



Ofsted Update

As most of you will be aware, Hitherfield had an Ungraded Inspection at the end of June 2023. This means that the school's overall Ofsted grading does not change and that the school remains Good with Outstanding Leadership. The report (in the form of a letter) will be published on the Ofsted website next week and, as with most inspections, the outcome letter lists the many things that Hitherfield does well and gives the school three areas to focus its work on.

We are pleased that the report highlights many of the areas of strength for Hitherfield and we agree fully with these, which include that pupils are happy and safe at Hitherfield, they play well together, learn a broad range of subjects, take on additional roles, pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities are well-supported and safeguarding is effective. Ofsted also asked for parents' and carers' views on the school and, as usual, a phenomenal number of you responded (264 responses) with overwhelmingly positive comments and 98% said they would recommend the school to other parents, which is one of the highest percentages seen.

The areas for development mentioned included when the Reception children start Phase 2 phonics. We decided to start phonics in October last academic year, due to our understanding of the needs of the children, and this was criticised by the inspector, as she felt we should have started two weeks earlier. Since the inspection, the Department for Education has issued new guidance and we started phonics in Reception this year at the start of this week, as the new guidance specifies. Interestingly, our phonics outcomes are in line with national outcomes and our children leave Hitherfield with far higher reading standards than their national and Lambeth counterparts. In 2023, our Year 6 SATS results in reading were 85% expected (the national level was 73%) with a greater depth achieved by 42% of our pupils (the national level was 29%).

The other two areas for development are linked together. At Hitherfield, the senior leaders (such as myself, Luke and the Assistant Headteachers) have always identified what sections of the National Curriculum are taught in which year groups and which terms. Our skilled team of teachers are then given autonomy to plan how these sections are taught week by week. The Inspector felt that leaders should have planned all subjects on a week by week and day by day basis. This is new and the school leaders and teachers have all worked hard over the summer to have this in place. A positive of this change is that parents and carers will now be able to read even more about what is being taught in all subjects across the school on our website, under the Curriculum tab.

Thank you for all of your support during and after the inspection. Hitherfield remains a wonderful learning environment with engaged children who aspire to and attain high standards.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher

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GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA Adriel and Mabel	1 DUGONG Leah and Matteo	1 SUNBIRD Zac and Alex
2 MANATEE Owain and Ida	2 MONGOOSE Daniel and Frankie	2 HUMMINGBIRD Jacob and Ruby
3 JAGUAR Salimatou and Isaiah	3 MACAW To be announced next week	3 ANACONDA Titus and Dominic
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS Matilda and India	4 FLAMINGO Robert and Eleanor	4 CHEETAH Sam and Isabelle
5 KINGFISHER Josefina, Enayat, Vivenne and Sonny	5 HEDGEHOG Zain and Otto	5 OTTER Mumtaz and Tommy
6 ORCA To be announced next week	6 PUFFIN Jonathan and Patryk	6 WOLVERINE To be announced next week

Hitherfield PTA Annual General Meeting

Friday 13th October
9:15 - staff room



The PTA warmly invite you to our AGM, where we'll be reviewing our achievements over the past year and voting in a new committee.

As school budgets are squeezed even further the support of the PTA is more important to Hitherfield than ever, and we'd love to be able to run as many of our fundraising events as possible but we really do need your help.

Most of the current committee are working parents, so please don't be put off from joining if you are working and can't commit to every meeting or event - we only expect people to do what they can and are happy to do.

If you'd like to know more about the PTA please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com, or feel free to grab any of us whenever you see us at school

Many thanks, the PTA

Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th September – Year 6 trip to The British Museum

Friday 29th September – PTA MacMillian Coffee Morning 9:15am in the Infant Hall

Monday 2nd October – 5 Otter and 5 Kingfisher trip to Brixton Workshop

Tuesday 3rd October - 1 Dugong Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Wednesday 4th October – 5 Hedgehog – trip to Brixton Workshop

Thursday 5th October - 3 Anaconda Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am



This year, Cycle to School Week will take place between **Monday 25th - Friday 29th September 2023**. Cycle to School Week is a week-long event where pupils, families and teachers try cycling or scooting to school.

Let's see how many people from the Hitherfield community we can get cycling and scooting!

Make a pledge - and win!

