

## Let's make American Fries!

As part of their learning of 'From Hayes to America', the children have been exploring different American foods, including where they originated. With the popular notion that food is the single great unifier across cultures, from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October, Year 5 pupils prepared crispy, golden American French Fries in Food Technology. They donned their toques and dominated the kitchen, mastering the technique behind peeling potatoes with assistance and guidance from the teachers. They cut the potatoes into thin sticks and seasoned them generously before frying. After setting aside the fries to drain, pupils enhanced their aesthetic appeal by plating their dish exquisitely before eagerly devouring every morsel of their sumptuous fries... Yum!

As always, we aim to give our children a first-hand experience of the topics they learn.



## Non-invasive Thermal Cameras and Photosensitive Epilepsy

The School has taken a collaborative approach to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils during these unprecedented times. In conjunction with the measures already implemented around the site to mitigate and manage the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission, the School has also installed a non-invasive thermal camera to check the temperatures of pupils as they enter the site. However, we are aware that for those with photosensitive epilepsy, exposure to flashing lights at certain intensities can trigger seizures. For this reason, we ask those who are prone to photosensitive seizures to avoid using our non-invasive thermal cameras and instead, to have their temperatures checked with our non-contact infrared thermometers. You can inquire about this at the School Office.

## 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.

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

## Face Masks

We kindly ask all parents, guardians and carers to wear face masks whilst onsite and adhere to the start and end times so we remain compliant with government guidelines for COVID-19. Please arrive at your allocated time slot so we are able to ensure that children remain in their respective bubbles. Please note, we will only allow one adult to drop and collect children to minimise numbers. Please do not be late collecting your child as we require sufficient staff presence to look after them without transferring bubbles. Thank you.

## Time to Read - Hillingdon Library

This year, children in Reception will be enjoying a special reading on Thursday 12th November via Microsoft Teams. Hillingdon Library will join Berlin and Madrid for a live interactive reading session. It is scientifically proven that children progress academically if we read to them for at least 20 minutes each day. Therefore, please continue to read with your child at home.


	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 9th November</i>	
	<b>MENU 1</b>	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	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
WEDNESDAY		
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		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

## School Photographs - Individual School Photographs

The School photographer is scheduled to visit on Friday 13th November to take individual photographs of the children. To ensure the health and safety of our pupils, due to coronavirus (COVID-19), we are unable to provide your child with missing items of uniform on this occasion.

For those who have Physical Education (PE) on this date, please note that this lesson will be cancelled. As such, your child must attend school in full school uniform and appropriate school shoes.

 <b>NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2020</b>	
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 12th	Time to Read with Hillingdon Library - Reception
Friday 13th	Individual School Photographs
Monday 16th	Spelling Bee Competition - Key Stage 2
DECEMBER	
Monday 7th	National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Height and Weight Checks - Reception to Year 6
Friday 18th	End of Term