



FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY, 2023

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Fun Learning!



This term, Little Acorns have been busy learning new sounds and practising to write them. Children have been encouraged to develop their phonics skills by taking part in daily reading activities in school and at home, supported by parents, guardians and carers. They have also improved their numeric skills by focusing on identifying quantities and being able to sort amounts into greater and less than categories. Children were encouraged to use cubes to match the pictures and use one to one correspondence to identify which amount of cubes is more or less.







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Winter Walk

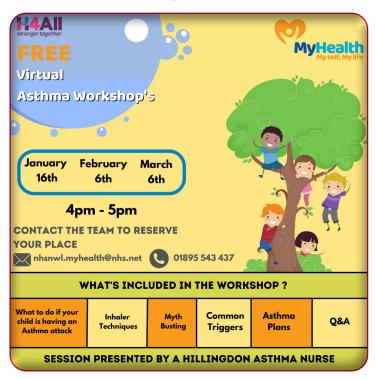


Little Acorns went on a winter adventure to explore the changes in the season and collected some sticks and leaves. Little Acorns learnt all about how the trees survive in the winter months and how we can look after the trees around us. They had lots of fun exploring the changes that occur in this wintery season.





FREE Asthma Workshop!



MyHealth are running FREE Asthma workshops for parents who have children with Asthma. These sessions are run by the Hillingdon Hospital asthma nurses giving you the chance to learn from health professionals and to ask them questions directly. Some of the content included in these sessions is asthma attacks, asthma triggers, in techniques and asthma action plans.

The workshops are run online via ZOOM from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and you can register your FREE place here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/myhealth-asthma-workshop-for-parents-children-tickets-191548726397</u>.

They are taking place on 16th January, 6th February and 6th March. You can also contact the MyHealth team on tel: 01895 543 437 or **nhsnwlccg.myhealth@nhs.net**.

Updating Email Addresses

Please can all parents, guardians and carers ensure that we have an email address on the School system for both parents as we would like to send out further communication via email. You can either email the School account with this information or fill out the contact details form at the School Office.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Labelled Water Bottles and Uniform

Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day. It is important children are kept hydrated during the School day, which in turn, enhances concentration and alertness during lessons.

Similarly, please ensure each item of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with your child's full name, particularly blazers, cardigans and jumpers.

Primary School Admissions 2023

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 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 **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

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 [https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary] or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

Booster and Fun Clubs - Spring Term

Booster will commence on the week of Monday 16th January and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Children will be invited by their teachers to attend these booster sessions in order to help develop their understanding and knowledge in Mathematics or English. Please be advised that booster sessions take priority over all upcoming fun clubs.

On the other hand, fun clubs will proceed from the week commencing Monday 6th February. To ensure that each child gets a fair opportunity to participate in a fun club, fun clubs will be limited to one per child. Letters will be send out on Monday 23rd January and registration will open on Wednesday 25th January at 7:45am.

If your child was selected to attend a booster session after school, please avoid choosing a fun club that is being offered on the same day. Thank you.

Bikeability Safer Cycling Course - Year 6

Year 6 pupils who have signed up, will be participating in a 'Bikeability Safer Cycling Course' which will enable them to complete Level 1 and 2 combined. The course will officially start on Monday 16th to Thursday 19th January 2023.

Young Voices Concert - Tuesday 17th January

On Tuesday 17th January, children who have been taking part in the Young Voices Choir rehearsals will be attending the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena.

Please make sure your child is in school on time and in the correct uniform. This will be a long day for the children so please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch and some teatime food and drinks for the day. Thank you.

New Website!



Our BRAND NEW website is NOW LIVE!

Visit our website via your mobile device or desktop to navigate through our new features such as quick links to our virtual tour, social media pages, ipayimpact payment portal, Newsletters, latest news and many more!

We look forward to continuing to share the latest school news with you via our website, so please keep a lookout each week for any updates! We hope you enjoy your virtual experience as you explore the window to our school (<u>https://www.hewensprimary.co.uk/</u>).

Reading with your Children!

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. With this in mind, we urge all parents, guardians and carers to share a book with your children at bedtime.

For the little ones, this may be simply looking at a picture book and introducing key vocabulary. For the older ones, it would be really good to start with some simple stories, by reading out loud to your child. If you need any advice on reading to your child, please do not hesitate to contact the School or speak with the class teacher.

JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 2023					
JANUARY					
Sunday 15th		Primary School Admissions Deadline			
Monday 16th to Thursday 19th		Year 6 Bikeability Safer Cycling Course			
Monday 16th		Free Parent Asthma Workshop			
Thursday 17th		Young Voices Concert			
Wednesday 18th	9:00am	Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop			
Friday 20th		Year 4 Personal Safety Presentation			
		Year 5 Internet Safety Presentation			
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th		Practice Papers - Year 1, 2 and 6			
Monday 30th to Friday 3rd February		National Storytelling Week			
Tuesday 31st		National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) - Reception and Year 6			
FEBRUARY					
Friday 3rd		NSPCC Number Day			
Monday 6th to Friday 10th		Children's Mental Health Week			
		Schools' Football Week			
Monday 6th		Hearing and Vision Screening - Reception			
		Free Parent Asthma Workshop			

Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 2 SATs workshop on **Wednesday 18th January** at **9:00am** in the Hall. During the workshop, we will share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will be an informative workshop and it is highly recommended that you attend. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the Year 2 curriculum and assessments.

Personal and Internet Safety Presentation

On Friday 20th January, the Metropolitan Police Services will be holding a Personal Safety Presentation for the Year 4 children and an Internet Safety Presntation for the Year 5 children. Please note this workshop will be age appropriate for the children.

Year 1 Phonics, and Years 2 and 6 SATs Tests

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, children in Year 1 will practise their Phonics tests, whilst Years 2 and 6 will sit their practice SATs during the week commencing Monday 23rd January. It is also extremely important that they attend school every day. Please also remember that a good breakfast is always an essential meal for children before school, but in particular when they are sitting tests. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy breakfast have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!

PRIMARY	MENU 1		
MONDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slice and Beans	es	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Chicken Goujons with Potatoes and Beans		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese		Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Jam Sponge	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDA	Y		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice		Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Lemon Tart	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing		Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY			
	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges		
Meal Choice 1	Tomato Pasta Bake		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 1 Meal Choice 2			
	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges a Beans	and	Gluten/Dairy Free

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Parent and Teacher Communications

If you would like to communicate with the class teachers, you can communicate via the **Home-School Link** book which can be found in your child's book bag. If you are unsure which book this is, please speak with the class teacher. Alternatively, you can contact them via the School email account or bycalling the School Office. This will help to facilitate the staggered start and end times and have less congestion at the front entrance.

Wrap Around Care

We would like to remind families that our Wrap Around Care service is a charged service we offer for working parents, guardians and carers. Those who would like to make use of our wrap around care provision will be charged as follows:

• Breakfast Club: 7:45am to staggered start time (cut-off at 8:15am), £1 per day, per child which includes toast and squash.

• After School Club: staggered end time to **<u>5:30pm (prompt)</u>**, £6 per day, per child, which includes a snack, sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink.

If you would like your child to attend Wrap Around Care, please let us know what days you would like for breakfast and after school care by picking up a form at the School Office. **Please note payment must be made in advance**.