



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 9



Dear All

The sun has shone this week and at last we have had the warmth coming through of Spring. We have had a focus on Maths this week and the children have been out and about on maths trails! They have also been working on quizzes and puzzles to solve as well as practicing their counting and times tables. Maths week provides a great opportunity to learn about measures, so if you're baking this weekend, perhaps you could ask your child to help and use the weighing scales; or if you are in the supermarket, get them to look at the capacity of different shaped bottles. Some of year 5 have been over to Woodlea School for the Maths Royal Institute sessions and this weeks' session was led by our one and only Mr Richards!



Nothing to do with maths week but in Inkpen and Butterworth, there has been a very fishy smell oozing from their classrooms... alongside great excitement! I found out that they had been learning all about fish and describing them in terms of feel and looks! The children were thrilled to see that if the fish's mouth is pressed—it's tongue popped out!!

We were also really proud of the Year 4's who took part in Bike Ability Level 1. They have developed their knowledge of how a bike works and how to keep safe whilst riding their bikes.

Please don't forget to sign up to our Trust wide online webinar hosted by The Brek Foundation. It is vital that we all play our part in teaching the children how to stay safe on line.

Next week, we celebrate British Science Week with the theme of 'Growing!'. If you have any plant containers and spare soil, seeds or bulbs, I am sure your teacher would welcome some. We hope to make the grounds look even more lovely.

Finally, some welcome news! From the 19th March, work will begin in Wembley to transform it into this!! During this time Wembley will be completely out of bounds. We have been advised that the work will take about a week.



Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



This week we have continued our topic on dinosaurs - focussing on 'archeology'. We dug for fossils in the sand/oats, using brushes just like an archaeologist does. We had numerous 'dinosaur bone' themed cutting and sticking activities to practise scissor skills as well as making dinosaur footprints in shaving foam.

Please remember that Acorns have the same INSET/school closure days as the Primary School.

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.



Upcoming events

14th-18th March—Science week

Monday 14th March—Year 2 SATs meeting

Friday 18th March—Red Nose Day

Monday 28th March—Reception & Year 6 Parents evening

Wednesday 30th March—Reception & Year 6 Parents evening

Tuesday 29th March—Year 1– Year 5 Parents evening

Thursday 31st March—Year 1-Year 5 Parents evening

Friday 1st April—end of Spring term (early finish)

[Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 1:05pm/Years 3-6 1:10pm/

Nursery 12noon—ASC 4pm]

Tuesday 19th April—school closure day

Tuesday 19th April—Primary school outcomes

Wednesday 20th April—children return for Summer term

Communication this week

- Trust letter re The Breck Foundation session
- Red Nose day email—Friday 18th March

Attendance

1st place: Rowling (4) - 97.3%

2nd place: Dodd (1) - 96.3%

3rd place: Pullman (6) - 96.2%

Whole school: 92.7%

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.

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

P2iP

Bring WATER everyday!

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



<p>Whole Grains (Great for Snack or Lunch!)</p> <p>Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"</p>	<p>Fruit (Great for Snack or Lunch!)</p> <p>Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Snacks</p>	<p>Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.</p> <p>Veggies (Great for Snack or Lunch!)</p>

School Dinners

If you have booked a school dinner and then send in a packed lunch for your child/ren. Please can you advise the office that you no longer require it. Thank you.

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.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share

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. Please see previous page as to stock items we have. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if its 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.

School Uniform

We have the following remaining items of school uniform available to purchase through School Money (as at 11th March)

24" cardigans (x16)	26" cardigans (x1)	34" cardigans (x9)
36" cardigans (x2)	34" sweatshirt (x1)	
Nursery sweatshirt 2 yrs (x3)	Nursery legionnaires caps (x14)	

SCIENCE WEEK (11th-20th March)



As Part of Science Week (11th –20th March), the children of Hamsey Green will get the exciting opportunity to grow and nurture fruit, vegetables, flowers or herbs as a class. The seeds are on their way and now we need everyone's help. Please could you bring in any spare plant pots of any size, spare soil, large cardboard boxes, empty 2L bottles, empty milk cartons and empty yogurt pots to your **child's class**. We will be accepting donations on Friday 11th March with the intention of planting on Monday 14th March. Thank you for your help!

Miss Marshall and Mrs Bates (Science Leaders)

Red Nose Day—Friday 18th March

Friday 18th March—children can wear red mufti for a donation of £1 (payable on School Money).

We will be having a bake sale from 3pm in the hall. This will be cash only. Prices from 50p.

Staff are baking and being judged for charity. Winners will be announced during the day.