



Pupils at Hitherfield have once again been awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag.

The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an international accreditation that recognises efforts to raise environmental awareness amongst young people, whilst taking action to make their school more sustainable. Hitherfield has now regained its status as an accredited Eco-School, following their achievement a few years ago. This award perfectly sits in line with our RHS Gardening School and our London Food Growing Schools awards.

The Eco-Schools programme was established in 1994 and is now delivered in more than 70 countries across the globe. The programme prompts young people to explore a variety of environmental issues, including climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. Pupils are then empowered to plan and deliver environmental actions in their school, local community, and beyond.

Since we began working towards an Eco-Schools Green Flag during 2023, achievements have included developing a compost area for our fruit waste, working with a company called RAFT (RetroFit Action For Tomorrow) to get a better understand of our carbon footprint, installing an air source heat pump and solar panels to move away from our dependence on gas and taking part in an energy saving awareness week. The work that we do about the environment within our curriculum was also commended when the award was achieved.

And this year, pupils at Hitherfield will be building on these strong foundations, collaborating with the eco-council to work on three Eco-Schools topics: waste, energy and biodiversity. We will keep you posted with any developments.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "The Eco-Schools Green Flag award is an internationally recognised symbol of high environmental standards. The pupils and school staff that earn the award deserve immense credit for their hard work, determination, and creativity. Their passion for protecting our planet is an inspiration to us all."

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to www.eco-schools.org.uk





GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Melody and Betty	Cruz and Blake	Sophia H & Hanan
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Prezley and Finley	Ava, Damani, Nyruby & Wilf	Shayla and Afifah
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Christian and Akmal	Maryam and Elena	To be announced next week
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Rafi and Rose	Aaliyah and Ali	Lola and Zoe
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
William and Santi	To be announced next week	To be announced next week
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Shekinah and Clem	To be announced next week	Nourhane and Max

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 23rd January - 2 Manatee Class Assembly and Open Morning
9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall

Thursday 25th January - 5 Kingfisher Class Assembly and Open Morning
9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall

Tuesday 30th January – 3 Jaguar Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am in the main hall

Wednesday 31st January - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements

Thursday 1st February – 6 Orca trip to Streatham Faith Trail

Friday 2nd February – Year 4 trip to Chislehurst Caves

Street Tag

The Street Tag Program has launched today and we hope you've recharged your energy to kick off the season with enthusiasm.

Let's remember that Street Tag is more than just a competition; it's about cultivating a supportive and active community that prioritizes the well-being and happiness of its members. We're here to assist you at every step of the journey.

Here is a blog to read

<https://streettag.co.uk/blog/joining-leaderboards-and-adding-a-child-account-on-street-tag>

We appreciate your involvement in the Street Tag community. Together, we are making our neighbourhoods healthier, happier, and more vibrant.

Please find a separate attachment with further information on the Street Tag program.





At Parents' Evening your class teacher will inform you of your child's percentage.

What does it all mean and why is school attendance so important?

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

Research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which contributes to better mental health and wellbeing.

Government legislation states that parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full time education. It is also vital that they ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school and that the school itself monitors absence, with a view to improving a child's attendance percentage if required.

With support from Lambeth, we are working hard on strategies to improve both attendance and punctuality.

Attendance levels below are colour coded and indicate the level of concern.

Green	97% and above - Hitherfield attendance target is met, well done.
Amber	90 - 96.9% - In need of improvement.
Red	89.9% or below - Concern

If your child's attendance percentage places your child into the GREEN category, this means that we have no concerns regarding attendance at the current point in time. We would like to express our congratulations and look forward to a continuation of good attendance.

If your child's attendance percentage places your child into the AMBER category, this means that we have some concern over the current level of attendance. Attendance will be monitored over the next term in the hope that an improvement can be achieved.

If your child's attendance percentage places your child into the RED category, we are concerned with the level of attendance.

Pupils in this category are absent from school at least half a day a week. For some this will be an issue we are aware of and other agencies may already be involved. In these cases we will continue to work with you to address concerns and secure an improvement in attendance.

Where we have concerns, parents or carers will be invited to an attendance panel and the Education Welfare Service may also attend.

Please note that any request for leave of absence, not including sickness, from pupils in this category will not be authorised by the school.

Support is available if you are experiencing any difficulties causing your child to be absent. We believe education is a partnership between the school, the child and their family and are committed to working together with families to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by poor attendance. Our School Attendance and Punctuality Policy is available on our school website: www.hitherfield.co.uk



Collecting, preserving, and celebrating the histories of people of African and Caribbean descent
in the UK!

Check out the link below

bcaheritage.org.uk

2024 PARENT SUMMIT

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FOR AFRICAN
CARIBBEAN
HERITAGE FAMILIES
INTERESTED IN THE
7, 11 & 13+
TO INDEPENDENT &
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SCHOOLS

SATURDAY
9TH MARCH
9.30AM to 4.30PM
WIMBLEDON HIGH
SCHOOL
LONDON
SW19 4AB

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HIGH SCHOOL
BY WIMBLEDON EXCELLENCE
GDST
GREAT DIVERSITY SCHOOLS TRUST



Help needed!

