



Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

Year 5 children enjoyed improving their cycling skills last week. They were learning how to keep themselves and others safe while cycling on the roads around the school.



Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15 March

Hitherfield are helping to raise funds so however much you can spare, your donation will go to Comic Relief to help people facing poverty in our communities, here in the UK and around the world.

Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid option, if you can, so Comic Relief can claim an extra 25% from the government.

From us and everyone at Comic Relief, thank you. You're wonderful.

[Justgiving/Hitherfield Primary School/Red Nose Day](https://www.justgiving.com/Hitherfield-Primary-School/Red-Nose-Day)

We are selling Red Noses in the school office now!



GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Ada and Khadir	Asia and Isabella	Remiel and Sophia H
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Melissa & Ida	Daniel and Leonor	Sufian and Ruby
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Salimatou and Gabriela	Ellis and Alistair	Shoaib and Atarah
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Manavi and Dorry	Isabel and Kafiya	Lola and Iziah
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
To be announced next week	Roseanna, Maceo, Elsie and Sade	Tyrese and Oren
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Sheleena and Varniga	Vanessa and Liliana	To be announced next week

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 5th March - 4 Cheetah Class Assembly (No open morning due to a music lesson taking place at that time) 9:15am – 9:30am

Wednesday 6th March – Workshop on Autism
9:15am main hall.

Thursday 7th March – Year 2 Scooter Training

Friday 8th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th – Friday 15th Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week

Tuesday 12th March - Rec Kookaburra Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Wednesday 13th March - Nursery Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:30am – 10:30am

Thursday 14th March - 5 Hedgehog Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:15am

Friday 15th March – RED NOSE DAY

Polling Day - May 2nd 2024 - London Mayor and Assembly

Advanced Notice - School Closure

We have been informed that the polling station will be on the main school site on Thursday May 2nd 2024. Therefore the school and nursery will be closed to all children and staff that day. The Children's Centre will remain open as usual.

Fasting In Ramadan

We know that Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr (Id-ul-Fitr) are very important times for many of our families. We wish to support you and the children as much as possible, so please do inform the school if your child is fasting, so that we can ensure they remain safe and healthy. We would advise young children to only fast at weekends, if that is their wish. We will not stop a child from eating in school if they wish to, but we will want to watch them more carefully than usual to ensure they are healthy and that they can rest if needed. Please do inform the main school office if your child is thinking about fasting and of any other requirements.

Thank you.



Edible Garden News

We had the mammoth task of moving the enormous pile of wood chip into the edible garden and spreading it on all the pathways.

They listened well, worked incredibly hard, many didn't need much direction, they kept on task and found efficient ways to complete the work. Amazingly they didn't complain about the hideous weather on Thursday, the smell or the hard work. There was some great teamwork.

Now, no matter the weather, when we work in the edible garden there won't be muddy shoes coming back into your classrooms and the students that worry about the mud will be fine. The garden now looks much neater too.

There are photos of the wood chip pile, the kids using the wheelbarrow and eating purple sprouting broccoli (which we picked, cooked and ate afterwards as a treat)





Noel from LAAS will be leading a workshop about Autism at school on 6th March at 9.15am in the main hall. Please come along whether your child has a diagnosis of Autism, is on the pathway to a diagnosis, or if you are interested in finding out more about Autism and how families and schools can support Autistic young people.



Hitherfield Primary School is hosting our second **Big Book Swap** on **Friday 8th of March** for **World Book Day!**

And to make it happen, we need **YOUR** books!
1 or 10, ALL HELP!

Do you have any books at home that your children are bored of, are no longer age appropriate or that have sat untouched for months?

Yes? Then donate them to the Big Book Swap!

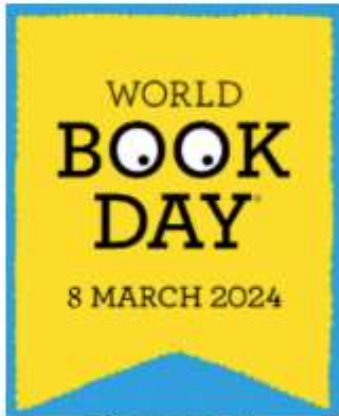
Please bring all donations in by the Friday 1st of March! Deliver them to either the school office or Lauren in Puffin Class (Year 6).

(Please only donate books that children would like to read - No torn up or scribbled on books please!)

On Thursday the 14th of March a judge from The London Children's flower Society will be coming to Hitherfield to judge our entries to this year's spring bulb competition. On this day, please bring in any Daffodils and Hyacinths that you have grown from the bulbs purchased from the school and sent home.

