



Acorns  
Nursery



# In A Nutshell

Hamsey Green  
Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 5

Dear All

What a week of fun we have had! We know expressing and understanding emotions are really important. As it is Mental Health Awareness week, we launched this with an online assembly learning about anxiety; which is this year's theme. Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health challenge. We thought it would be useful to show the children the positivity of engaging in sport to strengthen resilience and help reduce anxiety.

So on Tuesday, the children have been tumbling up and down the Acropads, as Liam came back to teach us how to perfect our forward rolls, handstands and some even learnt back handsprings! Some even worked on their bridges and cartwheels! There were a lot of puffed out and smiling pupils and staff!! We hope they all have had a good time.

Year 3 had not only had a double swim but, they all took part in the cross schools physi-fun workshop hosted by Hamsey Green and Surrey Active Schools. We were so proud of our Year 6 ambassadors who led the session. They have also been training in a new scheme called Feet First Walking Training Program. This helped them learn the essential Green Cross Code; understand how to use different types of road signs and pedestrian crossings; recognise safe and unsafe places to cross; how to cross between parked cars and the benefits of active travel— promoting walking to school rather than drive a short distance! This initiative could help the traffic outside the school.

And as the sun beamed down, twelve Year 4 children represented the school amazingly at the Multi-Skills competition held at Warlingham Secondary School. Hopping, balancing, throwing, aiming, rolling hoops and time running kept them busy! Coming a close fourth, they showed great sportsmanship— there is certainly no way that I could have run one length— let alone 71!

Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace too. They had a superb time learning about what it was like to live in the Tudor times and particularly enjoyed investigating the maze— luckily Mr Brown found his way out!

This week we have been so proud of the resilience our Year 2s have had undertaking their KS1 SATs – they have supported each other and taken them in their stride— only one more week left for them.



Wishing you a lovely weekend. Mrs Mace

## Bailey's Blog

Celebrating turning six months old, I have been out and about this week- taking in the sun! I have also discovered the sun patches that come in to Mrs Mace's office and have been sleeping in all sorts of places. I have helped with Mental Health week by trying to secure as many cuddles as possible! I have watched children enjoying themselves on the Acropad and Physi-fun. I even had Butterworth teaching me how to write a story maps for their sea creature stories. As a reward they took me for a walk! I have helped the Year 2s with their revision and I am looking forward to seeing which class has won story time with me for completing their 45 mins of Lexia this week! What a lot to pack in!

## Upcoming events

- 15th– 26th May KS1 SATS
- 24th May—Class photos
- 25th May—Pet farm @ Acorns Nursery
- 26th May - Year 6 residential talk
- 6th June - Parent Forum
- 21st June—Year 5 assembly 9:15am
- 22nd June—Year 1 assembly (time to be confirmed)
- 28th June—Year 2 assembly (time to be confirmed)
- 29th June—Year 4 assembly (time to be confirmed)
- 5th July—Reception assembly 2pm (Nursery to watch)
- 6th July—Year 3 assembly (time to be confirmed)
- 7th July—Camp out



This week, we have focused on the topic of bees. There has been an array of arts and crafts activities such as printing, drawing, or threading bees. We also got creative with the playdough and made our own bees. Through learning about bees, the children have learnt more about honey and had great fun making their own honey sandwiches for snack.

The children have also shown great excitement in using our "bee-bot robot". They were encouraged to work out how many times they need to use the forward move button to get the bee to the hive, then we developed this learning by using the left and right buttons to create more complex instructions. The bee bot was also programmed to draw for the children.

We have used bees in a variety of number and math activities too with a number bee hunt in our sensory garden and several sorting, sequencing, and pattern focus activities.

Please can we ask adults to supervise any children at the start and end of the day—children should not be climbing any of the outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.



### Early Years outdoor area redevelopment

Do you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate?

Tyres	Wooden trellis	Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades
Large cable reels	Wooden pallets	Old road signs/number plates
Packets of seeds	compost	

Please let us know via the Office if you have any of the larger items so that we can arrange a suitable day for delivery.



