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## **Undercover Rock Stars at Hewens Primary**



During the week of Monday 9th November, we entered the children into an online 'Rock Out' competition on Times Tables Rock Stars. We have discovered some amazing talent amongst the Hewens Primary family and would like to congratulate our top 3 most valuable players. Well done to all the children who entered! Please ensure you continue to practise your times tables daily through our online portal – Times Tables Rock Stars!





# Young Writers - Becoming Published Poets

Over the past few weeks, the children in Year 3 got the opportunity to be entered into the Young Writers competition, entitled 'Peculiar Pets'. The children's poetry skills took the judges by surprise and approximately 20 children were chosen to get their work published! Congratulations to all the children and teachers in Year 3 for a job well done!









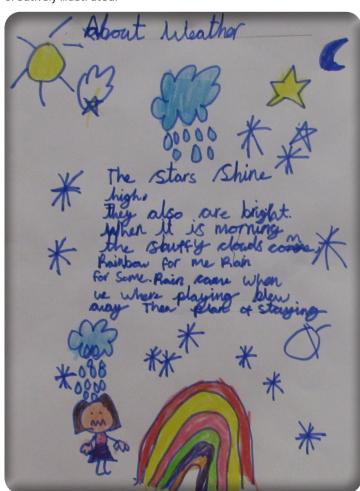


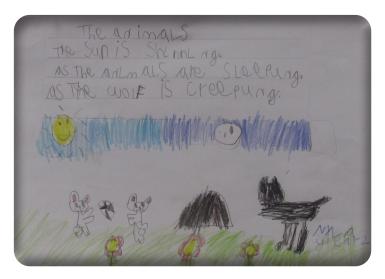


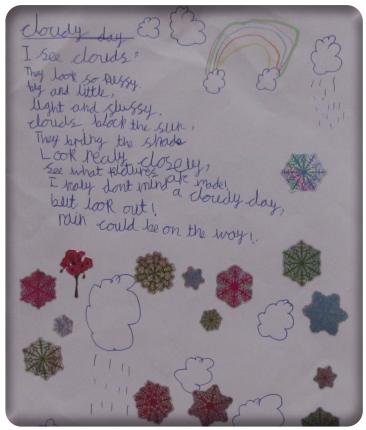


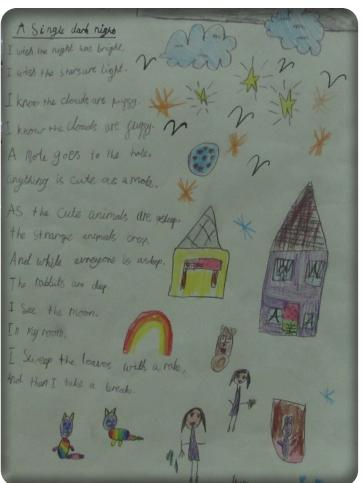
# Poets in the making!

Year 2 had a thrilling week learning about rhyming couplets! As well as enriching their learning, this activity also enhanced the children's knowledge on particular literary devices and enabled them to identify various features to then collaboratively create a class poem on the Great Fire of London. Some children, whilst isolating, were so inspired that they used their home learning time to create their own poetry using rhyming couplets which was creatively illustrated!









### **Primary School Admissions 2021**

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 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 **Friday 15th January 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 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 <a href="www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary">www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary</a> or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

#### **Authorised and Unauthorised Absence**

Your child's absence from school will only be authorised if:

- They are too ill to attend. In this case, you must ensure you contact the School on each morning of your child's absence by 9:00am. The only exception to this is in the case of long-term absence due to illness. In this instance, we will require a letter from your General Practice (GP) or Hospital.
- Your child has a medical appointment and the School has been notified and evidence has been provided, however, whenever possible medical appointments should be made outside of school hours.
- Exceptional circumstances apply and the Headteacher has given permission.

If a child is absent from school and the School has not been informed of the reason, the child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Any absence other than in circumstances as described above, will be recorded as unauthorised. In this instance, the parent, guardian or carer of an absent child may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice by the local authority.

The Fixed Penalty fine is £60, which will be increased to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the fine is not paid within 28 days, the local authority may prosecute.

### School Photographs - Tuesday 8th December

The health and safety of all our pupils is paramount to us and we have been working hard to ensure we can still supply your child's individual photographs in the safest way possible.

As such, we have finalised arrangements with Fraser Portraits who have provided us with a rescheduled date for your child's individual photographs and a risk assessment, outlining the various measures that will be put in place for their onsite presence on the day. The photographer will now be visiting the School on **Tuesday 8th December**, so please ensure that your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform.

Should you have any concerns, a copy of the risk assessment has been uploaded to the School website and may be provided upon request at the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.



# DECEMBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021

DECEMBER		
Tuesday 8th		Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 9th		Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe Workshop - Year 6
Friday 11th		Christmas Jumper Day - Non- Uniform
Friday 11th		Hearing and Vision Screening - Year 1
Friday 18th		End of Term - early dismissal from 12:00pm
JANUARY		
Monday 4th	1:00 to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultation
Tuesday 5th	1:00 to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultation
Wednesday 6th		Start of Term

# Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe - Rescheduled

Unfortunately, we have had to reschedule the Year 6 workshop for **Wednesday 9th December**. Please ensure that your child attends school so as not to miss out on this informative workshop.

## Christmas Jumper Day - Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 11th December, all the children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school!

To help us raise money as possible for Save the Children, we would appreciate any donations that will be given to the cause.

We look forward to seeing lots of happy and excited children wearing their favourite Christmas jumpers to school on this day and to helping this worthwhile charity make a difference to those in need! We thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### Hearing and Vision Screening - Year 1

On Friday 11th December, the School nurses will be visiting the School to carry out a Hearing and Vision Screening for the Year 1 children.

### Christmas Meals - Friday 11th December

On **Friday 11th December**, we will be offering the children who wish to have a school dinner, a traditional Christmas meal and a dessert at a small cost of £2.40.

All information regarding Christmas meals is available on IPayimpact. You will be required to log into your child's IPay account and select their meal preference at your earliest convenience. Please ensure your child's account is topped up with sufficient funds if you would like them to enjoy the festive meal. Once this is received, staff will then be able to pre-order to guarantee your child's meal choice. Please also note that on Thursday 10th December, there will be a menu change.



#### End of Term - Friday 18th December

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that **Friday 18th December** is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 12:00pm. Please see below for times:

Year Group	Pick-Up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Years 2 and 6	12:00pm
Years 1, 3 and 5	12:15pm
Reception and Year 4	12:30pm

Please note that afternoon Nursery will not be open on this day.