



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

A huge well done to Y6 children for successfully completing their KS2 SATs papers last week. Children approached the tests calmly and maturely and enjoyed getting straight into their daily swimming lessons this week! Y2 will be sitting their KS1 reading, maths, grammar and spelling papers in the last week of this half term and we are confident they will display similar positive attitudes and approaches!

Claire Syms

WELL DONE YEAR 6!

The milestone of our first KS2 SATs tests at Halley has been reached, and we are delighted at how smoothly the whole process went. Sincere thanks also to members of our Local Advisory Board, Sinead and Rose, who observed the test administration and security of the papers over the course of the week. Schools will receive results of the tests on Tuesday 5th July. In the meantime, it is onwards and upwards with our Y6 curriculum and the many adventures we have planned, before we say our farewells to our first leavers!



Annual Parent Survey

Our annual BPET Parent Survey is now open and accessible via the Survey Monkey link that has been emailed to all parents and carers. We really value your feedback and suggestions, so please do take a few moments to complete the survey and let us know your thoughts. The survey closes on **Friday 27th May 2022**.

Second hand uniform – donations required!

Any branded items in good, re-usable condition will be readily accepted for our second hand uniform shop! Please donate any items to the school office in the first instance for sorting. All items are checked before being added to the list for re-homing, and any items that might have reached the end of their school life will be responsibly donated to the textile bank rather than landfill – so bring in those ties, jumper, blazers and coats if you can! Thank you!



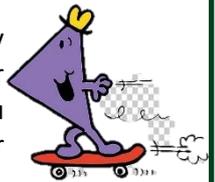
Reception Welcome Evening

Our first formal transition event for our incoming September 2022 Reception families is on Thursday 26th May, 5-7pm. There will be chance to meet the staff team, learn a bit more about our fantastic school offer and chat to existing parents and carers about their experiences of Halley House to date. Current parents and carers are very welcome to attend the event, so please do come along!



Nursery admissions

Spaces for September 2022 for our nursery class are filling up fast, so do contact our Nursery Manager, Antionette Mattison if you are interested in securing a spot for your 3- or 4-year old!



Summer BBQ

Our annual summer BBQ is planned for Saturday 2nd July, 2-5pm, so please keep the date free in your diaries to come along for an afternoon of community celebration, enjoyment, good conversation, tasty food and drink offerings, activities, fundraising – and maybe even some sun! If you would like to help out in preparation for the event, or on the day itself, please speak to the school office or Clare (Amelie Y3, Leila Y1). All offers of help will be very gladly received!



Sports Day

This year's Sports Day will be on **Friday 24th June, 1.30-3.30pm at Petchey Academy on the Astro**. Parents and carers are welcome to attend in person this year - we've missed you! (And we hope the training has been going well for the adult races). More details will follow from Coach in due course.



NURSERY



Friday 6th May 2022

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All of Apollo class

Amaani

Cayden

We are gardeners!

The children in Apollo class have been showing a keen interest in caring for the plants they have planted on the roof terrace. We have raspberries, and kidney beans growing as well as a few tomato plants.

On a daily basis the children work together to water all the plants, demonstrating the strong friendships that have been built within the class.

Well done Apollo class, you are doing a wonderful job.



Apollo class have been demonstrating great teamwork this week, working hard to create this amazing obstacle course using crates, tyres and hoops.

The children then all tried out the obstacle course together.



We had a lovely afternoon snack session in Apollo class on the roof terrace where the sun was shining! We had a variety of fruits to choose from and there were some interesting conversations about what fruit they were having. It is fantastic to observe how Apollo Class friendships have blossomed!

Home learning debate and discussion



This week Apollo class will be learning about planes as part of their Transport topic.

1. Have you been on a plane?
2. Where did you go?
3. Do you have any pictures you could bring in on Tuesday to share?

RECEPTION



Friday 6th May 2022

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Leila

Thierry

Suheyla

Michaela



Friday 6th May 2022

Friday 13th May 2022

A: 93.3%

P: 95.4%

A: 94.4%

P: 99.0%

Maths

Recently the children have been learning how to count, recognise, write and make numbers beyond ten.

