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EID CELEBRATIONS

Thank-you We raised £1,000.83

A huge thank-you to everyone who supported the Eid Celebrations that took place last week. It was so lovely to see all the children in their colourful clothes and we had some amazing feedback on the food from those of you who were lucky enough to grab a bag while stocks lasted. Thank-you to Azy who organised cooks and mobilised an operation collecting and delivering food boxes and food to various places and the team of cooks who did a fabulous job of showcasing their amazing food. Special thank-yous also go to Shamshaad and Myriem who have been instrumental in Eid Fairs over the years and whose children are now in Year 6 so this was their last year. Hopefully this won't be the last we will see of them and Myriem has another chance to bake one of her fabulous cakes before the end of year! We have already received some entries on the Facebook page for the Henna competition. We'll keep it open until Friday 23rd October, with winners announced in the first week back at school.

We're thrilled to have raised a grand total of £1,000.83!! The money will be split between the PTA and Ummah Welfare Trust in order to support orphans in areas affected by war and humanitarian crises.

COVID PROCEDURES IF WE GET A CASE

As you will have seen on the news, the number of cases of Covid infection in London and Lambeth are increasing. Many local schools have had positive cases. London is now at Tier 2 of the government's Covid Alert Levels, which does not change anything at school, but it does mean that different households are not allowed to meet up indoors.

Although we are taking every precaution possible, it is highly likely that we will get a positive case at Hitherfield at some point. It is impossible to predict when we will be informed of a positive case, it is therefore essential that parents have a plan in place to be able to collect their child from school if we have to request the urgent collection of children from the school site. You will also have to have a plan in case we are only able to give parents very short notice that their child's bubble is closed. Please think about your plan over the weekend as, unfortunately, your child cannot go to another child's home when London is at Tier 2.

There is much discussion at a national level around a two week 'circuit' break linked to half term. We have not had any more information on this other than what is in the news. If it did happen, our virtual school would be in place for the additional week. We will communicate with you as soon as we hear anything. The half term holiday camp, run by Fit For Sport, is still planned to go ahead at this stage. **Book here <https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/holiday-activity-camps/find-your-nearest-camp>**

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher



PARENT GOVERNOR CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE SHORT

who was re-elected as Parent Governor in the recent Parent Governor elections. Thanks also to David Burke and Elisha DaCosta who put themselves forward for election, showing once again how lucky we are at Hitherfield to have such experienced and committed parents and carers.





“IT’S JUST A
LITTLE LUMP”

JUST SPEAK TO YOUR GP

An unexplained lump could be a sign of cancer. It’s probably nothing serious, but finding cancer early makes it more treatable.

Your NHS is here to see you, safely.

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cancer

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Reception have been making self portraits using mirrors to look closely at themselves.

GOOD NEWS

Year 6

Wolverine: Victoria, Connor and Grace

Puffin: Corine, Tia-Leoni and Cayden

Orca: Keir, Holly and Bilal

Year 5

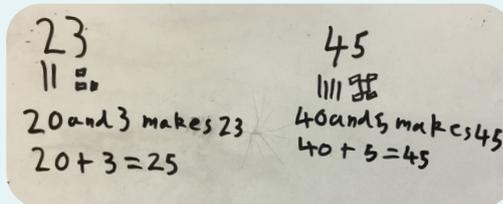
Otter: Shumayl, Sufyan, Lina and Gio

Kingfisher: Harry, Shawn-Niya, and Ibra

Hedgehog: Catalina, Brooklyn, Aaron F.J and Niyah

WORK FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Year 5 have been learning about Nanny of the Maroons as part of our 'Finding Freedom' topic. We have loved learning about her. She was an incredible woman and to date, the only woman to be bestowed the Jamaican Order of National Hero!



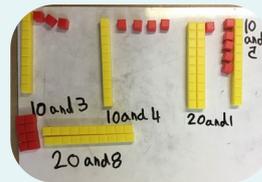
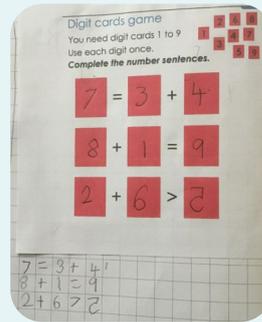
A message about RSE!

We are currently in the process of updating our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy; confusingly, sometimes referred to in Government documents as Relationships and Health Education, in line with the Government's requirements. Here is a link to the Government information for parents/carers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

Our draft RSE policy with links to sample resources will be available on our website from Friday 23rd of October. We would really appreciate parents/carers reading the draft and giving us some feedback around its contents. To enable you to do this we will be sending you a link to a survey on the same day. The survey will need to be completed by Monday 2nd of November so that we will have time to consider the responses before submitting the draft to the Governing Body.

In Year 2 maths lessons they have been doing some place value and addition. They used different equipment to help with their learning. They have also been working on their reasoning and problem solving skills.



Year 2 have been learning about the plants. Here they are acting out the life cycle of a plant.



Dear parents and carers of children in Year 6

We have recently been informed that there are proposed changes to the Lambeth Admissions Test, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday November 14th, this year. The proposal is for the test NOT to run, due to increasing concerns over COVID restrictions. The schools that this affects are: Dunraven, Lambeth Academy, La Retraite, Lilian Baylis, London Nautical, Norwood, Platanos College and St Martins-in-the-fields

As Dunraven and Norwood schools are usually popular choices, here are the links to their websites for further information:

<https://www.dunraven.org.uk/440/key-information/category/1/admissions>

[Proposed Changes to Admissions Test November 2020 \(Covid19\)](#)

For Harris Academy schools, it appears they still have a proposed test date in early December.

For Wandsworth schools: Chestnut Grove has a proposed test date of 28th November, Graveney and Burntwood, 3 and 5th December.

Our advice is to keep in contact with any school you have applied for, which has an admissions test, for the most up to date information.



Calling All Passport Holders and Graduates!

Children's University is moving online...

Children's University is currently in the process of introducing Children's University Online – a new digital platform that's a fun, safe and secure space for participants to record what they are doing.

Although this means that your participation in this wonderful programme will **no longer continue through Hitherfield**, it does mean that your child's journey towards graduation can still be pursued individually from home.

The university proposes that each user will have their very own online 'dashboard', where activities can be recorded and posted. This will help them see how they are progressing towards the next award level, reflect on the skills they are building and help them find new activities. There are also online-only exclusive badges to be collected between graduations.

To follow these developments, please go to <https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/childrens-university-online/>

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported this fantastic programme over the years; it has been a joy and pleasure to watch your children achieve their awards of excellence. Good luck passport-holders! Wishing you the very best of luck as you continue on your journey to future graduations.

