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SCHOOL NEWS

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Hello Yellow! Observing Mental Health Day

In support of World Mental Health Day, pupils were asked to wear yellow accessories and donate £1 in support of Young Minds Charity. As a school, our focus was to ensure that the children understood what mental health is, why we observe a day such as this and who they can talk to if they feel sad, angry or anxious at home and school.

Creating a Volcanic Eruption in Year 4

Linked to our Geography topic 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes', the children in Year 4 have been buzzing with excitement during their Design and Technology (DT) lessons over the past few weeks as they have had to design, build and paint their model volcanoes. As always, the children exhibited a culture of creativity and demonstrated sheer artistry in producing magnificent and vibrant volcanoes. They also had a chance to combine some interesting ingredients together to create a chemical reaction, and witness their vibrant, violent volcanoes erupt before their eyes!

Not only did this activity engage the children and enrich their learning, but it developed their understanding of scientific concepts and provided them with yet another stimulating DT lesson with one child in particular proclaiming: "This is the best DT lesson ever!" How exciting this term has been for them!

Are You Interested in Being a Parent Governor at One of Our Schools?

The Academy Board is the regulatory authority of The Trust and as such is responsible for setting the strategic direction, at a corporate level, across the group of schools within The Trust. Each school has a Local Advisory Board (LAB) which is responsible for advising and assisting the leadership of the School with the standards of high quality teaching; reviewing and reporting on the curriculum offered with reference to national and local requirements; monitoring and reviewing the progress of children in terms of academic achievements, attendance, punctuality and behaviour benchmarked against national and local performance; actively promoting the work of each school within the community; responding to external feedback from national and local bodies to continuously improve the offering of the School and wider Academy Trust.

The LAB consists of community (co-opted) members, parents, guardians, carers and staff. The skills set, expertise and commitment of each individual are fundamental, as the LAB is critical to the work of our schools and overall governance arrangements of The Trust. The School is eager to appoint two dynamic individuals as Parent Governors to support the School community in serving the entire pupil body to the best of its ability. If this opportunity interests you, please contact Sue Neave, Admin Officer, by email at **trhat@trhat.org** or contact the main school office where a member of staff will advise you of the procedure to follow to apply for the post. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Traffic Congestion outside the School

The necessity for staggered starts at the beginning of the day, along with the two other schools that share the road, means that we have to be extra vigilant about traffic and safety outside the School. Please can we reiterate that no cars are to be parked on the double yellow lines, up on the pavement or on the 'keep clear' areas. Cars should also avoid making U-turns on Hewens Road, as this is leading to congestion in both directions during peak times.

We appreciate that these are exceptional times and that many families are not using public transport, and we kindly ask those who must come by car and are unable to walk, to be dropped off at the designated time with no waiting. Complaints have been made, thus, we anticipate that Traffic Enforcement Officers may be deployed. It is essential that we continue to work together in order to keep our community safe. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Keeping Safe during Coronavirus

In order for families to remain safe, we would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that if your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) such as **a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**, please book a PCR test and stay at home until you get your test results - only leave your home to get tested. **Parents, guardians and carers should ensure that they leave children who have tested positive at home and do not attempt to bring them onto the School site to collect other children from school.** This will ensure that everyone is kept safe and limit the spread of the virus. Thank you for your usual cooperation.

International Walk to School Month

October is International Walk to School Month, helping to embed active travel behaviours within the School community, with an opportunity to be part of a global campaign, encouraging children to walk to school alongside young people in over 40 countries!

Considering the contribution that traffic pollution makes to climate change and the effects it has on wildlife and natural habitats around the world, by walking to school, you can reduce your carbon emissions, supporting natural habitats and animals across the globe.

Black History Month

Black History Month is the annual celebration and commemoration of moments in history, achievements and contributions that Black people have made. At Hewens Primary School, we will be honouring the contributions made to society by people of Back heritage and their communities by taking part in various activities and competitions throughout the month. **Key Stage 1 pupils** will learn about a famous Black Briton and their achievements or contributions to British society. The suggested personalities include: Sir Trevor McDonald, Mary Seacole, Mo Farah, Lewis Hamilton, Claudia Jones, Benjamin Zephaniah, Lenny Henry. **Key Stage 2 will be taught** to understand the experiences and contributions of people from communities across the United Kingdom. They will watch short videos from BBC Teach each week: (https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-black-british-stories/z3w84xs). On Wednesday 20th October, we will then host a special celebration assembly at 1:30pm in the Quad to commemorate Black History Month.

