



# HARRINGTON HILL NEWSLETTER

## MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2018

### Message from Headteacher

Another busy week has flown by and the children are all now fully immersed in their new topics. I have been fortunate to be part of many of these lessons last week and I observed the excellent teaching and learning throughout the school with our School Improvement Partner, Gill Brady, from Hackney Learning Trust. The quality of the lessons impressed both of us and the children displayed a fantastic attitude towards their learning. The children also impressed the Senior Leadership Team last week during English Lesson observations. All of our learning powers were being used and we have definitely seen much more resilience from the children when faced with a new challenges and problems to solve.



This Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, is World Mental Health Day with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues. There is a growing awareness of mental health difficulties increasing amongst children and teenagers. Some cite the stresses of modern life, including nigh-on 24/7 social media, lives spent on-line, financial difficulties amongst families and the pressures of schooling. Below are some links with useful information:

<http://www.annafreud.org/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/c/children-and-young-people>

<https://www.minded.org.uk/families/index.html#/>

Our Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Further information and signup sheets will available after half term. I hope to see as many of you as possible on the day. The afternoon will also be an opportunity for you to meet some of our Governors who will be in attendance to introduce themselves and to talk with you about school matters.

Reminder the deadline for Year 6 Secondary transfer places for 2018 is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like any help with your application, please contact Rebecca Tucker via the school office.

I am delighted that Harrington Hill are hosting an ESOL taster coffee morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00am. If you are thinking about improving your English skills, we have an open day to help you find a class to improve your English. Dependent on the number of people that sign up, weekly classes will be held at Harrington Hill Primary School after half term. Please come and support this exciting new venture.

The PTFA are continuing to work hard in preparation for the Spooky Disco on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are now on sale and available from PTFA members before and after school each day. I hope that you are ready and willing to provide support for what will be a fabulous evening of family fun!

Finally, I should like to thank all the staff for making Harrington Hill such a lovely school for our children. They have an enormous sense of fun which the children enjoy on a daily basis—we're lucky to have them.

Have a lovely week and enjoy the sunshine!

Best Wishes, Kirstie Barrett—Head Teacher

### Dates for your Diary — week ahead

**Spooky Disco tickets on sale all week!**

**Hackney Half Term Playschemes—bookings now being taken please see link : <https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/sites/default/files/document/Playschemes.pdf>**

#### Tuesday 9th October

Year 5 Swimming

#### Wednesday 10th October

2.00pm Free Stay and Play session in the Nursery

#### Thursday 11th October

Year 5 Planetarium Visit in school

Year 3 Cobalt trip to Forest School

#### Friday 12th October

9.00am Coffee Morning

2.30pm Reception Class Phonics Meeting

### Attendance

#### Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance 95.5 %

*Please support us to achieve the school's target of 97%*

Class	Attendance%
Indigo	98.2
Saffron	96.9
Citron	92.6
Apple	91.3
Lime	96.8
Olive	97.1
Sky	97.6
Cobalt	89.2
Copper	98.5
Amber	97.8
Emerald	91.1
Jade	96.4
Aqua	98.4
Sapphire	96.2

#### Attendance Prizes Winners

Ashon

Naima

Kitt

#### Top Attendance

Copper class had the highest attendance this week and will enjoy extra 'Golden Time'

#### Autumn Term Dates 2018

Start – Wednesday 5 September

End – Friday 19 October

Half Term - Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October

Start – Monday 29 October

End - Friday 21 December

Spring Term Dates 2019

Inset – Monday 7 January –

School closed to pupils

Start - Tuesday 8 January

End – Friday 15 February

Half Term - Monday 18 February –

Friday 22 February

Start – Monday 25th February

End – Friday 5 April

Summer Term Dates 2019

Start - Tuesday 23 April

End – Friday 24 May

Half Term - Monday 27 May to

Friday 31 May

Inset – Monday 3 June – School

closed to pupils

Start Tuesday 4 June

End - Friday 19 July

Inset Monday 22 July and Tuesday

23rd July – School closed

# HARRINGTON HILL NEWSLETTER

## School Council Tyssen visit

Last week, Harrington Hill school council joined other school councils from the area for an afternoon of discussion, collaboration and fun at Tyssen Community Primary. It was a great chance to meet pupils and staff from other schools, whilst sharing different ideas and experiences. Have a look the thank you letter we sent for further details!

01.10.18

Dear Tyssen School Council,

Thank you for inviting us to visit your school. It was a pleasure to meet other School Councils and make some new friends. We really enjoyed sharing our ideas, playing games and finding out more information about other schools. It was helpful and interesting to hear other children's thoughts and opinions. We learnt that being a good School Council takes a lot of hard work, dedication and responsibility. However, we can have a lot of fun too! We all found Ms Benjamin's questions interesting - we were amazed at all of the answers children gave. The juice and biscuits were extremely delicious and a great way to end the afternoon! We would love to all meet up again soon.

Yours Sincerely  
Harrington Hill School Council.



## Celebrating Excellence

Class	Pupils	Pupils	Pupils
Year 6 Sapphire	Kristen	Eugenio	Nadia
Year 6 Aqua	Jeszenuiya	Caleb	Naia-Eve
Year 5 Emerald	Irem	Malaz	Emmanuel
Year 5 Jade	Chantelle	Cristal	Lera
Year 4 Amber	Ranen	Naomi	Simran
Year 4 Copper	Theo	Mohammed	Lilianne
Year 3 Sky	Daniel	Emir	Savannah
Year 3 Cobalt	Illyas	Joel	Maria
Year 2 Lime	Ashleigh	Berat	Omer
Year 1 & 2 Apple	Shasmeen	Yasa	Lara
Year 1 Olive	AJ	Elyes	Dorcas
Spanish Awards Rodrigo	Lena	Abu	Albert

**HARRINGTON HILL  
SPOOKY DISCO**

Wednesday 17th October - Nursery to Year 3  
Thursday 18th October Year 4 - Year 6  
4:30pm till 5:30pm

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 1ST  
OCTOBER  
LIMITED AVAILABILITY  
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Organised by the Harrington Hill  
Parent's, Teacher's and Friends  
Association.