Hitherfield Eid Celebration 2024

Friday 19th April, 3:30 - 5:00pm

For 15 years Hitherfield has held an Eid Fair, organised by the wonderful Azy who has sadly now left Hitherfield.

We'd love to still hold an Eid event, but in order to do so we really need volunteers to help organise it.

We'll also need:

- Halal food donations
- Halal food donations from local businesses
- Henna Painters

Please email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com,
or message Paola on 07450 241892

We'll be holding a meeting in the staff room on Thursday 25th January after drop off, to talk about the event - all welcome, including little ones.

If you can help in any way please come along



PTA Uniform Donations



We are currently accepting uniform donations, which can be left at the office any time.

We really need donations of jumpers, cardigans and fleeces, especially age 7 upwards

Please can we ask that all donated items are:

- in **good condition** (not stained or torn)
- **washed**

Many thanks for your support,
the PTA



COME AND VOLUNTEER WITH US!!

We are living in a time where we need to help each other and come together as a community reaching out wherever possible.

Get Rid of and Donate are looking for Community Volunteers to help with community outreach support with distribution of donations, service operators and community care at one of our community hubs in Lambeth and Southwark.

Visit our website www.getridofit-donate.com or make arrangements to come to one of our community centres to see the work we are achieving.

If you are aged 16+ and can give a few hours a week to someone you can talk to, encourage with hope, we would like you to come along and support Get Rid of and Donate!



**GET RID OF AND
—DONATE—**



for further information & enquiries contact us - text 'Volunteer' or message via WhatsApp to 07944 102 112.



Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Hitherfield Primary School** if they sign up by Saturday 4th May. Parents should quote HITU040524 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Hitherfield Primary School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform Streatham (Drama for 4-7s)
(0.7 miles)
Saturdays at 9.30am

Bishop Thomas Grant School
Belltrees Grove,
SW16 2HY

Perform SW16 (Drama for 7-12s)
(0.7 miles)
Saturdays at 11.15am

Bishop Thomas Grant School
Belltrees Grove,
SW16 2HY

Perform SW2 (Drama for 4-7s)
(1.3 miles)
Mondays at 4pm

St Thomas' Church
Telford Avenue,
SW2 4XW

Perform SW2 (Drama for 7-12s)
(1.3 miles)
Mondays at 5.05pm

St Thomas' Church
Telford Avenue,
SW2 4XW

Perform Herne Hill (Drama for 4-7s)
(1.3 miles)
Thursdays at 4pm and 5pm (Opens May 2024)

The Prince Regent
69 Dulwich Road,
SE24 0NJ

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMP

MULTI-SPORTS – ARTS & CRAFTS – BOARD GAMES

@ IMMANUEL & ST ANDREW PRIMARY
SCHOOL
NORTHANGER ROAD
STREATHAM, SW16 5SL

MON 12TH FEBRUARY -
FRI 16TH FEBRUARY

BOOKINGS.MOVING-MATTERS.ORG/LIST

020 8325 4544

ENQUIRIESMOVINGMATTERS@GMAIL.COM

08:30 - 15:30
EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE
UNTIL 17:30

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CAMP**

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**£34 PER DAY
+£9 FOR
EXTENDED DAY**

**MON 12TH FEB
-
FRI 16TH FEB**

**08:30 - 15:30 RECEPTION - YEAR 8
EXTENDED DAY UNTIL 5:30PM**

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@ The Elmgreen School,
Elmcourt Rd, Norwood, SE27 9BZ



Being a Parent

A free 9 week course with creche, to help parents learn practical skills for everyday life such as:

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognising and managing your child's emotions
- Learning positive parenting strategies

For Lambeth parents with children aged 2-11

Hitherfield Children's Centre

Thursdays 1:00-3pm

18th January - 21st March

No session on 15th February for half term

Sign up and find out more at
www.lambeth.gov.uk/Parenting



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Circle of Security Parenting

A **FREE 8 week course**, with creche, supporting you to understand and respond to your child's needs. You'll learn how to **support your relationship with your child, improve your child's self-esteem and be a confident parent.**

For Lambeth families with children aged 4 months to 5 years.

Courses near you, starting soon

Starting 16th January 2024

Tuesdays

9:45 - 11:45am

Liz Atkinson Children's Centre,
SW9 6PH

Starting 16th January 2024

Tuesdays

9:45 - 11:45am

Henry Fawcett Children's Centre,
SE11 5BZ

Starting 18th January

Thursdays

9:45 - 11:45am

Hitherfield Childrens Centre,
SW16 2LW

Starting 18th January 2024

Thursdays

1 - 3pm

Maytree Childrens Centre,
SW4 8EG

No sessions during 12th to 16th February due to half term break



Sign up and
find out more at
[lambeth.gov.uk/
Parenting](http://lambeth.gov.uk/Parenting)



Being a Parent: ASD

A free, 10 week course to support parents of children aged 5-12 years affected by Autism.

- Understanding Autism and development
- Recognising and managing your child's emotions
- Learning positive parenting strategies
- Looking after yourself as a parent

Benton's Lane Children's Centre, SE27 9UD

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:30pm

17 January - 27 March

No session 14th February for half term

Sign up and find out more at:
www.Lambeth.gov.uk/parenting



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