



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

It has been a very active and sport-filled half term this Autumn, and we are still busy fundraising for some new PE equipment and much-longed for soft play equipment for our Nursery children (just have a look at how excited they are in our video!). I would also like to reiterate the plea below for new FOHH committee members – we really do need your help, so please, *please* consider putting yourself forward so that we can make our next round of plans a reality. Our trips and visits schedule is rapidly filling up, and children have been thoroughly enjoying various adventures on- and off- site in recent weeks; of course there is still more to come before the half term break! Do keep an eye on our busy diary dates for key events – we are really looking forward to seeing all our children and families at our BHM event in November, too!

Claire Syms

Monday Missions

Nursery Please draw a picture of your family that we can talk about during our carpet session.

Who is in your family? Do you have a sibling? What do you like doing together?

Reception Children in Reception read the stories 'Picnic in the Park' and 'Owl Babies', which got us thinking about our own families. Maybe you could have a go at creating your own family tree, thinking about both your direct family and those that make up your extended family, and even friends!

Year 1 We have been learning about healthy eating in our topic lessons this half term. Can you design your own healthy snack and write the recipe to share with your friends at school?

The days are getting shorter! Record the timings of the sunset every day and discuss why that happens.

Year 2

We have been growing plants in class and learning about the life cycle of a plant. Could you grow something at home and write a plant diary? In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract ones using the pictorial column method. Become the teacher and teach someone at home the method!

Attendance & Punctuality

Week Ending	01/10/21		08/10/21	
	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Apollo	94.9%	94.9%	88.7%	90.7%
Comet	98.8%	98.8%	94.4%	95.2%
Eclipse	99.3%	99.3%	88.6%	89.9%
Galaxy	94.3%	96.1%	78.6%	80.0%
Hawking	95.6%	97.6%	92.8%	93.6%
Herschel	99.1%	99.1%	87.1%	88.3%
Einstein	98.1%	98.1%	95.8%	97.2%
Jemison	98.1%	98.5%	93.0%	94.1%
Johnson	90.9%	99.6%	91.8%	93.6%

Well done to Eclipse and Herschel for excellent attendance, and Einstein for good attendance over the last fortnight. We are aware various (non-Covid) Winter illnesses are present in a number of classes, and we do wish everyone a speedy recovery – and a return to much higher attendance figures!

ssSUPERSTARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	01/10/21		08/10/21	
EYFS				
Apollo	Starting after half term			
Comet	Iqra	Ceejay	Charlie	Yotam
Key Stage 1				
Eclipse	Etienne	Zoe	Kamal	Amir
Galaxy	Luan	Asher	Amelia	Kamil
Key Stage 2				
Hawking	Charles	Cairo	Wilfred	Rae
Herschel	Akira	Ibrahim	Eesa	Leonard
Einstein	Alvin	Sammy	Zion-Levi	Mia
Jemison	Kauthar	Freddie	Manyiel	Ava
Johnson	Beatrix	Kelis	La'vae	Olivia

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

Nursery – Stay & Play

We are delighted to be able to reintroduce weekly Stay & Play sessions for families with 0-4 year olds. Ms Mattison, our Nursery Manager, will be leading the sessions from 10-11am every Wednesday, starting after half term (first session on Wednesday 3rd November), so do come along and bring a friend! There will be activities, games, songs, stories and more! There will also be time for a chat and refreshing beverage for the adults! See you there!



Year 6 – Secondary transfer

A reminder that the deadline for secondary applications is rapidly approaching. The final deadline is October 31st, although the Hackney recommended deadline is Friday 22nd October (the end of this half term). A number of applications have already been submitted or are in progress, but many families have not yet submitted the online form. We will be following up with all families later this week who are yet to start an application – please do come and speak to us if you need any support or guidance so that we can help you through the process.

Year 2 Spanish

In Spanish we have been learning how to introduce ourselves. We have been asking *¿Como te llamas?* (What is your name?) then responding by saying *Me llamo....* We have also been asking *¿Cómo estás?* (How are you?) and letting our friends know how we are feeling. We recorded how Galaxy Class were feeling on a bar graph. We are looking forward to practising some of our Spanish speaking skills at home!



PE Equipment & Soft Play

After the success of our family HIIT workout on Friday 1st October (as the alternative to what would have been a very wet run around Hackney Downs), Coach has decided to make this a weekly event! Children, parents and staff are all invited to come along from 8-8.30am in our lovely



new sports hall and blow away any Friday cobwebs and get our whole community moving! Remember all our year groups are also completing the Virgin London Mini Marathon during their PE or Outdoor Adventure lessons before half term. **Please sponsor them using this [link](#). Please do share!** We would love to be able to get to our target before half term – Nursery children are particularly excited about being able to get some new equipment; they've been working very hard, as you can see from their video [here!](#)

PE – Mini Marathon

Next week all classes will be attempting to complete a series of combined marathons as



part of our participation in the Virgin London Mini Marathon, in a bid to raise money for sports equipment. The run will be taking place in Hackney Downs park during afternoon slots for KS1 classes and above. Nursery and Reception have already been busy building up their distances! These are the overall distances we will be aiming for;