For any bulbs that have flowered early, photographic evidence, if you have it, can be given alongside the already bloomed plant. Photos can be brought in with the plant, or alternatively emailed to admin@hitherfield.co.uk under the subject title 'spring bulb competition' followed by your child's name and class.

We looking forward to seeing your entries!



WORLD BOOK DAY IS COMING!



Fancy dress

Costume parades

Drop Everything and Read



Paired Reading

Book Themed Activities



Book Tokens

The Big Book Swap





Let's get quizzical



HITHERFIELD PTA PRESENTS
OUR ANNUAL

QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH

TICKETS £5

VEG CURRY, RICE, POPPADOMS & SUNDRIES £7.50

COMBINED QUIZ & FOOD TICKET £11.50

DOORS & BAR 7PM / QUIZ 7:30PM

FOOD AFTER ROUND 1

TEAMS OF BETWEEN 3 TO 6 PEOPLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL
HITHERFIELDPTA@GMAIL.COM





#CHANGETHENORM

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01.

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood

02.

Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children phones until at least 14

03.

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**

How you can get involved

Join your regional WhatsApp group. You'll find the links to all regional groups at linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood

Start a WhatsApp group for your school to begin a conversation with your community - we've put together a toolkit to help you smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/toolkits

Follow us on Instagram [@smartphonefreechildhood](https://www.instagram.com/smartphonefreechildhood)

Sign up to our newsletter. We'll be sharing all our plans, advice and inspiration here as the movement grows. smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/subscribe



COME AND HELP YOURSELF - FOR FREE!!

Get Rid of and Donate CIC collects unwanted items - preloved good quality clothes, shoes, household/textiles, books, toys, tech/electricals, *furniture, musical equipment/music/cd/dvds and more recycling giving back to those in need.

Something that you no longer want can still be used by someone else giving a 2nd or 3rd life span!.

Donations benefit the beneficiaries of the project refugees, asylum seekers, vulnerable families and the homeless.

The ongoing cost of living crisis has caused the demand to assist other disadvantaged users groups the elderly people living with mental health & people with disabilities we need YOUR donations.

**Items offered from the community subject to availability.*

All donated items are cleaned, checked, and sanitised to ensure items are in good usable, working condition

We promote 'waste not, want not' giving back to the community. You can also swap and recycle ♻️ unwanted children toys and books

LOCATION ADDRESS & SESSION TIMES:

St. Faith's Community Centre,
Red Post Hill,
London SE24 9JQ
(By appointment only)

Times: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Last entry at 1:30pm

Transportation:

Nearest rail station: North Dulwich Centre.
Bus routes: 42, P4 (brings you to Red Post Hill mini roundabout)

CONTACT US
07944 102 112

WWW.GETRIDOFIT-DONATE.COM



Hitherfield Family to Family Spring 2024

Are you in need of a bag of groceries for your family over the holidays? If you need help or are able to help please email hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com or Whatsapp 07936672890 by Friday 16th March.

Avez-vous besoin d'un sac d'épicerie pour votre famille pendant les vacances ? Si vous avez besoin d'aide ou si vous êtes en mesure d'aider, veuillez envoyer un e-mail à hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com ou à Whatsapp 07936672890 avant le vendredi 16 mars.

¿Necesita una bolsa de provisiones para su familia durante las vacaciones? Si necesita ayuda o puede ayudar, envíe un correo electrónico a hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com o Whatsapp 07936672890 antes del viernes 16 de Marzo.

Czy potrzebujesz torby z zakupami dla swojej rodziny na święta? Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy lub możesz pomóc, wyślij e-mail na adres hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com lub Whatsapp 07936672890 do piątku 16 marca.

هل أنت في حاجة إلى حقيبة من البقالة لعائلتك خلال العطلات؟ إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة أو كنت قادرًا على المساعدة، فيرجى إرسال بريد إلكتروني إلى hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com أو Whatsapp 07936672890 بحلول يوم الجمعة 16 مارس.

Precisa de uma sacola de mantimentos para sua família durante as férias? Se precisar de ajuda ou puder ajudar, envie um e-mail para hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com ou Whatsapp 07936672890 até sexta-feira, 16 de Março.

Ma u baahan tahay bac raashin ah qoyskaaga maalmaha ciidaha? Haddii aad u baahan tahay caawimo ama aad awoodid inaad ku caawiso fadlan ku soo dir email hitherfieldfamily@gmail.com ama Whatsapp 07936672890 ugu dambayn Jimcaha 16ka Maarso.



