



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 10

Dear All

I hope you enjoyed your extra day at home on Monday! The staff at Hamsey went to visit another Primary in High Wycombe which was a fabulous learning opportunity to talk to staff about the learning their children are doing. The Nursery staff also went to visit another nursery in Dorking and have come back with some new ideas too! We can't wait to put these in practice. It is important that the children know that adults are always learning too.

On Tuesday, the children from years 3-6 represented Hamsey amazingly at the Warlingham Cross Country Competition against the local primary schools. I was so proud of each and everyone of them; they showcased our school values brilliantly and ran in such cold conditions!! Congratulations to Isla (Yr 3), Ollie, Sonny and Archy (Y6) who were all awarded medals for their places in the race.

This week, we have all been celebrating all things Science through the theme of 'Connections' during British Science Week 2023. We launched in style, with thanks to the Warlingham Secondary School's Science Department; putting on a wonderful array of experiments— and yes, you guessed it- they were messy and noisy— so great fun was had by all! The children shared their learning about connections in science in assembly, learning that 'nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths are built on connections between people as two (or more) heads are better than one'! This ties very well to our Collaborative School Value showing that scientists make connections with others

through research groups and institutions. Connections are even linked to

evolution, learning about the ways that animals, including humans, plants and bacteria are all connected in a family tree stretching back millennia!! Year 6

took great opportunity to link their eco systems learning to this! Year 2 made static electricity connections through friction between objects by rubbing rulers on their jumpers then try to pick up the small pieces of tissue paper! Year 5 linked International Women's Day with connecting

their learning about famous British women scientists such as Marie Curie. Perhaps you could explore how science and technology have changed the world by connecting people internationally at the click of a button or investigate how our organs are connected to our body!

Finally today, we raised awareness for Red Nose Day 2023! Mrs Connery again roused the staff in the annual Bake Off ready for Mr Connery to judge star baker and funniest bake. This year's coveted Star Baker goes to Mr Bishop, the Funniest Bake winner goes to Mrs Cini and the Honorary Connery award goes to Mr Chew! Well done to our very talented staff!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



Bailey's Blog

This week, I have been learning 'stay' and 'wait'! Although I am not happy about it, I do wait nicely in my bed for Mrs Mace to come back to her office as I am quite partial to the new dog chews I am now able to eat as I am 16 weeks old!! I am still mustering up all my courage to meet other dogs (as Ollie and Maddie saw when I was out for a walk last weekend) so will show resilience and try again. I have loved reading with Year 2 this week and can't wait to read with Morpurgo on Monday as winners of Lexia Lama!

Upcoming events

w/c 27th March—Guardian Consultations—please remember to book your time slot on Arbor, if you haven't already done so

31st March—end of Spring term and Doughnut Sale in the hall

17th April—Inset Day

17th April—Primary school outcomes

5th May—Summer Fair 3:15pm—5:30pm (please see page 2)

7th July—Camp out



This week we have embraced science week. We have had slime play, magnets on the light box, bubbles and explored colour mixing.

We have looked at the weather and the sort of clothing we need to wear for different weathers. We had lots of fun experimenting with eggs to see how we can stop them from cracking when being dropped using lots of different materials and also took part in a floating and sinking experiment.

Vouchers for Easter holidays

Please be aware that due to Surrey financing, there will be an earlier allocation of the vouchers for the Easter holidays. These will now be sent on Thursday 23rd March.

Summer Coronation Fair dates:

Friday 21st April—Wear wacky socks for chocolate donation

Friday 28th April—Wear trainers for bottle donation

Friday 5th May—3:15-5:30pm—dress up day as Prince/Princess/King/Queen or a royal party guest!



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

1st place: Walliams (5) - 97.5%

2nd place: Rowling (4) - 96.84%

3rd place: Murphy (2) - 95.83%

Whole School: 94.08%

Communication this week

- Email with Basketball league letter
- School crossing patrol letter

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Bellow**—To shout something in a loud, angry voice

(KS2 Lower) - **Observe**—to remark about something you've seen

(KS2 Upper) - **Posit**—to put forward an idea, theory or concept

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

<https://surreyeducationsservices.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 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.

Parking

We have been made aware that some of our families have recently received penalty notices for parking outside the

school. Penalty notices are issued by the Council and we are unfortunately unable to comment or advise on this issue.

The zig zag lines are marked clearly as are the times where parking is not allowed on these markings. **Please park**

considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. We have had some complaints recently, of

inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times for school and other activities. Some of our nursery parents have also noted parking issues, making it difficult when walking with their young children. We do have slightly staggered

starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



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"

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.

Snacks

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

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

Veggies

(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!

Recycle  Charity

amazon
wishlist

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.

*** Price and Buckland have announced there will be slight price increase from 1st April * - please consider if you need any new uniform items before this price increase.**

HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Healthy Pancakes



Ingredients

- 50g self-raising flour
- 50g wholemeal or wholegrain flour
- 2 small eggs, separated
- 150ml skimmed milk
- berries and low-fat yogurt or fromage frais to serve

STEP 1

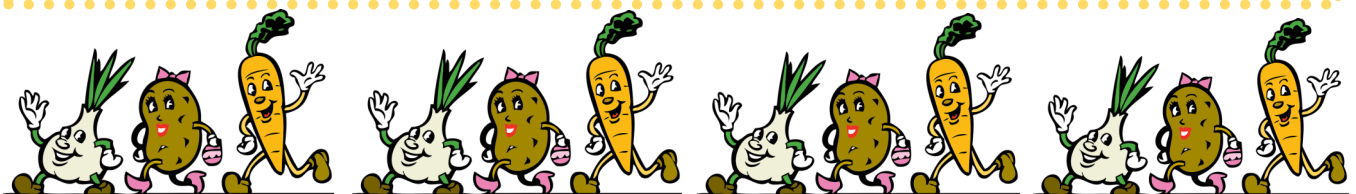
Sift the flours into a bowl or wide jug and tip any bits in the sieve back in to the bowl. Add the egg yolks and a splash of milk then stir to a thick paste. Add the remaining milk a little at a time so you don't make lumps in the batter.

STEP 2

Whisk the egg whites until they stand up in stiff peaks, then fold them carefully into the batter - try not to squash out all the air.

STEP 3

Heat a non-stick pan over a medium heat and pour in enough batter to make a pancake about 10 cm across. Cook for just under a minute until bubbles begin to pop on the surface and the edges are looking a little dry. Carefully turn the pancake over. If it is a bit wet on top, it may squirt out a little batter as you do so. In that case, leave it on the other side a little longer. Keep warm while you make the remaining pancakes. Serve with your favourite healthy toppings.



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/carers 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/carers 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