YN/YR – 100 miles combined (EYFS – 100 miles)

Y1/Y2 – 79 miles per class (KS1 – 158 miles)

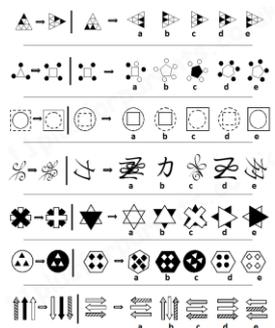
Y3/Y4 – 105 miles per class (LKS2 – 315 miles)

Y5/Y6 – 131 miles per class (UKS2 – 262 miles)

That's a total of 835 miles for the whole school, or nearly 32 marathons! We would love you to support our children to run as far as they can – don't forget to sponsor them [here!](#)

Y6 CATs tests

Y6 will be sitting their CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests) this week. CATs are a Hackney-wide assessment for all Y6 children, regardless of whether they are applying to a Hackney secondary school. The tests will be conducted over 3 days during w/c 11th October. The tests are online, multiple choice and take around 40 minutes. They cover both verbal and non-verbal reasoning, and maths skills.



Reception

There was a lot of fantastic learning in Reception last week! Our YRs are settling in nicely to school life. Children are learning about numbers 1 to 5, as well as their physical and social development. They have also been much more focussed in their play. We have observed ponds being created, conversations initiated and lots of positive interactions! They've all settled in wonderfully and are progressing well. We're excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for us – watch this space!



Year 3 Literacy

Year 3 have been writing persuasive letters. We have been exploring features of persuasive writing and language that would encourage people to see our perspective. Ahead of National Apple Day (on 21st October, which we are celebrating on Tuesday 19th as part of our work with the Orchard Project) we have written letters to local shop owners persuading them to donate some apples to our school so we can make fresh apple juice. We were so excited to use our skills to write to a real person! Our letters were fantastic and we even learned to use a line guide to make sure our presentation was as good as possible. Watch this space to see just how persuasive our letters really were!



"It wouldn't be apple day without apples!" - Kiyah, Herschel Class

Galaxy Class Maths

Last week in maths, Galaxy Class were adding and subtracting from a 2-digit number. The children were also learning to find 10 more and 10 less than 2-digit numbers. We have been using lots of manipulatives and resources to support our learning including dienes, hundred squares, bead strings and number lines!



KS2 Fruit snacks



Please remember to provide a daily piece of fruit for your child in Years 3-6, which they will be able to eat at morning break time. Some fruit and vegetables are also provided by the school across the year groups, but we know how hardworking and busy our children are – and the healthy boost really helps their concentration too! Please remember we are a strawberry-free school. If you would like to make a contribution to fruit and veg snacks throughout the term, you can do so under 'Fruit & Veg' in SchoolsBuddy.

Year 4 – Sports Trip

Last week, Year 4 went on a trip to the Britannia Leisure Centre. At the Britannia the class competed as two separate teams, the "Flaming Lions" and the "Panthers", against six teams from two other schools. They participated in a range of different sporting pursuits, from dance to badminton. The class competed fiercely and were excellent role models to themselves and the other classes there. As a staff team we were enormously impressed by the children's positive behaviour and attitude. Members of staff at the Britannia even commented on how polite and happy all of our children were! They should all be super proud of themselves. We are also happy to announce that one of our teams, the "Panthers", won the "Team Spirit" Award for their excellent teamwork and positivity. Despite the "Panthers" being the official winners, I think we all agreed that our Year 4's collectively showed superb team spirit!



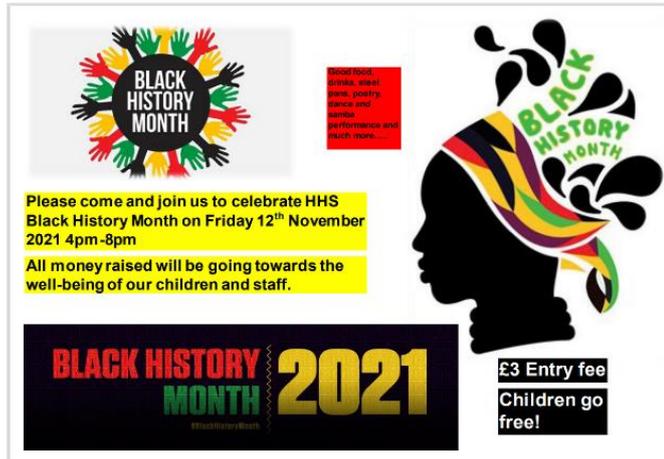
Our celebratory photo was followed by a swift victory parade home!

Term Dates 21-22

Remember to have a copy of this year's term dates to hand! You can view and access this document on our school [website](#), or ask for a hard copy (as with all our policies) from the school office.

