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Outdoor Learning Adventures

Next week we have some outdoor experiences taking place in the nature area after school. We kindly ask that you vacate this area as soon as you have collected your children as we will be using the whole space.

These will be taking place on the following days:

Monday 23rd May – Year 1 Tuesday 24th May – Year 2 Thursday 26th May – Year 3

Thank you very much, Mr Chris Ashley-Jones Executive Headteacher





Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd May - Year 4 trip to Crystal

Palace Park

Monday 23rd May – Outdoor Learning Year 1 3:30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 24th May – Outdoor Learning Year 2 3:30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 25th May - Year 1 trip to Crystal Palace Park

Wednesday 25th May – Nursery trip to Hillside Gardens 9:30am – 11:30am

Thursday 26th May – Year 3 Outdoor Learning 3:30pm – 8pm

Thursday 26th May - Poetic Unity Workshop -Year 6

Friday 27th May - Vision Screening - Reception children

Friday 27th May – Last day of Term

CLUB UPDATE

The following clubs have been cancelled next week due to the Outdoor Learning adventures taking place. You have been reimbursed for these sessions on ParentPay.

Monday 23rd May - Year 1 Football Monday 23rd May - Years 5&6 Netball Tuesday 24th May - Year 2 Football Tuesday 24th May - Year 3-6 Gymnastics Thursday 26th May - Years 3&4 Drama Thursday 26th May - Change 4 Life

There is also no Girls Football with Lionel on Friday 27th May.

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GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

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1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Enzo and Beatrice	Albie and Sofia	Eddie and Audrey
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Abraham, Artem and Arlo B	To be announced next week	William, Adam and Adam
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Daniel and Amelia	Tyrese and Oscar	To be announced next week
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Joshua, Baxter, Fiyin and Lisan	Louana and Isaiah	Lola and Thierry
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Alex B, Alex S and Philip	Hana, Jasmine, George and Tabitha	Akane and Julia
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Sasha and Felicity	Harry and Chloe	Mariana, Shamayl, Sufyan and Mateo



World of Work Week - help needed!

Next week will be World of Work week at Hitherfield. All of the children will learn about a particular industry and will have visits from people in various professions.

We desperately need a volunteer to visit Year 5 to talk about a career in construction. This could be an architect, electrician, landscape gardener or similar! We are also looking for someone to visit Year 1, who has a job in the food industry.

If you or anyone you know might be able to visit our Year 5 or year 1 classes next week to bring these industries to life, please send an email to admin@hitherfield.co.uk



Parent forum update



Wow! What a turn out!

A massive thank you to all who attended our first Parent Forum created to further enable our ambitions of becoming an even more inclusive and culturally aware school. For those who weren't able to come, we hope to see you at the next one.



During the meeting, we sat in groups and following a brief introduction, each group discussed and recorded ideas on the same topics using discussion cards. Responses from the meeting have now been collated and have enabled us to get a better understanding of the community's collective experiences and perceptions as well as understand the next steps for the school and Parent Forum.

Here's a snap shot of responses to selected discussion cards. If you would like all the recorded responses from all the discussions (these are 100% anonymous) please email the Parent Forum email @ parentforum@hitherfield.co.uk

Discussion point 1)

What do you appreciate the most about Hitherfield school/school community?

To this question, responses included: an appreciation of the diversity present within the community and staff team; the balance between play, the arts and academic subjects offered across the curriculum; the approachable nature of senior leadership and teachers; the diversity across the curriculum; and the openness to invite parents in for informal conversations as well as providing socialising opportunities on the school premises.

Discussion point 2)

What are your thoughts when you hear the word antiracist/antiracism?

As you can imagine, each individual bought their own understanding and experiences to this question. Each of these are as valuable as the next but here a few of the more common responses.



Some felt 'antiracism' to be a challenging word as many still had outdated ideas of racism. Others discussed feelings of being exhausted by the topic and it being a box ticking exercise that surfaces every now and then and requires the need to put their game face on. Others discussed how it was a call to action and that the word 'antiracism' identifies the important difference between being not racist and antiracist.

Discussion point 3)

What would an antiracist school look like?

Many felt Hitherfield is doing a good job in becoming an antiracist school while also acknowledging there is still work to be done. Some of you suggested children being comfortable to challenge teachers and pupils on matters of race, and being taken seriously,



as a good indicator of an antiracist school. There was a suggestion that knowledge of historical challenges being taken into consideration would be present and others saying wider histories would be embedded in the whole curriculum. Others felt that it would mean leadership representing the whole school community.

Discussion point 4)

With inclusivity and antiracism in mind, what would you say are the barriers to a child's learning and potential to succeed?

As with other discussion points, this bought out a varied and moving set of responses. A few of these were: not treating children of colour with historical sensitivity, social injustices, poverty, class, not having a sense of belonging, neurodiversity, negative representation throughout the media, staff bias, low expectations, not being listened to, parental biases and lack of positive role models.

So...where to next?

The Hitherfield Inclusive and Antiracist curriculum working party - formed of parents, teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team - have already met to discuss where to next in response to our first meeting. Without giving too much away just yet, as planning is still in process, we are making plans for our next Parent Forum which we are hoping to take place before the end of the year. Also, we are hoping to hold a social event on the school site that will include a picnic as well as storytelling, a guest speaker, music and other community lead activities.

More details will be coming your way soon but, in the meantime, if you have any further questions or enquiries, pleases email us at parentforum@hitherfield.co.uk

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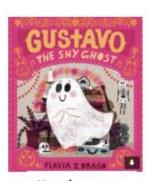
A free festival for all the family!

Come and join us from Monday 30th May to Wednesday 1st June for a day of music, entertainment, workshops, arts and crafts, street food, dance classes, funfair rides and much, much

There's no need to book tickets, just turn up and enjoy!



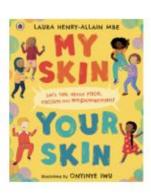
Check out these author read along events at the festival hosted by Roundtable Books all at 12- 2 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



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Hitherfield's Sports' News

Lambeth Youth Games Girls Cricket tournament



We started our day by walking to the cricket tournamnent which was in Streatham & Clapham High School. All of us were nervous! When we got there we warmed up, and within 10 minutes, Team 1 had their first match. We didn't do as well as we hoped but we didn't lose spirit. Then Team 2 was called up for their first match. Although we lost our match, we got some great experience for our next game. Team 1 then had their second match to play. We definitely got better in that match as we got our head in the game! The scores were so close but sadly we lost that game too. As Team 1 was moving into their second match we felt more confident that we were going to win as we were off to a good start. But sadly we didn't win that game either but once again it was so close. Next, it was Team 1's turn to play. That was our most dramatic game. We played amazingly and only lost by ONE POINT! Although we lost in real life, we took that as a win. For our final match we were up against each other. Hitherfield Team 1 V's Hitherfield Team 2. It was a very instense game but it was our favourite match of the day. Someone was going to go home with a win. Fortunately, it was Team 2 that ended up taking the glory!

By Lara, Lila, Olivia & Lucy (Year 5)



Breakfast and Afterschool Club Activities!



Nursery and Reception creating Superhero Crests in Afterschool Club



The finished result!!



Year 1 and 2 enjoying the Sunshine - Smiles all round



Our chefs creating delicious foods in the mud kitchen

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