

UNDERHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Lunch Menu: Week 3



CHILDREN IN NEED, TOMORROW FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



The Children in Need theme for tomorrow is Spotacular. Please can children come to school dressed in spots (wear polka dot patterned clothing or create your own spotty fancy dress!) along with £1 for dressing up. On the day, pupils will be planning and running their own fundraising activities; and in doing so they will be developing existing skills and actively learning new ones.

Please can we also ask for you to provide your child with up to another £5 in coins for the day to spend at the different fundraising activities and stalls, as each stall is selling items for about 20p-50p.

UNIFORM



Please can we enlist your help! All too often children are losing items of school clothing, especially coats. Can you please check that all items are labelled and also remind your children that if they take their coats outside - they need to bring them back in again!!

PANTS & SOCKS



If you have any age 8+ boys' pants and socks that your child has outgrown, please could you donate them to the school. We are desperately short of them!

RECEPTION & NURSERY

This week in Reception we have learnt 3 new sounds - o, c, k - in phonics and been learning about repeating patterns in maths. We have been so lucky to have animal visitors this week from 3 guinea pigs, 2 tortoises and a cat!



This week in Nursery we are learning about African animals! We are making tigers, lions, snakes, and elephants at the art table. For Anti-Bullying Week we are reading "Elmer" and "The Ugly Duckling" to help us learn that even though we are all different, we need to be kind to everyone.

YEAR 5 PARENTS MEETING

Children in Year 6 have the opportunity to go on the ever popular 'School Journey'. This is a residential school trip to the Kingswood activity centre in Kent. If you think that your child would be interested, please come along to the meeting in 6 Redwood on Tuesday 6th December at 3.30pm.



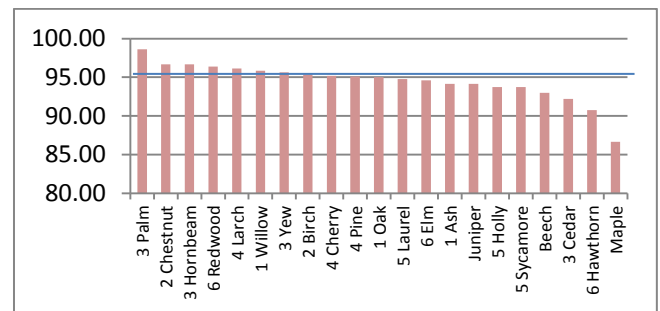
PARENT VOICE



As part of our commitment to further improving communication between school and home, we held a Parent Voice drop-in recently.

Please can we thank all the parents that came along. Our headship team received some really useful feedback. If you weren't able to come along we would love to see you at the next one. Look out for the details in the new year.

ATTENDANCE



This week 3 Palm came top with 98.62% followed by 2 Chestnut and 3 Hornbeam with 96.67%. 6 classes achieved over the minimum target of 95.8%, which is slightly less than last week. Please can we ask that all children attend school unless they are ill or have an authorised appointment.

House attendance was really close this week. Holyrood came first with 94.95%, Windsor was second with 94.73% and Sandringham, who came first last week, was third with 94.53%. Balmoral came last with 90.20%. Come on Balmoral!

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Children will have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 21st December. This is for children who have school dinners.

STAR OF THE WEEK (week of 07/11/16)



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| Beech | Ella | 3 Hornbeam | Abiola |
| Juniper | James | 4 Cherry | Krutarth |
| Maple | Nathan | 4 Larch | Antony |
| 1 Willow | Arman | 4 Pine | Gracie |
| 1 Oak | Abdulrahman | 5 Holly | Seraj |
| 1 Ash | Robyn | 5 Sycamore | Emily |
| 2 Chestnut | Prince | 5 Laurel | Ellis |
| 2 Birch | Liam | 6 Hawthorn | McKenzie |
| 3 Cedar | Bella | 6 Elm | Zahra |
| 3 Palm | Tia | 6 Redwood | Kirsty |
| 3 Yew | Sasha & Arman | | |

JOBS!

We are currently advertising a teaching assistant role we on our website:

<http://www.underhillschool.org/staff-vacancies>

There are also two additional roles that may be of interest. For more information please speak to the office.

Administration Assistant for a church in Mill Hill.

Please send your CVs to:

mary.connolly1@dpw.gsi.gov.uk

Handy Person for a local school. For further information please look at:

https://jobs.barnet.gov.uk/job/Handy_Person/105769

FESTIVE FAIR



St Stephen's Church on Bells Hill is holding a Festive Fair this Saturday, 19th November, 11am-2pm. There will be a tombola, cake, jams & chutney sale, raffle, Christmas cards and 'splat the rat'!

COMMUNITY FOCUS CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday 17th December there is a Community Focus Christmas Fair, from 1-4pm in Friary Park. This lovely fun event will include a craft fair selling gifts, jewellery and fashion. There is free Christmas food & drink and Father Christmas will be there at 2pm.



CARERS RIGHTS DAY EVENT



This is on Friday November 25th between 10am-2.30pm at Trinity Church Centre, 15 Nether Street, North Finchley. There will be talks from Barnet Mind & Mood and Dementia Club UK and information on the NHS flu vaccination. The day finishes with a guided mediation session. Doors open at 9.30am for registration and lunch is provided.

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Nov 18 th | Children In Need Day |
| Nov 25 th | 6 Redwood class assembly, big hall 9.05am |
| Nov 28 th | Speech & Language Surgery 9.30am |
| Dec 5 th | Infant Christmas Show, 9.30am |
| Dec 6 th | Infant Christmas Show, 1.30pm |
| | School Journey Meeting, 3.30pm 6 Redwood |
| Dec 15 th | Christmas Concert (Yrs 2-6), 1.30-3pm |
| Dec 16 th | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Dec 20 th | Christmas Parties 1.30-3pm |
| Dec 21 th | Last Day of School Term, 2pm |