Black History Month event

Covid-19 has affected us all in different ways, and here at Halley we believe that well-being is a fundamental part of health and we want to ensure our pupils, families and staff overcome challenges or difficulties and achieve what they want in life! We will use fundraising money to fund various workshops and activities in school, with a particular focus on health and well-being. So come and support our event on Friday 12th November. There will be a range of delicious foods and desserts from different cultures, as well as some fantastic live music and the money-can't-buy Halley vibe! Don't miss out!



The poster features a central graphic of a silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing left. Inside the head, there are colorful, stylized leaves or petals in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. To the left of the head is a circular logo with the words 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' in white on a black background, surrounded by colorful hands. Below the head is a black box with white text: '£3 Entry fee Children go free!'. To the right of the head is a red box with white text: 'Dance, music, games, crafts, games, and much more...'. At the bottom left, there is a black box with white and yellow text: 'Please come and join us to celebrate HHS Black History Month on Friday 12th November 2021 4pm-8pm All money raised will be going towards the well-being of our children and staff.' At the bottom center, there is a large '2021' in yellow and green, with 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' in red and green above it.

School Photos



We will be having our annual school photos on Monday 1st November. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full school uniform. If your child has PE

on that day, they can bring their PE kit in their bag. Smiles at the ready!

Social Media following

Please remember to like, follow and share our Halley House School Twitter and Facebook pages – we have lots of lovely content showcasing a sample of some of the fantastic things our children are busy doing!

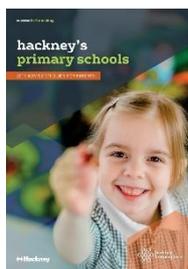
Twitter: [@HalleyHouseSch](https://twitter.com/HalleyHouseSch)

Facebook: [Halley House School](https://www.facebook.com/HalleyHouseSchool)



Reception admissions September 2022

We are delighted to have returned to face-to-face, regular open mornings for Reception admissions in September 2022. 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 if they haven't already!



Behaviour

We have established a very strong culture of behaviour and behaviour for learning at Halley House. We are currently reviewing some aspects of Stay on Green to ensure it stays relevant and purposeful for all our children. We welcome feedback from our children and families about what you think is working and what could be even better, so please do get in touch! We have some exciting Stay on Green updates to share with all our stakeholders next half term...

Nursery pattern making

In nursery, we have been learning about patterns. Apollo class was introduced to patterns through dance. We learnt the pattern in different dances by following the repeated actions. For example; nod, clap, shake your hips, nod, clap, shake your hips, nod, clap, shake your hips. Can you copy the dance pattern? Have a go!



This week, our focus has been creating patterns using colours. Our nursery children, have been practicing their cutting and sticking to make string beads that follow a colour pattern; like red and green, red and green, or blue and yellow, blue and yellow. Can you think of a colour pattern for Apollo class to make? Let us know – or better yet, send us a video or some pictures!

Y3 Football Tournament

Wow, it has been a sport-filled start to our year, and we are loving it! On Tuesday 19th October it is the turn of our Y3 boys to represent Halley in our annual cycle of BPET football tournaments, which will be held at Watling Park. Good luck Year 3!

FOHH Committee Members

Our outgoing committee, Keely, Clare and Viv, have done absolutely sterling work in their roles and we are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed to our school. They are all happy to pass on their wisdom and expertise to the new committee, and will no doubt continue with their impassioned support for all things Halley!



We are, however, now in desperate need of new committee members to put themselves forward.

Please do come and speak to a member of staff if you are interested in the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. All roles can be shared to help alleviate some of the time pressures or worries you might have!

We cannot continue with our vital fundraising without a newly elected committee so be brave, come and have a chat, and find out more!

DIARY DATES	
Autumn 1 2021	
Monday 11th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Advisory Board Meeting, 6-8pm
Monday 18th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focussed Adviser Visit – Behaviour/Mental Health & Well-Being TRIP/VISIT - YR to Ridley Road Market
Tuesday 19th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple Day/Orchard Project in school TRIP/VISIT - Y3 to BPET Football Tournament
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 National Apple Day
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 Deadline for Y6 first instalment for Tolmer’s Camp residential
Wednesday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
Monday 8th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halley Day in school
Tuesday 9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focussed Adviser Visit - Safeguarding
Friday 12th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month evening in school, 4-8pm
Monday 15th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair opens
Wednesday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am Focussed Adviser Visit – Curriculum & Assessment
Thursday 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focussed Adviser Visit – Disadvantaged & Achievement for All
Tuesday 23rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT - Y3 to River Thames Boat Trip
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
Tuesday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental team in school for YR and Y1 (fluoride)
Friday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT - Y2 to St Barnabas Church TRIP/VISIT - YR to St Barnabas Church for Nativity Walkabout PERFORMANCE – Y5 & Y6 Samba performances, 2-3pm
Friday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Autumn 2. School finishes at 2pm



Today Apollo class had their first Read, Write Inc. lesson with Miss Syms. The children were engaged throughout the lesson and enjoyed helping Fred to find the "m" card around the class room.





**Extended Schools
= Extended Fun!**