### Attendance

<b>1st place:</b>	<b>Butterworth [R] - 98%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Murphy (2) - 97%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>Rowling (4) - 96.9%</b>
<b>Whole School:</b>	<b>94.35%</b>

### Communication this week

- Email with DfE information
- Email to Yr6 parents—re residential
- Email regarding pedestrian gate

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Stroll**—to walk calmly

(KS2 Lower) - **Replicate**—Make an exact copy

(KS2 Upper) - **Instigate**—bring about an action

### **ACTION: UKHSA advice for education and childcare settings amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever**

As winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels and pupils are returning to education, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published a [reminder on how to minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings](#). UKHSA advice remains clear that children can continue to attend as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. [Further information](#) on when a child is too ill for school or nursery is available. There is no requirement to be absent from school on a precautionary basis. School staff should continue to maintain their high expectations for face-to-face attendance. For further information, please also see our Education Hub post on the [latest guidelines around COVID-19](#) and for Strep A, our separate post on the [exact circumstances in which children should be kept off school](#). UKHSA is providing regular updates on [Strep A](#). Both UKHSA and DfE are continuing to closely monitor the situation. To help reduce the risk of some illnesses, including flu, vaccinations are being provided in schools. UKHSA, in collaboration with NHS England and DfE, have produced a [briefing for secondary schools](#) giving details about all vaccines offered to adolescents in schools and the role that schools play. This includes information on the flu vaccination programme being offered this year to those in Years 7, 8 and 9.

**If any children are on antibiotics 4 times a day—this can be administered in school—please come to the office to complete a form and speak with the office staff regarding administration of this.**

<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130697?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Strep A/Scarlet fever.

<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130698?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Norovirus.

### **Absences & Sickness**

If your child is absent from school, please email [absence@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:absence@hamseytlt.co.uk) or leave a message on the absence line (01883 622000 option 1). Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult each day a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Healthy pack lunches

We've noticed that some of the pack lunches coming into school are not necessarily healthy or nutritious. Please can you ensure that what you send in is enough to keep them going for their afternoon lessons.

**Please remember we are a nut free school—this includes spreads that may contain nuts.**

A Guide to Building...

## Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2/P

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



### Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

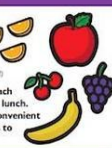
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### Fruit

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



### Snacks

Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.



### Veggies

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.



(Great for Snack or Lunch)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

**CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR SO A WEEK? COULD YOU OFFER TIME TO HEAR SOME CHILDREN READ OR HELP KEEP OUR LIBRARY TIDY! IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MRS MACE TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.**



We are collecting used printer ink cartridges. Please bring them and put them into the recycling box in the office. We are unable to recycle toner or laser cartridges. Any cartridges recycled, helps the school to raise some money. Thank you!



We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.



### School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery.

## HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Vegan Strawberry Pancakes

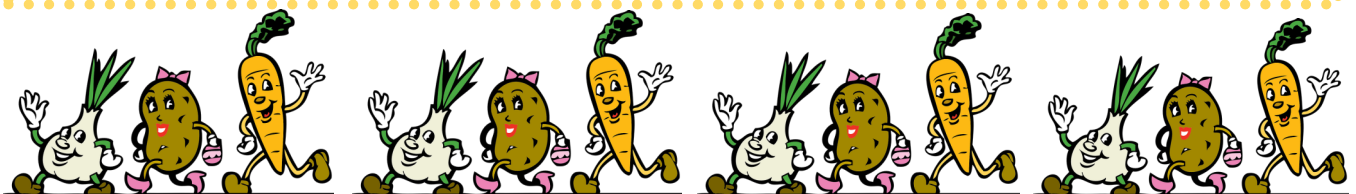
#### Ingredients

115g wholemeal spelt flour  
1 tsp [baking powder](#)  
1 tsp [cinnamon](#)  
150ml soya milk  
240g soya yogurt  
1 tsp [vanilla extract](#)  
drop of [rapeseed oil](#)  
200g [strawberries](#), hulled and halved or quartered if large  
a few small [mint leaves](#), optional



#### Method

- Mix the flour with the baking powder and cinnamon in a bowl using a balloon whisk. In a jug, whisk together the soya milk, 2 tbsp of the yogurt and vanilla extract, then whisk this into the dry ingredients to make a thick batter.
- Rub the oil around the pan using kitchen paper, then set the pan over a medium heat. Spoon in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tbsp batter in three or four places to make small pancakes. Cook over a low heat for 1-2 mins until set, and bubbles appear on the surface, then turn the pancakes using a palette knife. Cook for another 1-2 mins until golden and cooked through. Repeat with the remaining batter to make six pancakes in total.
- Serve three pancakes per person topped with the remaining yogurt, berries and mint leaves.





Please find below details of upcoming Eikon charity parent webinars. These are free for all parents and carers in Surrey. Details can also be found on our website [Parent Webinars - The Eikon Charity](#)

**Future webinars currently open for registration are the following:**

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12.00-13.00pm  
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#) - for parents of children with SEND  
Register now by clicking [here](#)
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 19.00-20.00 (A repeat of the webinar hosted on 23<sup>rd</sup> March)  
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#)  
Register now by clicking [here](#)

**FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS**

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School**

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
  - Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
  - The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.
  - In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.
3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion Officer.

**Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions**

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

**Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice**

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued. Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130

South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588

South East - Tel: 01737 737777