	88.2%

We have seen a recent improvement in attendance across all year groups, with more classes now enjoying 100% attendance during days in the week. Well done to **Eclipse** and **Cosmos** in particular for their achievement of 100% for a whole week!

Monday Missions

Reception have been counting lots this half term! Can you count how many stairs you have at home? How many knives and forks do you need at dinner time? How many teddy bears do you have? What else can you count at home?

Year 1 In PSHCE, we have been focusing on being safe at school. Can you draw a poster showing how you can be safe travelling to at school? Or when you are at home?

In Maths, we have been exploring different ways of making the number 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Can you make those numbers using three or four different numbers?

Year 2 We are exploring electricity in science. Make a list of the electric appliances you can find at home. Are they powered by the mains or batteries? How do you know?

★ ★ SUPER STARS! ★ ★

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	25/09/2020		02/10/2020	
Reception				
Comet	Eyad	Niloufar	Jasper	Dylan
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Selah	Archie R	Oscar	Mohamed
Cosmos	Raemario	Tazio	Amelie	Tyler
Galaxy	Samuel	Hannah	Cavalli	Orlando
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Mia	Malachi	Bianca	Benoit
Einstein	Ebube	Mon' Ay	Ava	Freddie
Jemison	Sumayyah	AJ	Beatrix	Tyrese

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

Reception PE

Over the last two weeks the children in Reception have had their first couple of PE lessons with Coach Abdou in the main hall. The children have been so enthusiastic as well as energetic during these lessons. Coach Abdou even said that he was so impressed by their excellent listening and attention skills. The children joined in with activities that included jumping, running and walking on their tiptoes all the while weaving in and out of each other making sure they didn't bump into their classmates. You've had a fantastic start to PE Comet class and you have shown us that you all have the ability to follow instructions as well as have fun at the same time. Go Comet class!



Outdoor Adventures

Outdoor Adventures resumes for all year groups this week. Please see below for a reminder of days and locations for your child's year group:

Day	Year Group	Location
Tuesdays	Y1	Butterfield Green
Tuesdays	Y5	Hackney Downs
Wednesdays	Y2	Butterfield Green
Wednesdays	Y3	Hackney Downs
Thursdays	YR	Butterfield Green
Thursdays	Y4	Hackney Downs

Please remember to ensure that your child has appropriate clothing on these days, including their school waterproof coat and wellies. Thank you to our parents and carers who have already offered to volunteer on sessions across our year groups; we are very grateful for your support and we know how keen children are to get back to their Outdoor Learning! Please note that if you enter the school building prior to the session starting, you will be asked to adhere to our hygiene and distancing measures (including wearing a face covering and washing your hands). The school does not require adult volunteers to wear a face covering whilst supporting the session, although you are of course welcome to do so. If you would like to volunteer but have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher, please do so!



The Colour Monster



During these uncertain and very unusual times it is more important than ever to support our children with their emotional well-being, which includes being able to identify how they are feeling. As a school we have adopted a picture book called 'The Colour Monster', which is a beautifully illustrated story that helps children separate and identify key emotions (such as happy, sad, angry and worried). This book can work as a prompt for any discussions around feelings or concerns the children may have, and each class has an interactive Colour Monster display, allowing children to communicate how they are feeling if they wish to do so. School staff can then react appropriately.

Year 4: Einstein Class

Year 4 have had a positive and energetic start to the new academic year. We have explored a range of topic areas, reading Julius Caesar (a Shakespeare play), developing our understanding of Ancient Rome, to making our own Roman shields as well as beginning to develop our scientific understanding of 'sound'.



During the different activities the children have been producing some exemplary learning. The whole Year 4 team are excited to see how the children continue to progress and develop.

Extended Schools

Please ensure that you are booking your child in for Breakfast Club every day. This will enable us to ensure that we have the correct adult to child ratios. For After School Clubs, **dismissal** will continue in the playground at 5pm. Stop, Motion Animation Club will continue to be dismissed through the main office every Thursday until further notice. Thank you to all families for your patience and understanding as we continue to ensure we can dismiss your children safely after club.

Preventing the spread of Coronavirus in schools

All BPET schools are taking many actions to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading within the school. Details of these actions are available on our website and the main BPET website. These include keeping children in consistent 'bubbles' or groups, social distancing where possible, and regular handwashing with soap and water or with hand sanitiser. Washing hands often is an effective way to reduce spread of Coronavirus. To make it easier for pupils and staff to wash hands regularly, BPET schools are providing hand sanitiser in handy locations. We encourage staff and students to use whichever method works best for **frequent** use (including a combination of both).

Temperature checks in schools

Government guidance for schools is that routinely taking the temperature of pupils is not recommended, as this is not a reliable method for identifying whether a pupil has coronavirus (COVID-19) or not. If your child has a temperature (feels hot to the touch – you do not need to measure the temperature) you must keep your child at home and arrange a test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, or by calling 119.

Vaccinations

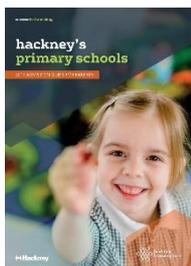
There have been some rumours that schools can give children a Coronavirus vaccine without the consent of a parent or carer. There is currently no vaccination available to protect against coronavirus (COVID-19). Any vaccinations given to children, including any that are usually given in a school setting require parental consent before children are able to receive the vaccination. Vaccinations are a safe and effective way to protect your child from a wide range of diseases. For more information on vaccinations, and why they are so important, please see



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/why-vaccination-is-safe-and-important/>

Reception admissions September 2021

We have temporarily suspended our Open Mornings this term in line with our Covid-19 whole school risk assessment. We are instead completing a virtual video tour and introduction to the school that we can share with prospective families. Word of mouth from our existing school community continues to be our most effective way of spreading the word about our fantastic school so please do remind friends, family and neighbours to apply!



School photos

All year groups had their individual and class photos taken on Friday last week. Sibling photos were also arranged as necessary. Your child should have brought home a piece of paper with their unique QR code so that you can view the photo/s and organise packs as necessary. As always, it was fantastic to see children looking so smart in their full uniform.

Athlete Visit



We were delighted to safely welcome ex-GB gymnast Kristian Thomas to school on Wednesday last week. Children enjoyed a very active equipment-free circuit of activities in the hall during the afternoon. Kristian spoke about his experiences of competitive sport and the children were absolutely thrilled to catch a glimpse of his very impressive bronze Olympic medal. Our Y5 children also had a heart-stopping moment as Kristian demonstrated his tumbling skills! What an inspiring afternoon! Huge thanks to Kristian, Sports for Schools and, of course, our own Coach Abdou for ensuring everything ran so smoothly.



Music Tuition

Music tuition is now back in full swing and we have collectively enjoyed the sounds of the drums, guitars and keyboards ringing out across the building over the last few weeks. If your child is interested in taking up tuition,



please do speak to staff in the school office in the first instance, who will be able to advise if there are any spaces still available for your chosen instrument.

Behaviour & Belonging @ HHS



Clay and Art Club

