

Pupils' Voice - Exercising Democracy through Leadership



Each year, the new cohort of pupils in Year 6 get an opportunity to apply for special leadership positions such as Head Boy, Head Girl and Alliance Captains. They are tasked to fill in a detailed application form and once shortlisted, they are required to write a manifesto and make posters as campaigning strategies. On Monday 4th October, all pupils vying for Head Boy and Head Girl convincingly presented their manifesto in our General Assembly in front of the whole school. They were well poised in presenting strong arguments to support why they should be elected as the next Head Boy or Head Girl for this academic year, including big plans to improve the School. We wish all the children well who have put themselves forward and we do hope that this has boosted their confidence in public speaking and leadership.







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.

Urgent Mental Health Support – 24/7 Crisis Lines

Children, young people and their families can access free help, advice and urgent mental health support from 24/7 crisis telephone lines available in every London borough. Every NHS mental health trust in London has put these in place, so children, young people and their families can get help quickly when they need it. Professionals are also able to access these crisis lines if they are concerned about or would like advice about a child, young person or family. The crisis lines are supported by trained mental health practitioners, who can offer advice and signpost other sources of support as needed.

Please visit the Urgent Mental Health Support section on our school's Mental Health and Wellbeing page via (<https://www.hewensprimary.co.uk/161/mental-health-and-wellbeing>) for a brief information pack with details of these crisis lines as well as other support available.

School Car Park

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, that the car park on the Hewens Primary and Hewens College sites are for the use of staff only. Use of this area for parking or turning any other vehicles around is strictly prohibited. This restriction is in place in order to minimise the risk of an accident involving children accessing and egressing the School. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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>).

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.

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 Black 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.

		
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Friday 1st to Sunday 31st October		Black History Month National Bullying Prevention Month International Walk to School Month
Friday 15th		Hillingdon Multi-skills Pentathlon
Monday 18th	9:00am	Early Essence Workshop for Nursery Parents
Tuesday 19th	9:00am	Early Essence Workshop for Reception Parents
Wednesday 20th	1:30pm	Black History Month Celebration

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. Please encourage your child to participate in the activities and raise awareness of 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.

Notification of Change of Children's Details

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded of the importance of keeping the School informed of changes to children's details. These include changes to emergency contacts, mobile telephone numbers, addresses and important medical information etc.

In the event of an emergency, it is vitally important for us to be able to access up-to-date, accurate pupil contact and medical information on our database. Please support us in our duty of care for your child by ensuring that any changes to contact and medical details are communicated to us as they happen.

	Week Commencing: Monday 11th October	
	MENU 3	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	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	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked 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	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

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.

Hillingdon Multi-skills Pentathlon

On Friday 15th October, Hewens Primary School will be taking part in the Hillingdon Multi-skills Pentathlon Competition. We have selected 8 children across Key Stage 2 to represent the School.

If you received a letter for your child, please ensure you return the reply slip as soon as possible. Thank you.