



Thank You Julie

We are saying a reluctant farewell to Julie Langston who has been at Hitherfield for 16 years. Julie, who is currently a Senior Teaching and Learning Assistant and our School Librarian has been a wonderful colleague and a great support to many, many children and adults alike over the years. Julie's specialist skills in supporting children with complex additional needs and her ability to remain calm during sometimes challenging moments has been a real inspiration to us at Hitherfield. Julie has always been willing to go the extra mile to support others and to ensure the school library has remained at the heart of the school. We thank her and wish Julie a successful move out of London and we are sure she will enjoy her new school and her upcoming role as a first-time grandparent.

All the best!

Changes for After Half term

I am pleased to inform you that the number of cases of Covid 19 within the school community have dropped significantly since our mini-peak about two weeks ago. This is following the downward national trend and so we can relax one of the current rules in our risk assessment. **After half term masks will become optional for parents whilst on the school grounds, however, masks will still need to be worn indoors (unless exempt). School staff will no longer need to wear masks in communal areas.** As always, the risk assessment is kept under contact review and will be adapted if the need arises.

Even with all the disruption of Covid and class bubbles this term, the children have been making excellent progress in their learning, and we have been able to continue with our rich curriculum, trips out and Hitherfield's Got Talent for Years 1 to 6 - always a highlight of the spring term!

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the half term break. When we return we should notice the lengthening of daylight, which is always a pleasure at this time of year. Everyone returns to school on Monday 21st February.

**Best Wishes,
Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher**



GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Amira and Matias	Oona and Lola	Stevie and Jackson
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Arlo. F and Aiyana	Alessia and Penelope	Nelly and Isaac
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Beatrice and Za'Leeyah	Fatmire and Dylan	Jazeeb and Jaiyana
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
All of Hippo (especially Tim)	Africa and Shekinah	To be announced next week
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Ja-Yeon and Inaya	Edward, Le Shawn, Chloe and Olivia	Niyah and Aaquib
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
To be announced next week	Lilly and Khadijah	Oscar and Mia

FRIDAY 4th MARCH

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

This year we would like
you to dress up as...



Dates for the Diary

Monday 21st February - Children return to school

Friday 25th February - 2 Hummingbird & Manatee Garden Museum Trip

Friday 4th March – World Book Day Celebrations

Monday March 7th – Friday 11th March – Year 6 School Journey

Friday 18th March 5 Hedgehog CLC Animation Workshop

Tuesday 22nd March – Year 3 trip to London Zoo

Wednesday 23rd March - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight



HITHERFIELD REALLY HAS GOT TALENT!

Well done to all of our amazing finalists in Hitherfield's Got Talent this year!

In Phase 1 (Years 1 – 3):

Ted from Dugong was awarded 3rd place for his well performed rendition of 'When I'm Older'. Arlo B was the runner up for his well-rehearsed comic recital of 'Don't Do' by Michael Rosen and the sparking, flexible Shanel from Macaw was the winner with her amazing dance to Savage Love!

In Phase 2 (Years 4 – 6):

Angus, Laisa, Penny, Sasha, Matilda, Victoria, Felicity & Freya (the Year 6 Wildcards) came in 3rd with their polished performance of 'We Don't Talk About Bruno'. Jacob, Max & Alex from Flamingo were the runners up for Jacob's comic conducting and Max and Alex's comic performance of a piece from the opera 'William Tell'. And...Emile from Cheetah was the winner with his incredible whirling mastery of 3 different types of Rubix puzzles...who knew watching someone spin shapes would be so mesmerising!?!

It was lovely to see all of the children cheering on their classmates and being so happy for the winners!

We just have to mention how bowled away we were by all of the Year 6 entrants in particular. Their risk-taking ability, creativity, collaboration and resilience was inspiring. There were only 3 places but any one of their acts could have won for different reasons. We have never had so many original acts and it just goes to show how much Hitherfield children believe in their talents and how much they gain from collaborating with each other. We have no doubt that one day they will be setting the world on fire just like they set the Hitherfield stage on fire yesterday!





This week in KS2 Book Club we were focussing on the tales of Anansi of West African, African American and Caribbean folklore. As part of our session we created our own magical webs for Anansi. Can you spot him in the middle?





Half-term community Health and Wellbeing days in Lambeth




Community health and wellbeing days are taking place across Lambeth this half-term. Running from 12 to 19 February, the events offer locals an opportunity to access health and wellbeing resources closer to home.

Throughout the week, the walk-in events enable individuals and families to speak to professionals regarding their health, wellbeing, and financial support needs. A healthcare professional will be on-hand to answer general health questions and administer free flu vaccinations to those aged 50 and over, or with an underlying health condition. Blood pressure checks for those aged 18+ and Covid-19 testing kits are also available.

If you're aged 12 or over, Covid-19 vaccinations are also available. It is never too late to come forward for your first, second or booster dose.

Further details, including what else is on offer and locations, are available on the [Lambeth Together website](https://lambeth.together.website).

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Social media post (text)	Image/file to accompany post
<p>Community #health and #wellbeing days are taking place across #Lambeth this half term</p> <p>Pop by to get #vaccinated, for wellbeing and financial advice, chat to a healthcare professional and plenty more.</p> <p>Find out more and where at: bit.ly/communityhealthdays</p>	
<p>Looking for something to do this half-term?</p> <p>Community #health and #wellbeing days are taking place across #Lambeth</p> <p>Head down to get #vaccinated, for financial and health advice or pick-up some Covid testing kits</p> <p>Find out more at: bit.ly/communityhealthdays</p>	 <p>12 & 13 Feb 10-3pm Hill Mead Primary SW9 8UE</p> <p>14 & 15 Feb 10-3pm St Stephen's Primary SW8 1EJ</p> <p>16 & 17 Feb 10-3pm Glenbrook Primary SW4 8LD</p> <p>18 & 19 Feb 10-3pm Fenstanton Primary SW2 3PW</p>
<p>*from 12 Feb onwards</p> <p>Checked out the #health and #wellbeing days taking place across #Lambeth this week yet?</p> <p>Head down to get #vaccinated, get your blood pressure checked, pick-up some Covid testing kits or chat to a healthcare professional</p> <p>Find out more and where at: bit.ly/communityhealthdays</p>	 <p>Pop along, no need to book!</p> <p>Covid-19 vaccines for 12+ and flu vaccinations</p> <p>Blood pressure checks</p> <p>Information on financial support</p> <p>On-site health care professional for health advice</p> <p>Covid-19 testing kits</p>



Breakfast and Afterschool Club News



KS1 – Doctors and Nurses – There were some great acting skills!



**Preparing our superhero disguise
Now we're ready! ASC to the rescue!!**



"That was so funny...!!"



"All together now repeat after me!"



Primary School and Children's Centre

School Librarian TO JOIN OUR SUCCESSFUL TEAM

We would like to appoint a School Librarian

8.5 hours per week, Term Time Only
(1 full day 9am to 4:30pm and one afternoon 3pm to 4:30pm)
Scale 3 point 5 – 6 (£23,427 - £23,850) FTE

The school library has a vital role to play in supporting the love of reading across the school. The librarian must enjoy reading themselves and keep up to date with what children want to read.

Hitherfield is a popular, happy and diverse school. Every child matters at Hitherfield School and this is demonstrated in all that we do.

You will:

- Enjoy working with children and interact in a happy and positive manner around the school.
- Have a real passion for your role,
- Be a team player by working with your colleagues and supporting children.
- Be proactive, energetic and efficient and flexible
- Show initiative and be able to work efficiently on your own

We can offer:

- An attractive salary
- Final salary pension scheme,
- Training and development opportunities,
- A very friendly and supportive staff team.
- Happy and enthusiastic children
- A well stocked and organised library

To obtain a recruitment pack please download a pack on
www.hitherfield.co.uk

Closing Date: Friday 4th March
Interviews Week commencing 7th March 2022

Please email applications to recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk
Tammy Wallace, Hitherfield Primary School, Leigham Vale, London SW16 2JQ

Lambeth Council is committed to safer recruitment
Successful candidates will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. Further information about the disclosure can be found at www.crb.gov.uk and in the recruitment pack. www.lambeth.gov.uk.
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DJ Aqua Answers your Questions

How do I calculate my household income — what income and benefits do I include?

Include all wages and salaries before tax, pensions, and benefits including housing costs and child benefit. Don't include disability benefits and awards.

Can Thames Water help me make my application?

Yes, an Extra Care advisor can help you calculate your household income and apply for WaterHelp and other schemes.

What if I have a debt with Thames Water — can I still apply?

Yes — you can still apply for a 50% discount on your bill. Don't be put off if you're struggling with debt — an Extra Care advisor can help you find a solution that works for you.

What if I have a water meter? Do I need to apply for WaterSure?

If you have a water meter and your household income is less than £19,747, you can still apply for WaterHelp. An Extra Care advisor can support you to apply for the right scheme.

Can someone I trust help me with my application?

Yes — a trusted person can help you make the call. The advisor will check you've given your permission.

I am hearing/speech impaired — what options does Thames Water

If your hearing or speech is impaired, you can contact Thames Water using [Relay UK](#).

What if English isn't my first language? Or if I need other support with communications?

Thames water can provide translation and help to understand communications. Sign up for Priority Services [here](#).



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