Using number shapes (Numicon), ten frames and blocks we explored how using tens and ones made numbers beyond ten, for example 10 and 1 makes 11 and 10 and 3 more makes 13.

We then delved deeper and explored how different number combinations could make each number.

Amazing resilience and reasoning from everyone, well done.



Art

As part of our topic, 'All Creatures Great and Small', the children in Comet Class have been learning about animal camouflage.

In their art lessons, the children explored shape and colour to create colourful turtles that 'camouflaged' into their backgrounds.

We absolutely love how bright and colourful these pictures have turned out and the amount of careful detail the children used. Well done Comet Class.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Do you think camouflage is an effective way for animals to hide from predators?
2. Should we have the number zero? Why? What would happen if we didn't have the number zero?

YEAR 1



Friday 6th May 2022

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Tianna

Kyle

Nilou

Zoe



Friday 6th May 2022

Friday 13th May 2022

A: 98.0%

P: 98.0%

A: 98.0%

P:98.0%

What a FANTASTIC week for Eclipse!

This week, we have gone from strength to strength with our learning and teamwork. Last week marked the first week of Writing Weeks for Year 1. This is where we focus on a text outside of the RWI programme and unpick the story, particularly focusing on reading it as a reader, reading the text as a writer and then re-writing the text in our own words. Our text was, 'Whatever Next!' where children thoroughly enjoyed reading it but especially acting the story out and presenting this to their friends. When it came to the writing, this was then a piece of cake and the children were able to tell the story in their own words before writing it down. We included a range of punctuation, even squeezing in Y2 expectations, amazing vocabulary and sentence starters - they all took my breath away! Well done **EVERYONE!**

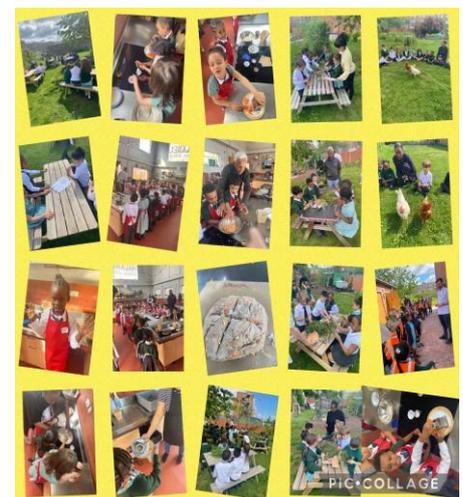


Hackney School of Food!

What a BLAST!

We went to visit Hackney School of Food as part of our topic, Nurturing Nature and Insects. We got to bake a bug loaf and also make a bug hotel in the garden - we were so happy the weather was nice!

We worked as a team to measure our ingredients, knead the dough and clean our work spaces after our bread preparation. Whilst our bread was baking, we went outside to gather some resources to make our bug hotel. We used sticks, cardboard, weeds and grass. We stuffed them into a recycled tin and placed them in a safe place in our gardens or on our balconies at home to attract the bugs - hopefully they're all full!



Home learning debate and discussion



1. When is it ok to be bored?
2. Can you ever have too many reading books?

YEAR 2



Friday 6th May 2022		Friday 13th May 2022	
Naziah	Sarah	Karter	Adriel



Friday 6th May 2022		Friday 13th May 2022	
A: 96.0%	P: 96.7%	A: 93.8%	P: 97.4%

Curriculum Update

In science, we have been learning about the processes that are common to all living things using our acronym **MRS GREN**. We also used our Outdoor Adventures session to find things that are living, dead or have never been alive in our local environment.

