

Let's Learn to Count!

On Thursday 1st October, pupils in Madrid and Berlin explored numeracy by identifying numbers and counting objects.

With a tactile-based approach to learning, the activity encouraged interaction amongst peers, improving pupils' retention in Mathematics and allowing them to remain engaged throughout. Learning through play is an extremely valuable learning tool especially at such a young age.



Scary Monsters aargh...

Year 1 Helsinki class had a fantastic time on Friday 2nd October showcasing their creativity by drawing and describing their own monsters. Pupils' ideas originated from the monster in the story, *Not Now Bernard*. Using a range of spectacular adjectives, the children were able to describe their own monstrous creations by unleashing their imaginations and bringing their ideas to life!





Harvest Celebrations

In celebration of the Harvest Festival, pupils in Nursery composed vibrant pictures using paint and real fruit and vegetables. The children mastered various techniques including repeated patterns and developed their collage skills by firmly pressing the painted side of the food firmly onto paper to achieve an assemblage of different prints in different colours. The activity was carried out for pupils to gain a better understanding into what the Harvest Festival involves, why we participate in it and why we should appreciate all the hard work the farmers do, all while having fun!



Area Mapping

Both Helsinki and Stockholm classes went on a delightful tour of the School in order to support their recent learning intentions of Geography. On Monday 5th October, Year 1 explored the School grounds, identifying areas near and far away from their classroom. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop reflective and inquisitive thinking as they discovered various routes leading to the same destination!



Sweets Containing Psychoactive Ingredients

We would like to warn all parents, guardians and carers of the dangers of the 'Medicated Nerds Rope Bites' sweet which appears to have dangerous levels of the psychoactive chemical THC. They have been reported to have negative effects on children with symptoms including nausea, hyperactivity, elevated heart rates and hallucinations and the police have issued a warning to families about the potential risks of consuming these sweets. We urge parents, guardians and carers to be extra vigilant about what their children are eating and to reinforce the importance of developing healthy eating habits and making safe choices when buying snacks from outside.

Holiday Requests

Parents, guardians and carers, please remember the importance of factoring any potential quarantine restrictions into your holiday, so that if any quarantine measures are required, these do not impact on your child's return to school in November. The October half term is only one week and, in most cases, you may have to quarantine for 14 days when you travel to a country and when you return to the United Kingdom. The Department for Education (DfE) guidance states that school attendance is mandatory so all absences will be referred and logged as unauthorised. Any term time holiday requests must be sent to the Headteacher in writing at least one month prior to travelling and before securing any travel arrangements.

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.

HEWENS and ROSEDALE COLLEGE VIRTUAL OPEN EVENINGS

The Virtual Tours for Hewens and Rosedale College premiered this week. Please note that this is readily available on their respective websites under **News and Events - Virtual Open Evening**. This can also be accessed via:

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Applying for Secondary School September 2021

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 that the closing date for applications for Secondary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is **Saturday 31st October 2020**. 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 23rd October to ensure that it is received by the published deadline. Further information can be found on www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644. You will receive information with regard to applying for your child starting secondary school shortly.

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

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Free School Meals

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded to complete the free school meals eligibility form. If you are eligible, the School office will contact you to inform you within one week. If you are not eligible, you will not hear from us, so please continue to pay for your child's school lunches via the online iPayimpact service. Thank you.

Flu Nasal Vaccination


We would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers that on Friday 16th October, the NHS school nurses will attend the School to administer nasal flu vaccinations. This vaccination is available to all children in Reception through to Year 6, but will only be given to those for whom we have received consent to do so.

Parents, guardians and carers were advised to complete and return the consent form by Friday 9th October in order for us to be able to provide the health team with the correct information. Those who have not yet given permission, but wish their child to receive the vaccination, or have any questions about this matter, should contact the main School Office. Thank you.

	Week Commencing: Monday 12th October	
MENU 2		
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings (sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings (sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fruit Tarts	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	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Cheesecake	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	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Pie	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

Half Term

The School will be closed from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October for the Half Term holiday. School re-opens on Monday 2nd November at 8:40am.



OCTOBER 2020

OCTOBER		
Friday 16th	9:00am	Flu Nasal Vaccination
Friday 23rd	3:30pm	Term Ends
Monday 26th to Friday 30th	Half Term	
NOVEMBER		
Monday 2nd	8:40am	Term Begins