National Bullying Prevention Month

National Bullying Prevention Month is a month-long event to prevent childhood bullying and promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion. At Hewens Primary School, we all have a role to play whether we are children, parents, guardians or carers, teachers or school administrators. Positive change comes as we begin to emphasise respect and inclusion in our school and community.

This month, try to reach out to a classmate, especially those who appear to be struggling. Children will not only learn about the different forms of bullying, but also how to report it when they see it in order to prevent others from suffering in silence. Talk to your child about bullying and please report all concerning disclosures to the Headteacher.

Early Essence Training

Parents, guardians and carers of children in Nursery and Reception are invited to an Early Essence Training Workshop on Monday 18th October for Nursery Parents and Tuesday 19th October for Reception Parents. All workshops will take place at 9:00am in the Computer Suite.

Hillingdon Walk Zone Workshop

On Tuesday 19th October, Mr Hughes from The STARS Team, will be visiting to host part one of a workshop designed to help pupils understand what air pollution is, the effects it has on them and what they and their families can do to help reduce air pollution. The workshop will consist of 12 pupils across Years 4 to 6 whose role will be to help promote the school walk zone map across the School.

OCTOBER 2021

OCTOBER		
Friday 1st to Sunday 31st		International Walk to School Month
		Black History Month
		National Bullying Prevention Month
Monday 18th	9:00am	Early Essence Workshop for Nursery Parents
Tuesday 19th	9:00am	Early Essence Workshop for Reception Parents
Tuesday 19th		Hillingdon Walk Zone Workshop
Wednesday 20th		Post-Box Competition Deadline
Wednesday 20th	1:30pm	Black History Month Celebration
Thursday 21st	9:00am	Black History Month Alliance Quiz - Key Stage 1
	2:00pm	Black History Month Alliance Quiz - Lower Key Stage 2
Friday 22nd	9:00am	Black History Month Alliance Quiz - Upper Key Stage 2
Friday 22nd		End of Term

Whole School Post-Box Competition

Pupils are being asked to create their own black post-box to honour a famous Black British person who inspires them. They could make the post-box out of a cardboard box or design it on paper. On the post-box, they should include:

- The name of the person who inspires them
- Information about their life and achievements
- The reasons why they are an inspiration to them.

Some suggested personalities are: Benjamin Zephaniah, John Barnes, Marcus Rashford, Mo Farah, Idris Elba, Dele Alli, Alex Scott, Alesha Dixon, Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Nicola Adams. The deadline for this post-box entry is **Wednesday 20th October**.

We will end the month's celebrations by hosting an Alliance Quiz Competition for Years 1 to 6 on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October. The four Alliances in Key Stage 1, Lower and Upper Key Stage 2 will compete against each other in a quiz which will test their knowledge about some inspirational black people who have made a difference in our lives over the years. The winning team will be awarded with trophies and all participants will earn some Alliance points. Please encourage your child to participate in the activities and raise awareness of Black History Month.

Applying for Secondary School September 2022

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is **Sunday 31st October 2021**.

To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications no later than Friday 22nd October to ensure that it is received by the published deadline. You can apply for your child's secondary school at (https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary).

Week Commencing: *Monday 18th October*

MENU 4

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Mediterranean Pasta Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Raspberry Jelly*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Jam and Coconut Sponge*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Chicken with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Chicken with Vegetable Stir Fry	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Cheese and Onion Tart	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Chocolate Sponge*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Custard Tart*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*

Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day

Primary School Admissions 2022

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary) or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

End of Term - *Friday 22nd October*

School will be closed from Monday 25th to Friday 29th October for the Half Term holiday. **We finish at our normal time on Friday 22nd October at 3:15/3:30pm**. School opens again on Monday 1st November at the normal time of 8:30/8:45am. It is essential that your child arrives on time as lessons will begin promptly.