



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,

We are rapidly approaching the end of our first half term of the year, with lots of learning, adventures and events still to come. We are really in need of parent volunteers for off-site activities, such as Outdoor Adventures, and for our FOHH Committee (see below!) We would really love to hear from you if you can offer some time or expertise, as your contributions really do make a difference to what we can offer! Please do come along to our workshop on e-safety (Phase 3) next week, and our Black History celebration on Thursday 20th October, too.

Claire Syms



Friends of Halley House (FOHH)

All parents and carers are automatically members of our Parent/Teacher/Community association, Friends of Halley House (FOHH). We are urgently looking for committee members to step into Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer roles to

help coordinate our school fundraising efforts across the year. FOHH is VERY much a team effort, so please do not feel all responsibilities will fall on a single person! There will be a coffee morning/meeting for ALL parents and carers on Friday 11th November, 9.30-10.30am, to discuss the following:

- Nominations for committee roles
- Events for the remainder of the school year, including a Winter celebration
- Proposals for fundraising spend

We really hope as many people as possible can come along and help us to continue making a positive difference to our pupils' experience of school!



Admissions

Please do continue to spread the word about Reception places for September 2023. Our Open Mornings are available for booking on our website, and start from this Wednesday, 12th October.

The deadline for secondary admissions is **Friday 21st October** (Hackney, recommended), with the *official* closing date on Monday 31st October. PLEASE ensure your application is in on time to maximise your chances of getting a space at one of your preferred schools. Late applications are considered AFTER on time applications. School staff are more than happy to assist with any stage of the admissions process – please just ask!

Black History Month Celebration

Our annual Black History Month evening is on Thursday 20th October, 4-6pm. It's a chance to enjoy good food, drinks and activities as well as learn about the varied contributions of Black people in history. It is a welcome all event and there will be plenty of home-cooked offerings to enjoy alongside stunning artwork from pupils, and performances from a range of year groups (with microphones this year!). We are still looking for volunteers to help set up, clear up, serve food and assist with activities, so do let the office or Lola know if you are available. After School Club and After Care will run as usual.



usual.



Uniform sale

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent, hugely successful, second hand uniform sale, with particular thanks to Annette for running and coordinating it, and Laetia for all the support, too. We raised a fantastic **£271**, which will go towards our ongoing fundraising for the school. If any payments are still outstanding, please make them to the FOHH Bank Account. The next sale is planned for **Friday 4th November from 3.30pm**. We are in need of EVERYTHING in larger sizes, as well as jumpers, coats and ties for all sizes. Please note, we are unable to accept shoes, tights or socks, and damaged or non-uniform items will also be rejected! Thank you!

Admissions

Reception Admissions for September 2023

Admissions for Reception places have now opened for *children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019*. Parents/carers can complete their applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

The deadline for applications is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. For more information on the application process please visit [Hackney Primary School Admissions](#) or download their [Primary Admissions Guide](#). There is also a pre-recorded briefing video which gives more information [here](#).

For further information on the application process, you can contact Hackney Education's Admissions Team via email at reception.class@hackney.gov.uk or by calling 0208 820 7000 (option 3).

We will be holding tours at Halley House School every fortnight on Wednesdays, starting from 12th October. Places can be booked via our website.



Secondary School Admissions for September 2023

Admissions for transfers to secondary schools have now opened and parents/carers can complete their applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

The deadline for applications is **Friday 21st October 2022**. For more information on the application process please visit [Hackney Education Secondary Admissions](#) or download their [Secondary Admissions Guide](#). There is also a briefing video which gives more information [here](#).

Many secondary schools are running open events across September and October. Please see the list of current events [here](#). We would strongly encourage you to visit your preferred schools before submitting your application.

For further information on the application process, you can contact Hackney Education's Admissions Team via email at secondary.transfer@hackney.gov.uk or by calling 0208 820 7000 (option 3).



If you would like to speak to a member of staff at Halley House School about any aspect of the admissions process, including for in-year transfers, please do not hesitate to contact our **Assistant Head and Inclusion Manager Soozii Lim**, or any other member of our Senior Leadership Team - we're always here to help!

NURSERY



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

This week in our maths lessons in nursery we have been focusing on numbers 0-5 and seeing if we could find the same amount of objects in our classroom.

The children worked really hard at trying to discover the same amount of objects that matched the focus number of the day.

