



Eco-Schools



We have just signed up to become a Green Flag school through Eco-Schools which involves collecting lots of information about what we do to be more environmentally friendly.

Some of our school council members will be taking on the role of sitting on the eco-committee and helping the school to become more sustainable and find ways to cut our carbon footprint. The Eco-Schools programme is designed to be pupil-led and we will be using their ideas to make our school a greener place.

We are now in the process of completing an environmental review which will feed into an eco-schools/climate action plan that everyone in the schools community can contribute towards. We will hopefully be able to share this with everyone once it has been completed.

We have already started a little project around food waste and have introduced food waste bins in the playgrounds. We have also started to develop our compost area to make it easier to deal with our food waste and build capacity - it is amazing how much food waste is created each day!!

Please remind your children to use these bins at break-times, lunch times and after school to dispose of their fruit snacks.



We look forward to giving you all regular updates of what we are up to in school to make our school even more environmentally friendly.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 8th February
Year 5 Tate Britain

Wednesday 8th February
Hitherfield's Got Talent Years 1-3

Wednesday 8th February
4 Hippo Parents' Evening 2-7pm

Wednesday 8th February
Nursery Parents' evening 1-6pm
<https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
No afternoon session

Thursday 9th February
No swimming for Year 5

Thursday 9th February
Hitherfield's got talent Years 4-6

School Holidays (Half Term)
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February
Children return to school

Monday 20th February
Fire Safety workshops Year 5

NURSERY APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

We are in the process of organising our Nursery Provision for next academic year. If you are interested in applying for a space, please complete an application form (available on our school website)

[Nursery Application](#)

If you would like to look around our wonderful space, please contact Jenni Holliday (AHT for Early Years).



Good news cards

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

1 COBRA Finley and Prezley	1 DUGONG Alfie and Eloise	1 SUNBIRD Isabelle and Saige
2 MANATEE Finn and Titus	2 MONGOOSE Tess and Stanley	2 HUMMINGBIRD Ted and Douglas
3 JAGUAR Amy and Jojo	To be announced next week	To be announced next week
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS Tommy, Isaac B and Leo	4 FLAMINGO Beatrice and Elijah	4 CHEETAH Sade and Vivienne
5 KINGFISHER Mia and Jacob	5 HEDGEHOG Isaiah and Hannah	5 OTTER Jo and Zoe
6 ORCA Eli and Georgia	6 PUFFIN Rafaela and Alex S	6 WOLVERINE Amelia and Jasmin

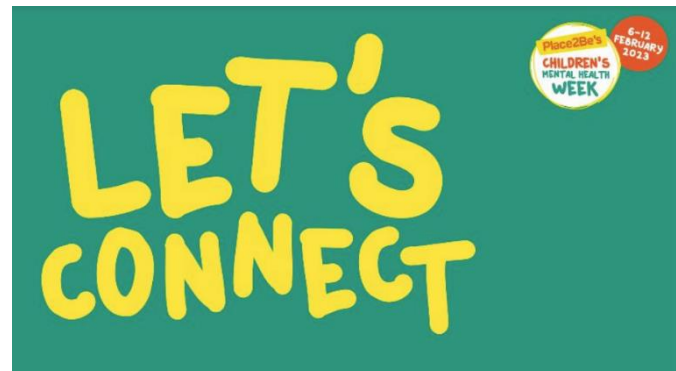


Next week (6th - 12th February) is Child Mental Health Week.

The theme this year is **Let's Connect** with the aim of encouraging everyone to make and value meaningful connections with other people. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

To support the children's understanding of this message, they will have Assemblies from the Senior Leadership Team on the importance of connecting with others. Each year group will also be offering lessons and activities on the theme Let's Connect, looking at the importance of kindness and self-kindness. A Seesaw Activity will also offer the children a 16 acts of kindness bingo challenge to complete at home and at school.

If you would like to find out more about Child Mental Health Week, there are plenty more resources and much more information on the website. We hope your child and your family will both benefit from this initiative. We are stronger together!



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- 1 Hold a 'Dress to Express' day to raise vital funds for children's mental health childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/fundraise
- 2 Watch our video activities, and explore the theme of connection through art and creativity childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools
- 3 Share our tips for parents and carers with your school community childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families
- 4 Spread the word by sharing how you plan to take part on social media! Don't forget to use #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/socialmedia
- 5 Add yourself to the Children's Mental Health Week map! childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/map

Please go and check out the lost property tables. Anything unclaimed by Thursday 9th February, will be sent to charity.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



All of the NEU staff at Hitherfield would like to say a huge thank you to the Hitherfield community for the overwhelming support and encouragement you showed us on Wednesday. It felt so special and emblematic of what an incredible community Hitherfield has.

We are striking, not just for a fully funded, above-inflation pay rise, but to ensure that Hitherfield is able to remain the remarkable place it is today and to give young people the education they deserve.

We are striking for our children's futures.



2 Mongoose Trip - London Transport Museum

Mongoose Class had an amazing trip to the London Transport Museum on Monday and thoroughly impressed the museum with their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

A huge thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help on this trip - we hope you enjoyed it as much as your children did!