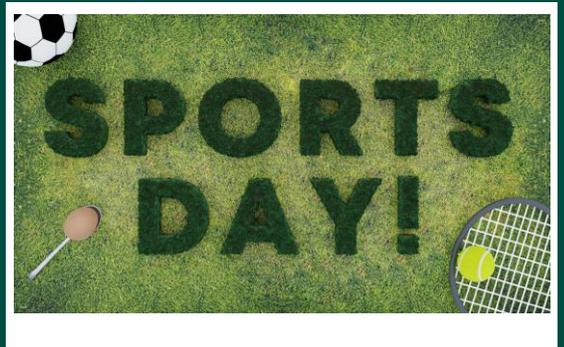
During our RE lessons, we have been learning about *Hajj* the pilgrimage that is one of the five pillars of Islam. We learnt some key vocabulary to explain this important pilgrimage to Mecca.

We are greatly enjoying our swimming lessons and becoming so confident in the water! Last week, some of us were learning the breast stroke whilst others were working on our floating and kicking technique. Nearly everyone now has a swimming hat so well done Galaxy Class! You are doing amazingly, keep it up. :)



PE

During our weekly PE sessions at Petchey we have been getting Sports Day-ready, working on our speed and team work in the relay and our throwing technique in the javelin. We cannot wait to show off our speed and agility next half term!



Home learning debate and discussion

1. Is it good to have a strict teacher?
 2. If you had a robot that could do homework, would you ask it to do yours?
- Discuss, explaining your reasoning.

YEAR 3



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Hawking	Harlei	Mila	Niyah	Amalya
Herschel	Amelie	Callum	Ezra	Kaliyah



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Hawking	A: 97%	P: 98.5%	A: 97.3%	P: 99.3%
Herschel	A: 96%	P: 99.5%	A: 96.7%	P: 99.7%

History

Year 3 have been working hard researching Ancient Egypt. We have been working in teams becoming mini teachers. Each team was assigned an element of Ancient Egyptian life. We design a lesson for the rest of the class around the themes of clothes, food and drink, transport and family life. We were interested to discover that most children under the age of six did not wear clothes and that they believed that their make up would bring them protection from the gods! We enjoyed teaching what we had learned to the rest of the class and sharing our hard work. We were especially proud of the way we worked together to produce educational and inspiring lessons. Well done Year 3!

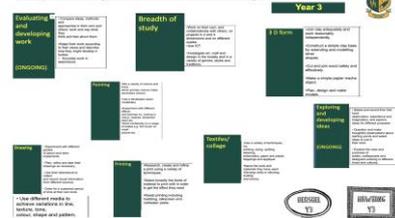


Art

Year three have been working on their linked art classes and have been working on different paper, with a prepared blue ground and water colour paper. They have been inspired by the Egyptian Scarab beetle with its symbolism associated with the sun god Ra. The children practised drawing this form, then making it in clay using two pieces and practising scoring and slip use. The children will paint them gold and green so they look like real amulets. We also had a great YouTube drawing session where children worked to draw a scarab by following careful instructions from the screen. This was done with a black ink pen with no room for unconfident marks or mistakes. Very impressive drawing and skills progression "drawing for a prolonged period of time at their own level" and use of our art topics : line, colour and pattern! Arts Week is this week and children are working on a class hoodie design and Album covers and learning that the Arts is not just painting but so much of our everyday lives!



Holley House Progression of Skills - Art and Design



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Herschel's giant African land snail has laid eggs! If you would like to take some home to possibly hatch into your own pets, please speak to Ms Muir.
2. This week is art week. Can you create a piece of Art inspired by Ancient Egypt?

YEAR 4



Friday 6th May 2022

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Navea

Alvin

Elif

Isabelle



Friday 6th May 2022

Friday 13th May 2022

A: 98.2%

P: 98.4%

A: 97.8%

P: 98.8%

Curriculum Update

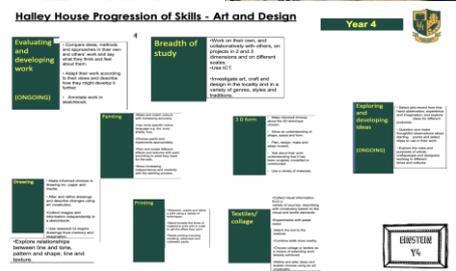
Year 4 have started a very exciting Art project, which will run for a few weeks. The children will be creating clay based art inspired by our local area, which will be displayed in a local flower shop, in Clapton. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for the children to create and share their artistic talents with our wider community! The multiplication prep for the Year 4 multiplication check is going very well. The Year 4 children have been working diligently and methodically and so their fluency has dramatically increased. Continued daily practise and regular use of "Soundcheck" on TTRS will further boost the children's success.