For our number one focus, the children individually (without support!) managed to find one Numicon, one block, one compare bear and one number stone.

Well done Apollo class and let's keep counting!



The children have been busy being creative this week, they have participated in freehand painting where they have used colours to express themselves.

The children have also been working hard at rolling, pinching and squeezing their playdough which helps develop their hand and eye coordination as well as their fine motor skills.

Additionally, during circle time Apollo class have been learning how to use kind hands and understanding what this means. We have been discussing how we can use our kind hands and children responded with lots of practical examples.



Home learning debate and discussion



Can you talk to your child and ask them how they can use their kind hands, and find out what this means to them?

Nursery Parents/Carers Keyworker Breakfast Morning on Friday 14th October 9.30-10.30am, please pop in and see your child's picture book and have an informal chat with their keyworker.

We hope to see you there!

RECEPTION



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Leo

Mia

Thiago

Amaani



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

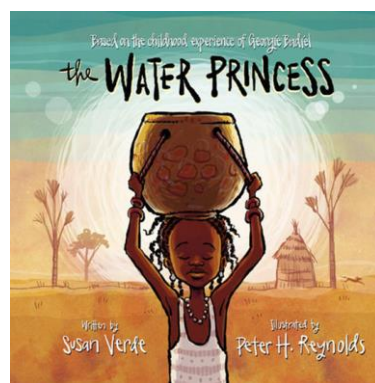
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P: 98.7%

A: 94.6%

P: 97.1%

This week, Comet Class have been listening to the story 'The Water Princess' by Susan Verde. During our carpet time, we have been discussing the importance of water by naming all of the different things we can use water for. The children shared many ideas, such as: for washing, bathing, watering flowers, and drinking. The book has inspired some fabulous artwork, which the children have been creating with Ms Hodgson, and will continue to build on next week as part of their Black History month learning. We all can't wait to see the results of their completed projects!



The children in Comet Class have done an amazing job this week practising their first set of spellings- Well done!

They have been sent home with their first word time mat, and can't wait to show off their reading to their families, so please can I encourage all of the grown-ups to cheer and support Comet Class when they share their spelling words at home!

"Don't worry, have a go."

" You can do it !"

" Great job, you gave it a try. "



Reading Word Time 1

m a s d t

mat

dad

sat

sad

at

mad

Home learning debate and discussion



Can you explain to a grown up what the word subitise or subitising means ?

What shapes can you spot in your home?

YEAR 1



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Thierry

Suheyra

Kaleb

Michaela



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

A: 98.1%

P: 97.6%

A: 91.4 %

P: 95.9%

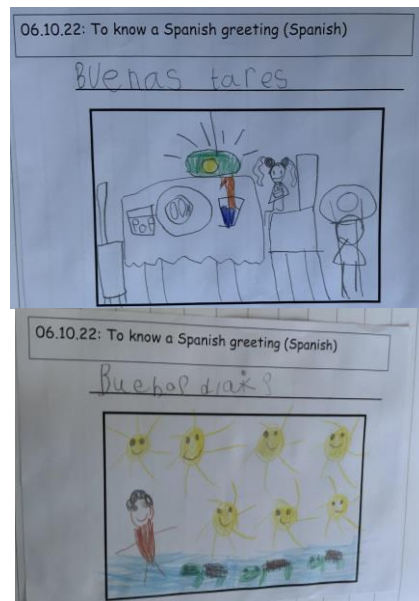
Spanish

Over the last few weeks we have been learning how to greet people in Spanish.

Using Makaton signs to help us, we greeted each other using buenos dias (good day), buenos tardes (good afternoon) and buenos noches (good evening).

We had lots of fun joining in with our Spanish songs and greeting each other, and even recorded our favourite greeting with relevant pictures.

Excelente!



Maths

Last week we were thinking about different number bonds and using number frames and the part-whole model to help us visualise the calculations.

We found different ways of making four, five, eight and ten throughout the week.

At home you could explore different ways of making, 6, 7 or 9!



Home learning debate and discussion



What would a world without numbers be like? What do you think would be different? What would we struggle to do? How do you think we would have adapted?

YEAR 2



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Simon

Nahum

Kosa

Etienne



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

A: 95.0%

P: 96.2%

A: 91.7%

P: 94.2%

Hola!

The children of Galaxy class have been thoroughly enjoying learning Spanish this week. Our new Spanish program has been super exciting. The children role played and pretended to be superheroes! They have learnt how to introduce themselves and ask each other their superhero names. In addition, we are learning our colours in Spanish too.