Who are we?

This is an initiative run voluntarily by a group of Hitherfield parents with support from the School.

Why?

To support our Hitherfield friends and their families to bring food to the table over the holidays.

If you are a family in need:

Please send us your name, how many children you have, their age and a list of items you need to value of £30. We will then give that list, without your identity, to a family to purchase and it will be at the Leigham Vale school gates for you to collect between 10am and 11am on Wednesday, 27th March. If collection at this time is an issue do mention that in your email.

If you are able to support a family or more:

Thank you. We will send you an email by you with a bag of groceries to purchase by Friday 23rd March, the value of which should not exceed £30. Please then bring the groceries to the Leigham Vale school gate at drop off on Wednesday, 27th March. If you are unable to buy the groceries you can also leave a donation in cash in an envelope marked Family to Family at the school office or donate here: <https://pav.collectiv.com/hitherfield-family-to-family-spring-2024-78508>

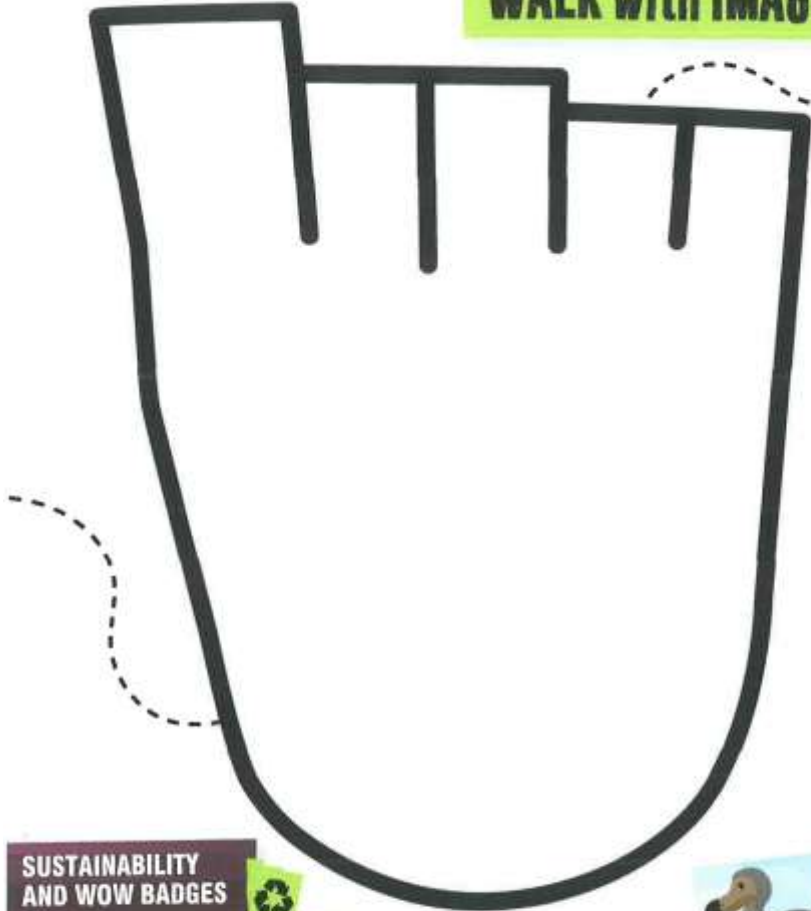
All requests and sponsors will be kept private and confidential.



Badge design competition 2024

WOW - the walk to school challenge

WALK with IMAGINATION



WHO MIGHT YOU BE OR WHAT MIGHT YOU SEE?

For this year's WOW badge design competition, we want you to imagine a different walk to school and draw it!

WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

Imagine what it would feel like to fly like a bird, hop around like a kangaroo, or even moon walk like an astronaut. Explore your surroundings and reimagine your walk however you like!

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Extinct or wild creatures, such as the **sabre-toothed tiger**, **dodo**, or **meerkat**
- Historical icons, such as **explorers**, **scientists**, or **activists**
- Events or celebrations, such as **protests** or **street parties**

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES



Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling



Closing date has been extended. Closing date is now Friday 8th March.

PUPILS

Pupil name:

Age:

What did you choose to draw and why?

TEACHERS

School email:

School name and address:
Hitherfield Primary School
& Children's Centre
Leigham Vale
Streatham
London
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Local authority: