

This week we enjoyed welcoming parents into school for parents' evening meetings. A number of appointments also took place virtually and we hope that you were pleased with how your child is progressing. If you were unable to attend this week, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.

There have been lots of exciting trips this week as well, starting with a group of Year 4 children visiting Wellington Primary School for a World Book Day celebration. Year 1 had the opportunity to visit Hope Church (Good Shepherd) and learn more about what happens at a church. Finally, Year 3 went all the way to The British Museum to learn more about Ancient Egypt.

Miss Bentley and her team run a very successful 'reading cafe' on Tuesday lunchtimes, and they have invited staff to share their favourite stories with the children. This week was my turn and I thoroughly enjoyed sharing a chapter from *Fantastic Mr Fox* along with the picture book *Tadpole's Promise*. It was fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for reading being developed through this cafe.

It's Red Nose Day next Friday and as always we will be taking part, more information to follow.

The final two days of planned industrial action are due to take place next Wednesday and Thursday. I will inform you of final plans as soon as I can, but please be aware that it is highly unlikely that school will be open as usual. Please make provisional alternative arrangements for these two days.



March	Spring 2—Equality
15th	NEU Industrial Action
16th	NEU Industrial Action
17th	Rec & Y1 Ark Farm in school
17th	Red Nose Day
19th	Mother's Day
W/C 20th	Arts Week
24th	Y1 Easter Assembly
26th	Daylight Saving Time
28th	Early Years Easter Fayre
30th	Easter Mufti
31st	Break for Easter—Close at 1:30
31st	No Nursery
April	Summer 1 Co-operation
17th	Start of the Summer Term
21st	Y4 Eid Assembly
25th	Y2 Science Museum
May	Summer 1 Co-operation
KS1 SATs	start
1st	May Bank Holiday
8th	King's Coronation Holiday
9th	Y6 SATs start
29th	Half Term
June	Summer 2—Kindness
July	Summer 2—Kindness
17th	End of term—Close at 1:30
17th	No Nursery



Spring 2's value is Equality

UNICEF Article 2: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.



Attendance
Good attendance is very important for learning!
Attendance cup winners were:

Y5 Red 98%
Y5 Ruby 97%
Y4 Lavender 97%
Y3 Green 97%

Classes with 100% attendance earn a mufti-day.

Parent & Community Partnership

We need your help!!

Second Hand Uniform

Do you have any old school uniform in reasonable condition you could donate to the school? If you do, please bring in to the school office.

Can any parents help us with translations; we are looking for any parents who speak English well but also fluently speak any of the following languages:

- Malayalam
- Hungarian
- Romanian
- Georgian
- Telugu

Year 3 went on a trip to the British Museum to look at the Egyptian exhibit. Everyone had a great time!

Picture of Jade class outside the museum.

Poppy from Jade class said ' The amulets were really cool and the mummies were scary!'



Community News —
Barbara Moses
Community Liaison Officer



Golden Ticket:

Awarded for: Good Values,
Good Behaviour
Friday 10th March 2023

Orange—Argam	Lilac—Sahib
Amber—Zach	Lavender—Igor
Apricot—Anayla	Purple—Vihaan
Yellow—George G	Crimson—Aisha
Lemon—Callum	Red—Alan
Primrose—Gareth	Ruby—Ayaan
Blue—Louis	
Indigo Sky—Samiya	



The year 6 librarians have been reading stories to younger children every week. Here's Roxanne reading a story to Yellow class.



Sunshine Class have had a busy week; they learnt how to brush their teeth, they each had their own tooth brush and tooth paste. They then learnt how important it is to brush your teeth by covering the pictures of teeth with chocolate cake (brown playdoh) and worked really hard to get them clean again.

They also made chocolate rice crispy cakes. They all waited very patiently while the chocolate melted, they took turns to stir the rice crispies into the soft, gooey chocolate. Sprinkles were added at the end. I hope they remembered to brush their teeth once they had eaten them!



Chrissie has been in Year 2 this week. She sat and watched the children while they had their fruit. She's enjoying spending time in class.

TAKEHOME



Could you do more to protect
your local area?



In the news this week

It has been suggested that the number of hazel dormice in the UK has dropped from around 3.5 million to only 750,000 in almost 30 years. Currently, their conservation status is classed as 'vulnerable', but some researchers say people should be more worried for them. A recent report from the University of Exeter urges for hazel dormice to be reclassified as 'endangered' and calls for more conservation action.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Describe your local area to someone older. Ask them to share details about their local area from when they were younger. Was it different?
- Talk about different places e.g., the countryside, cities. How can people who live in each take greater care of local habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



SAY NO TO VAPING



DANGERS OF VAPING

We would like to draw your attention to the issues of vaping amongst young people. Rising numbers of children across the country have reported experimenting with vapes, which poses a risk to their health and development.

This week, children in KS1 and KS2 had an assembly focussed on the dangers and effects of vaping. This was delivered age appropriately by the class teacher, where children had opportunities to ask questions and discuss anything they were concerned about.

WHAT ARE E-CIGARETTES OR VAPE PENS?

- They are electronic devices that heat a liquid and produce an aerosol or mix of small particles in the air.
- They contain nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm developing brains.
- They come in many shapes and sizes and can be difficult to identify as they are designed to look like pens, toys, cosmetics, lighters or perfume.
- Most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid.
- Vapes are extremely easy to conceal in pockets and hands.
- They are not suitable for children and are illegal to sell to anyone under the age of 18.



HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS VAPING?

- You notice a sweet smell – e-liquids come in thousands of flavours.
- They are spending more money than usual.
- You find pods/cartridges or other unusual devices (e.g. a new USB drive).
- They are irritable, which can be a sign of withdrawal or cravings.
- They have new or increased coughing, sore throat, difficulty breathing, nausea.
- They experience more or sudden nosebleeds.
- They are thirsty – nicotine can make you dehydrated.



WHAT CAN I DO?

- Educate yourself. Know the facts about vaping and what e-cigarettes or vapes look like.
- Be a positive role model by staying smoke-free.
- Speak with other parents, school staff, your child's doctor and other trusted adults to create a community of support and increase awareness about the risks of vaping.
- Be aware of your child's online activity. The e-cigarette industry is targeting young people through social media and other popular sites.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Are you entitled?

It costs nothing to apply, so why don't you try it and see what you are entitled to! Go to the link below:

<https://forms.liberata.com/public-services/free-school-meals/hounslow>

Help the school—register for Free School Meals (FSM)!!

FSM entitlement brings additional funding to the school which helps fund fun activities!

This is different to Universal Infant Free School meals (UIFSM) which all children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 get, but did you know if you claim for Free School Meals you will get much more?

Universal FSM	Free School Meals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A free meal in school only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A free meal in school £25 shopping voucher for all successful <u>new</u> applications A £15 shopping voucher per child for each week during school holidays (£195 per child per year) A £3 shopping voucher for any strike days A voucher for free activities during the school holidays, to include a meal Extra money for the school



YOUTH GROUP AT THE ERMINE CENTRE

WEDNESDAYS

GIRLS GROUP: 4.30PM – 5.30PM

BOYS GROUP: 5.45PM – 6.45PM

A safe space for young people
aged 8+ to enjoy group activities
and sports.

Permissions Form:

Sign Up Form:



This space will incorporate a variety of fitness and
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young people to build confidence and community.

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