Year 4 trip – New Cross Depot

This week Year 4 had an exciting trip to the Alstom train maintenance depot at New Cross. where they took part in a safety on the railways session and had the chance to explore inside a train which was undergoing maintenance. Each child got a chance to go in the driver's cab and learn about the controls- and make announcements over the tannoy system! They also learned about some of the many varied careers on the railway, from driver to electrical engineers and project managers. Thank you to our parent helpers who accompanied us on the trips.





Lambeth Libraries Events for February 2023

OPEN FOR DISCOVERY

[Share/View Online](#)

Library latest...

In-Library customer survey - From 6 February our Libraries will be carrying out a massive customer survey to find out what you think about us. This had been delayed by Covid and getting all parts of the service up and running smoothly again. Please do come in and let us know what you think of the service as it helps us do more of the things you like and improve anything you are not so happy with. We will use your feedback to plan future services.

the **Breastfeeding** network

Lambeth Study Day
2 March 2023
The Assembly Hall, SW2 1RW
Register for free:
<https://tinyurl.com/ytd88p4>

Join us!*

*** Guest Speakers:**
Rachel Bailey
Emma Pickett
Kathryn Stagg
Dr. Chris Van Tulleken

Free!

For families, volunteers, EYS & health professionals & anyone interested in infant feeding


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SPONSORSHIP**

NORMALLY, EVERY YEAR, THE PTA ORGANISES SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SUMMER FAIRS. UNFORTUNATELY LAST YEAR WE WERE UNABLE TO SECURE SPONSORSHIP BUT THIS YEAR, OAKS ESTATE AGENTS HAVE AGREED TO SPONSOR HITHERFIELD SCHOOL. BASICALLY, WE GET PAID £10 FOR EVERY ADDRESS WE GIVE THEM THAT CAN HOST A TEMPORARY BOARD ADVERTISING THE SUMMER FAIR WHICH WILL BE: SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2023 12.30PM-4.30PM. THEY GO UP A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE THE SUMMER FAIR, AND COME DOWN A WEEK OR SO AFTER THE FAIR. DEADLINE TO COLLECT ADDRESSES WILL BE END OF FEBRUARY 2023 SO THE PRINTERS CAN GET TO WORK. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN 200 BOARDS FOR THE SUMMER FAIR ADVERTISING. THAT'S £2000 RAISED WITHOUT LIFTING A FINGER! IF YOU'VE HAD A BOARD BEFORE OR ARE NEW AND WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP , PLEASE PLEASE EMAIL THE PTA AT HITHERFIELDPTA@GMAIL.COM. OAKS IS PASSED ONLY YOUR ADDRESS, NOT YOUR NAME, AND IT IS USED ONLY FOR THIS PURPOSE - IN LINE WITH GDPR REGULATIONS. THANK YOU!! 





SCHOOL'S

BRIXTON RECREATION

MONDAY 13th FEB – FRIDAY 17th



HOLIDAY CLUB (5-12 years)

Monday-Thursday 09:00 – 17:00

A fun packed, multi activity holiday offering high quality care with an emphasis on FUN. We aim to do more than just keep the children occupied with a wide range of activities that offer something for everyone! Children will also have the option of swimming if they are competent swimmers. Children should wear comfortable clothes and trainers to maximise interaction. Please ensure that your children have a packed lunch full of healthy foods (not to contain nuts as an ingredient, sugary sweets or fizzy drinks), as we have no café facilities, and ensure they have plenty water.

Due to the play scheme's Ofsted registration, we can only accept children from the 1st September following their 5th birthday (school year 1 onwards).

Cost per day

Standard £20.00
Concessionary £16.40

Cost per week

Standard £100
Concessionary £82

Early drop off and late pick up collection (8.00–9.00am / 5.00–6.00pm) available for an additional £2.25).

If you would like your child to also attend our Swim School our staff can take them and collect them from their lessons.

LESSONS AND COURSES :

25% SWIM HAPPY DISCOUNT

Our 5 day short courses are a great way for children to be introduced to a new activity, or of you wish to have some intensive lessons to work on specific techniques.

Foundation: 10am-10:30am, 10:30 – 11:00am & 10am-10:30am (Teaching Pool)
Red, Amber & Green.

Cost:

Standard £30.00
Concessionary £22.50



JUNIOR GYM (8-15 years)

Monday –Thursday: 10:00 – 14:00

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 – 14:00

Our Community Gym or Level 6 Gym will be open specifically for those with Junior Memberships. Fitness sessions will also run.

POOL INFLATABLE SESSION

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 14:30 – 15:30

Our pool inflatable course is set up in the main pool during the holiday periods. Suitable for children who can swim 25 metres unaided and are 8 years and above.

Cost: Members £2.30. Non Mem £3

SWIM FOR ALL SESSIONS

Lagoon pool 10:00 – 15:50
Teaching pool 11:00 – 15:50



SOFT PLAY (Under 5 years)

Monday – Thursday 10:00 – 18:00

Friday 10:00-11:30am

Filled with brightly coloured tubes , tunnels and slides, our indoor play area gives those who are 12 & under in age the chance to climb, slide and play with an hour and a half of jam packed fun. We also have an area especially for children under the age of 5.

All activities can be booked online better.org.uk/Brixton, through the BETTER app or in person

Brixton Recreation Centre, 27 Station Road, London, SW9 8QQ.