Pupils, parents, schools and teachers are asked to make a cycling pledge. Click [here](#) to select your cycling pledge for Cycle to School Week 2023. Submitting the form will enter you into a prize draw for your chance to win a Frog children's bike worth £535!

Cycle to School Week

Why get involved?

- ENERGISE** pupils to be more alert, relaxed and ready to start the day
- IMPROVE** local air quality and reduce congestion
- EDUCATE** children to be aware of road safety & feel more independent
- BOOST** your school's physical and mental health and wellbeing



"Pupils have access to an exceptionally wide range of experiences and opportunities beyond the academic curriculum".
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Secondary Open Sessions 2024 Entry

Open Sessions for Year 7 2024 Entry

Pre-booking required for Head's Welcome Talk only, please see our website for further details.

Tuesday 19 September 2023	Open Evening: 5.30 - 8.00pm Head's Welcome Talk 5.30, 6.15 and 7.00pm
Thursday 21 September 2023	Open Morning: 9.15 - 10.30am Head's Welcome Talk 10.30am
Saturday 23 September 2023	Open Morning: 9.15 - 10.30am Head's Welcome Talk 10.30am
Thursday 28 September 2023	Open Morning: 9.15 - 10.30am Head's Welcome Talk 10.30am

All documents and information will be available at www.dunraven.org.uk or to collect from the school office.

Important dates for admissions for 2024 entry:

- Tuesday 31 October 2023 - Deadline for the CAF to be submitted to your home Local Authority.
- Tuesday 31 October 2023 - Deadline for the SIF to be submitted direct to Dunraven School. (We encourage applications to be submitted by Friday 20 October)
- Saturday 18 November 2023 - Dunraven School Admission Banding Test.

The Admission Banding Test is run in collaboration with other schools in Lambeth. Please see the SIF or admissions information for further details.

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FRONTLINE POLICING HEADQUARTERS



DAC Helen Millichap

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Date: 14th September 2023

Dear Head Teacher

Metropolitan Police Service Christmas Tree Campaign 2023

May I send warmest regards and I hope you are all staying safe and well.

We are planning our Christmas Tree Campaign, working with The Childhood Trust, delivering Christmas presents to young people across London who may not otherwise receive a gift. This year the campaign will be ever more important as families navigate the continuing cost of living crisis.

In 2012, the campaign began with one tree outside New Scotland Yard in Westminster. Since then the campaign has grown, taking place across London, with a tree in each of the 32 Boroughs. The response from our communities has been both overwhelming and extremely humbling. In 2022 we delivered almost 17,000 presents to children across London and raised over £86,000. Many officers describe this as some of the most rewarding work they have done during their service.

This year, each of the local senior policing teams will choose a poster designed by a local primary school child, which will be used to advertise the campaign to the public. The Commissioner will then choose an overall winner which will be used to promote the London-wide MPS campaign. The winner and 4 runners up will be invited with their parents/guardians to the turning on of the New Scotland Yard Christmas Tree Lights in November 2023.

Every primary school is invited to participate in the designing of this poster, and we hope that you will enjoy encouraging the children to draw about what this campaign means to them. We definitely enjoy looking through the entries!

If you would like to join the competition, we ask that you kindly confirm your participation through your local borough leads.

All entries must be submitted electronically by Friday 6th October 2023, through your local borough point of contact or Schools Liaison Officer.

With kind regards

DAC Helen Millichap
Deputy Assistant Commissioner – FPHQ

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COME AND JOIN US

The PTA warmly invites you to our annual
Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Friday the 29th of September 2023 at 9.15am in
The Infant Hall.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes available to buy along with our
popular pre loved school uniform sale.

However we need your help in order to make this morning a
success so.....
please bring directly to the hall on the day all your delicious baked
or bought cakes!!

It's a lovely chance to meet The PTA, other parents/carers,
teachers and all the amazing members of the school
Community

All funds raised go straight to The MacMillan Cancer Centre so
your attendance is vital in making this the BEST coffee morning
EVER!!

It's time for
Coffee Morning
and you're
invited



I'm hosting my Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan.
There's a cuppa with your name on it.

When: Friday 29th September 2023

Where: Infant hall in reception building at Hitherfield Primary School

RSVP: Please just turn up. All invited!

From: 9.15 - 10.30am

More info: For any further info please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com



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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017),
Scotland (SC039997) and the Isle of Man (1856). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

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