Art

This week is Arts Week and the children have been learning how many different art forms there are. In art they worked on designing album covers and a class design for a hoodie. And year 4 children spent some of their lunch time with a year 6 child passing on skills at making origami birds for the arts display. The work will be on display as the week progresses in the hall so children can enjoy seeing each other's artwork.

Year 4 have been working on Street or Outdoor Art this term and were inspired by the Artist Bansky and Chalk artist David Zinn. We used chalk on our image of a wall, then painted over this with white paint and created a tanal Banskys painting. This linked clearly to the artist but also black and whoite painting and use of mixing tones between the two is a great way to build confidence in painting. Really impressive year 4! Next week the class will take a step out of school to a local Art Gallery working with Outdoor / Street Art so the children can gain skills in developing their ideas and knowledge of artists.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Homework Passport
2. Can you create a piece of artwork inspired by our local area?

YEAR 5



Friday 6th May 2022

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Friday 6th May 2022

Friday 13th May 2022

A: 94.6%	P:97.3%	A: 92.9%	P: 98.3%
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Imperial War Museum

Year 5 had an absolutely amazing trip to the Imperial War Museum! The children really enjoyed looking at a range of very large exhibits, including tanks, planes, missiles and rockets. They couldn't believe it when the museum guide said that almost everything was *real!*

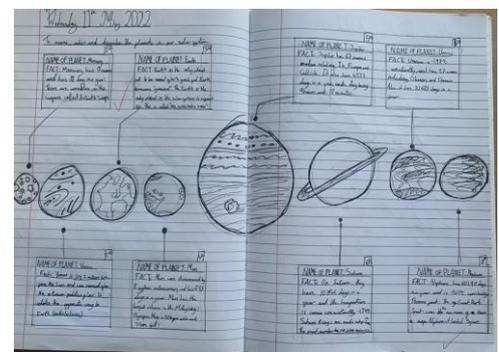
At the workshop, Jemison class heard first hand from a witness who was a child in the aftermath of the war. The children represented Halley extremely well - a few members of the public even mentioned to Ms Haupt how well behaved they were!



Science

Year 5 have been learning about Earth and space in science, thinking about why we experience night and day, the order of the planets and asking lots of interesting space questions!

"I have really enjoyed learning about space because I am really interested in our planets and the Earth!" - Kamden



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Can you see the Moon at night? How does the Moon change over the next couple of weeks? Keep a Moon diary to make a note of how the Moon looks and where it is in the sky. Can you explain to someone at home what you have found out?

YEAR 6

 STAR OF THE WEEK	Friday 6th May 2022		Friday 13th May 2022	
	Helena	Alanna	Year 6	Year 6

 Attendance Matters Every student. Every day.	Friday 6th May 2022		Friday 13th May 2022	
	A: 95.3%	P: 94.8%	A: 94.5%	P: 93.1%

SATs

Year 6 have worked fantastically hard during their SATs this week. They showed exceptional focus, determination and maturity and made me, themselves and everyone at Halley House incredibly proud! They have achieved so much and deserve a well-earned celebration this weekend. Well done Year 6!



Music

Over the rest of this term, Year 6 will be continuing to learn about music from different cultures and places. We will be focussing specifically on the different instruments and types of music that have developed in India, to link with our new topic. We will also be exploring some of the ancient instruments that are linked to the Indus Valley.

Home learning debate and discussion



1. What makes the 'perfect' team?
2. What does 'being resilient' mean to you?