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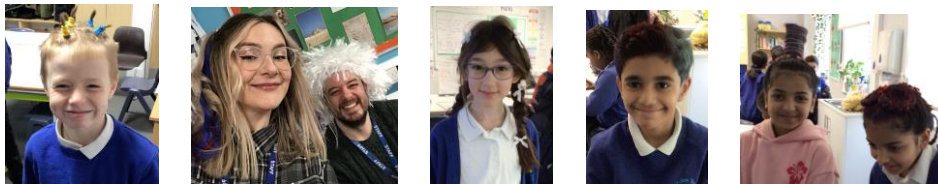
Dear Parent / Carer

Half term

Please remember that next week is half term and the school is closed to children from 17th – 21st February. Thank you to staff and families for their hard work over the last half term – I hope that we get some sunshine and everyone returns rested after a good break.



Y5 funky hair day



It has been an interesting day in Y5 who held a 'funky hair' day. Children (and staff!) were able to come to school with crazy hairstyles... some coloured their hair, wore wigs or created unusual styles with a range of accessories! Children donated £1 for this opportunity and this was one of the many fundraising activities year groups are running.

Reception duck walk

Early Years held their sponsored 'duck walk' today.... Children (and staff again!) dressed up as ducks to raise funds to purchase duck eggs. These eggs are due just before Easter and arrive in an incubator. The children are able to observe ducks hatching out of the eggs and see the ducklings take their first steps. The children completed several laps of the sports pitch, with parents / carers supporting at the side. I do want to say a very big thank you to families as an incredible £1731 has been raised from this event!! Not only that, your children have been involved in an active event which they clearly enjoyed. We really appreciate the support.



Y3 Gods and Mortals workshop

Today, Year 3 had an exciting workshop all day about Ancient Greece, linked to our Spring Term topic '**Gods and Mortals**'. The children (and staff.... again!) looked amazing dressed up in their Greek-themed clothes! The children each had a pack of equipment provided by the workshop company which they used to make a range of items such as a laurel headband, a painted tile and a bag of medicinal herbs. They also created a mosaic tile and



carved their own pattern into a soap bar. Lots of fun was had and the children were delighted to take their items home to keep!

PSHE fundraising

As part of our PSHE curriculum this half term the children have been learning about children's rights, charity and fundraising. One of the activities was for each class to decide and plan a fundraising activity to raise money, with your generous donations going towards the school to help pay for much-needed resources. There were lots of different ideas and activities planned for, including: wear your pyjamas to school, own clothes day, movie time, class parties, sponsored silences and funky hair day! Because the children had planned and chosen the activity themselves it made it all the more meaningful and fun. We thank you for your support and kind donations for the school!





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General donations

I would also like to thank families who have been making contributions towards food technology ingredients, just over £900 has been received so far. Also, we have raised £600+ through parental / carer donations. Some individuals have been extremely generous and I would like to say thank you to the school community for your assistance.

I am sure that you are aware that funding in schools is limited and stretched. This is resulting in strain on the school budget, which we are required to address. Your support with our fundraising activities and request for donations enables us to continue to offer aspects of our provision which would otherwise not be possible to offer. Thank you.

Safer Internet day

Safer Internet Day was on Tues 11th February and the theme this year was...



Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

The key questions were...

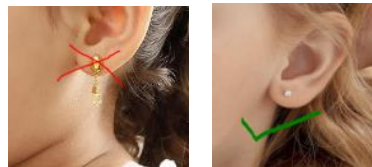
How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?

- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

From Nursery to Year 6, children spent time learning about how to appropriately protect themselves online. It has been inspiring to watch the children develop their confidence in E-Safety and articulate their thoughts/worries. We will continue to teach E-Safety to our children termly to continue to adapt to the ever-growing world of technology. Please do continue to talk to your children about this and monitor their online use.

Jewellery

Please remember that children should not be wearing jewellery in school. The only exceptions are stud earrings (not hoops etc) or jewellery of religious significance.



Free School Meals Vouchers for the February Half term Holiday

Families of pupils eligible for **benefits related** free school meals will receive 1 supermarket voucher for the half term holiday. The voucher will be sent to families on Monday 17th February and will have a value of £15.

If you have applied for Free School Meals in the last 10 days it is possible that the school has not yet been informed if you are eligible. If the school has not been advised of eligibility by 10th February, then vouchers will not be issued.

The vouchers are sent to the email address you have given the school. If you have any queries about your voucher please contact Wonde directly – support@evouchers.com. The Hounslow FSM team will not be able to support parents with any voucher queries.



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Starting nursery (repeated message)

If you have a child born between **1st Sept 2021** and **31st Aug 2022** you are able to take up a nursery place for September. The closing date for applications is **7th March** and a brochure is attached with this newsletter with further information.

Nursery is a crucial stage of a child’s education and start of formal schooling. We have 4 nursery classes available and offer either a morning or afternoon session for 3hrs. Children are supported with socialising and developing basic skills. For some children this is their first big step to being independent and we look to work closely with families forming a good partnership to enable all children to reach their potential and enjoy school. If you require any further information about what we offer as a school or assistance with making an application please ask at the school office.



Good partnerships (repeated message)

To assist with good partnerships and make communication easier, we have the following email contacts for families to use. Please let staff know of things that are going well or alert them to any difficulty that you think we can help with. Please can I remind families they should not approach other parents / carers about any difficulties between children as this only results in making the matter worse. Please raise any worries with the school and we will liaise with others

if necessary. If another parent / carer approaches you, please do not respond but ask them to contact the school.

Contact emails are:

- For Nursery families: nurseryteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Reception families: receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y1 families: year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y2 families: year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y3 families: year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y4 families: year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y5 families: year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y6 families: year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Rainbow families: rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For music: music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For any password enquiries please go to: passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk

Miss Laura Khalil
Headteacher

Useful dates

Term dates 2024 – 2025		Curriculum events
Spring Term		PSA / Other I hope you know we would like parents / carers to come forward to participate on the PSA. If you think you would be willing to get involved please contact
HALF TERM	Mon 17 th Feb – Fri 21 st Feb	
Last day of term	Thurs 3rd Apr (2pm finish)	
INSET	Fri 4th April	



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Summer Term First day of term May bank holiday INSET HALF TERM Last day of term	Tues 22 nd Apr Mon 5 th May Fri 23rd May Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May Tues 22 nd July (2pm finish)	the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you! psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
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