Please do ask the children about what they have learnt so far in Spanish, they will have lots to tell you!



Literacy

For our Literacy text this half term children have been studying a popular book, The Twits.

The children have been delving into Mr Twit's beard and have found all sorts of 'yummy' things to eat. We have been using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to really 'show and not tell' the things we think are lurking inside Mr Twit's beard.

We finished with a letter to the RSPCA about how they treat their pets!



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Should children be paid to go to school?
2. Should computers replace teachers? What would the benefits be? What are the challenges?

YEAR 4



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Einstein

Max

Mia

Rae

Hannah

Newton

Ezra

Raemario

Leonard

Eesa



Friday 30th September 2022

Friday 7th October 2022

Einstein

A: 97.5%

P: 98%

A: 97.5%

P: 98.75%

Newton

A: 96.4%

P: 97.9%

A: 94.8%

P: 98.7%

Curriculum Update

Year 4 have continued our work on *Charlotte's Web* writing newspaper reports ensuring we use all the features we identified in our text type exploration. We practised using sentence starters to ensure we got the formal and informative tone of newspaper reports right!

In our RE lessons, we have been exploring the Jewish celebration of Passover including understanding what each item of food on the seder plate represents.



Art

As October is Black History Month, Year 4 have been exploring inspirational and influential black people through art. From deciding who to represent artistically to exploring layering and negative space, we have created some exceptional paintings. Popular figures chosen amongst Year 4 include Katherine Johnson, Lewis Hamilton and Usain Bolt.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Is better funding for the police the best way to solve crime?
2. Should we only eat food produced in Britain?

YEAR 5



Friday 30th September

Friday 10th October

Alvin

Isabelle

Julia

Bianca



Friday 30th September

Friday 10th October

A: 99.1%

P: 98.5%

A: 97.4%

P: 96.8%

Curriculum

Year 5 have been working hard recognising place value in numbers up to 1,000,000. We have been rounding to the nearest 10,000 1,000 100 and 10. We have also been code breaking with Roman Numerals and starting to write bigger numbers and the date in our maths book each day!

We have started researching our prominent person for Black History Month, Diane Abbott. We will be writing biographies about her achievements and our own speeches for the House of Commons about things we believe need to change in our society.



Class Dojo

We have been really enjoying earning Dojo points in Jemsion class and are proud to announce that everyone has now reached the 50 point milestone! Keep an eye out for some very special postcards on their way to you!



Home learning debate and discussion



What is the impact of friction on moving objects? Design an investigation at home.

What rights do we have as children? What are our responsibilities with this?

YEAR 6



Friday 30th September

Friday 7th October

Arthur

Darcey

Iman

Ava



Friday 30th September

Friday 7th October

A: 88.5%

P: 97.2%

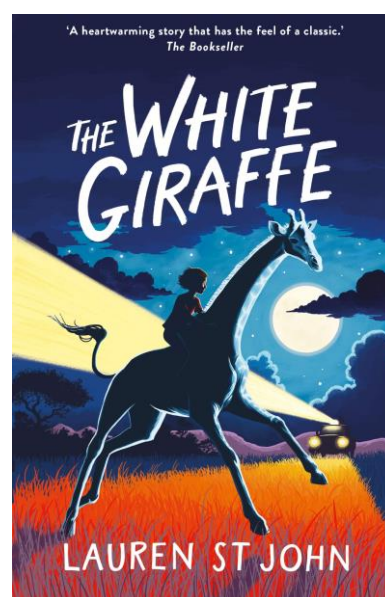
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Curriculum Update

To link with their topic of 'Out of Africa' Year 6 have been exploring a new text over the past two weeks called 'The White Giraffe'. They have been developing their writing skills through exploring different types of recounts and wrote their own diaries based on the text. I was so impressed by the use of powerful language and complicated grammatical structures they are beginning to use.

In our RE lessons, we have been exploring Jewish festivals and have been looking particularly at Shabbat and how this is observed every week.



Art

As October is Black History Month, Year 6 have been exploring inspirational and influential black people through art. From deciding who to represent artistically to exploring layering and negative space, we have created some exceptional paintings.

We will be continuing this work in the classroom over the next week by researching and writing biographies about our namesake: Katherine Johnson.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Should everyone buy electric cars?
2. What is a role model?