

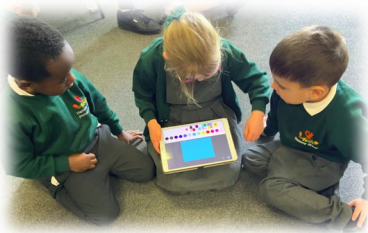
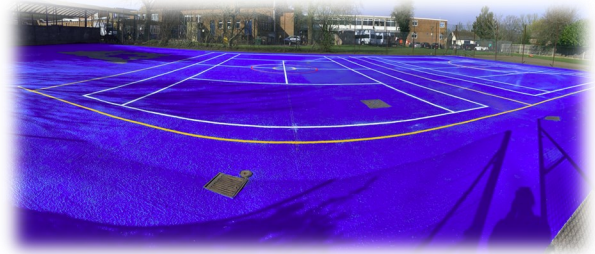


In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 11

Dear All,

An exciting start to this week as the work in Wembley was well underway! I know many of you have been coming over to have a look at the development unfolding— here is a picture of the works so far! The children are very excited and have also been watching and waiting!



We have been very lucky to have the Three Network come into school this week to Reception and KS1 for Discovery Workshops. It was amazing to watch them engage in the technology and how quickly they learnt the skills!

The school discos have also happened. I have to say, the children (and staff) had the most thrilling time— this is the most I have seen dancing as well as hearing the children singing along— I must admit when they requested Rick Astley's 'Never Gonna Give You Up' I was quite surprised and made me really feel my age!.

Year 2 were transported back in time to the Victorian Era on Wednesday. They looked gorgeous in their outfits. To think this was their first ever school trip out, due to the pandemic, was quite heart wrenching— and their excitement of just travelling on a coach was lovely ... even after 20 versions of London's Burning on repeat. 😂 Their behaviour was impeccable and they particularly enjoyed being in a Victorian lesson and the drama. It was a pleasure to take them.



A big THANK YOU to you all for the money you raised for Comic Relief. We raised £605 in total!! Hope you enjoyed the yummy cakes.

I am looking forward to meeting you all next week for Rec-Yr6 parent evenings. Please be aware that we have some evening lettings during this time too. Just a reminder that we finish early next Friday—please check the website for details.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. (Don't panic Mrs Taylor is not in tomorrow and so this is coming out a day early!!)





This week, we have focused our Dinosaur theme around “eggs”. We have explored this in a variety of ways using natural resources, number matching, tactile play and exploration.

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

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

- Fixed Penalty Notice email

Attendance

1st place: Kinney (3) - 98.2%
2nd place: Walliams (5) - 96.4%
3rd place: Rundell (5) - 95.5%

Whole school: 92.6%

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

P21P

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"

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.

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

Veggies

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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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!

Recycle 4 Charity



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 24th March)

24" cardigans (x16)

34" cardigans (x9)

36" cardigans (x2)

Nursery sweatshirt 2 yrs (x3)

Nursery legionnaires caps (x14)

You may find the resources below useful/helpful in discussing the situation in Ukraine.

DfE blog: [Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation](#)

Children's Commissioner blog: [We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine](#)

Childline content: [Worrying about Russia and Ukraine](#)

Resources from the British Red Cross [How to talk about conflict impartially \(British Red Cross\)](#)

Read [PSHE, Inclusion and Wellbeing News](#)

Resources : [Educate Against Hate - Prevent Radicalisation & Extremism](#)

Guidance from the British Psychological Society / Division of Child and Educational Psychology <https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/supporting-children-manage-anxiety-over-war-conflict-and-crises>

Mentally Healthy Schools has recommendations for talking to teenagers [How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine : Mentally Healthy Schools](#)

Ideas from the Place2Be Educational Psychologists to guide thinking about how to talk to children and young people about war and conflict <https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/march/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-and-conflict/>

BBC News website has an informative article by Lauren Potts called 'Ukraine Conflict: How to help yourself, your kids and other' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60557186>

Tina Rae: [Refugee Support Plan by Dr Tina Rae - YouTube](#)

Talking to Children and Young People about War and Conflict - The British Psychological Society

Professor Hill advises:

- **Give them the basics and don't avoid the conversation** – Listen to their worries and provide honest answers to their questions about what is going on, don't overcomplicate your responses and try to give details at an age-appropriate level. Don't avoid answering their questions about the situation as this could promote more anxiety, but keep to basic facts.
- **Ensure they feel supported and safe** – It's important to help children understand the level of threat to them and their friends and family. Explain this is happening in Ukraine, a different country and show this if necessary using a globe or map.
- **Manage your own feelings** - Try to deal with your own feelings of stress and distress in a way that it is managed as your children will be sensitive to your reactions.
- **Explain to your children that bad things can happen in the world but there is always some way we can help** - Plan together how you might deal with this situation through fundraising or other actions to support the Ukrainian community.
- **Avoid exposure to a constant stream of news** – Be mindful of whether you have the radio or TV on all day, as children will be absorbing news without us realising it. Try to build in 'breaks' from the news, for example, if you are picking up your children from school, turn off the radio or make sure it isn't on a news station to provide a break from the constant exposure to worrying rolling news cycles.
- **Watch where they are getting their news** – We know that fake news is an issue, particularly on social media sites so be mindful of what your children are absorbing and where they are getting it. Ensure they understand that not everything they see on social media sites is true, and they know what reliable sources of news they can access.

Seek advice and support if you are concerned about your child – School staff and educational psychologists can offer specific advice and support if you feel that your child is becoming overly anxious and distressed. Providing support and reassurance and diverting their thoughts through engagement in pleasurable activities can help.

If you would like to discuss individual queries please do not hesitate to contact your Area Schools Officer, or email school.relationships@surreycc.gov.uk

Please click on the link below to view the current available courses through Surrey Adult Learning:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses>

Fixed Penalty Notices

An email was sent out on Monday 21st March regarding fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences from school. Please read and consider this when booking any absences that occur during term time. Thank you.

Donations welcome!

Mr Boffa is wanting to run a Balance Ability club for Reception/Year 1. If you have any unwanted balance bikes (no pedals) then please speak to him about possible donations!

Thank you!!!



Extra clothing/footwear

For playing on the field, the children can bring in an extra pair of trainers and some tracksuit trousers for playing on the field to save uniform from becoming too dirty. Please can these be named and brought in a named bag. Thank you!

