

# Newsletter



Hermitage Primary School

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## Headteacher News

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy few weeks since our last newsletter.

On Wednesday, some of our governors were in school for the annual VLT Governance day. They spent the morning talking to both children and staff, and took part in some learning activities based around British values, careers and reading. It was a pleasure to host our guests, and your children enjoyed sharing their ideas, their future goals and ideas for the school.



We also had a kindness day with assemblies from 'The school of Kindness', and a culture day. Mrs Briguglio organised a wonderful Culture Day, inviting parents to share insights about their countries and cultures. Mrs Thomas (parent from Picasso class) talked to the children about South Korea, while Ms. Chan (parent from Pankhurst class) talked about the Philippines. Both discussed

traditional foods, greetings, bowing customs, body language, and traditional clothing. Additionally, Ms. Touahriya (parents from Pankhurst class) discussed Japan, explaining Japanese greetings, food, clothing, manga, traditional tales, and video game characters.

On Saturday 29th June we held our Summer Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of our school community sharing in this special event. Thanks must go to Sally and the PATH team for their tireless fundraising efforts. We had our class photos on Monday 1st July, as well as 3 Pankhurst's assembly. Again, this was an excellent opportunity for parents to come into school to watch an amazing assembly all about American Independence day. This was full of information, songs, dances and facts. 3 Pankhurst made links to our own school's rules, and I was very interested to hear about the world's largest doughnut (It was the size of a baby elephant apparently!)

As I write this newsletter, our pupils have finished off their transition morning. We welcomed approximately 60 of our new parents for an information session, while their children met their Reception teachers. The children spent the morning with their new teachers and I am sure they are already looking forward to September. Our year 6 pupils are spending the day at their new secondary schools and I look forward to hearing what they have been up to when they return.

We also have EYFS's and KS1's sports days today, and then Reception are going to Kew Gardens on Thursday, while our KS2 pupils have their sports day at school. To round the week off we are hosting 'Hermitage's got Talent!', and we still have our year 6 production and leavers assembly, and our significant achievement assembly, before we break up. I am tired just writing all of this down!

Your children are working very hard indeed, and they have these activities as enrichment before the end of term. Thank you to all of the staff that have organised these events, and for their work behind the scenes. Thank you also to you, our parents, for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr N S Hingley  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sports Day for Nursery & Rec (9-11.30am)

Sports Day for Year 1 & 2 (1.15-3pm)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day for Years 3 & 4 (9-11am)

Sports Day for Years 5 & 6 (1.15-2pm)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Hermitage Has Got Talent Finals (1.30-2.30pm)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Rocksteady - End of Term Concert (9-10am)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Production (1-30-2.30pm & 4-5pm)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9-10am)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 - PGL Residential Trip

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Significant Achievement Assembly (9am)

School closes at 1.15pm for the Summer

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

School closed - Staff Training Day

## Autumn Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

School closed - Staff Training Days

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

School opens - New Academic Year (Autumn 1)

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> September

School opens for Reception Children

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

School closes normal time for Half Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

School closed - Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

School opens (Autumn 2)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

School closed - Staff Training Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

School closes at 1.15pm for Christmas

## Polite Notice - Mobile Phones

When collecting your children, please refrain from using your mobile phone on the school premises. This helps us safeguard our children and protect them from being photographed, prevents health and safety issues like trips and falls, and allows your children to share their day with you.

Thank you for your co-operation.

# Wellbeing and Safeguarding News

## Action for Happiness

The final calendar for this year, 'Jump Back Up July', can be found at this [link](#). Small habits that can support mental health and wellbeing.

## School of Kindness – assembly last week

The assembly helped our children to revisit the importance of the fundamental quality of being kinds, and looked at the importance of being friendly, generous and considerate. Last week, the children came home with a leaflet about this charity and the work that they do. Visit the website [here](#), and find out more about the 'Kids' Club'.

## Hillingdon – Water Safety

As we approach warm weather and summer holidays we have been asked by the London Fire Brigade to share information about water safety. You can find the London Fire Brigade safety messaging [here](#).

## Hillingdon Council: E-Newsletter for Children, Young People and Families

You can sign up via this [link](#).

## National College – What Parents Need to Know about Gambling

The poster created by 'The National College', accessible [here](#), provides information about the risks as well as key tips of advice.

## National College – Promoting Physical Wellbeing

The poster created by 'The National College', accessible [here](#), provides 10 Top Tips for Parents. The poster discusses the importance of physical activity playing a key role in promoting mental wellbeing.

## Digital Explorers: An Online Safety Quest – London Grid for Learning

The excellent London Grid for Learning, has recently published a fun and interactive resource for teaching online safety. Aimed at children aged 7 to 10, the objective of this resource is to introduce the basics of online safety and online interactions. Essential concepts are taught such as online kindness, safe sharing and recognising trusted adults.

Ahead of the school holidays, please consider accessing the resource at this [link](#).

## The Summer Reading Challenge – Marvellous Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative to encourage children to continue reading during the summer holidays, ensuring readiness for the autumn school term.

Children aged 4 to 11 can sign up at any Hillingdon library to set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. If children complete all 4 visits they will receive a medal, certificate and entry into prize draws to win amazing prizes including a Kindle Fire.



This year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers' and focuses on creativity through the power of reading, with activities including arts and crafts and junk modelling. Please visit the website [here](#).

Mrs Varaitch is in the process of arranging a launch assembly at school via Uxbridge Library!

