



Spring Term

Newsletter 19

31<sup>st</sup> January '24

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Dear Parent / Carer



### Challenge Partners visit

This week we welcomed 4 reviewers from Challenge Partners. They spent three days in the school visiting classes, speaking with the school council, meeting with leaders and looking at school documentation. They had a good impression of the school and were very complimentary about the school community. As with many visitors, they commented on how calm the school environment is given that there are approximately 1150 pupils in school. They considered that children's attitudes to learning were very positive as a result of teachers' efforts to offer a stimulating curriculum with a strong emphasis on active learning and oracy.

The previous OFSTED recommendation, to develop technical vocabulary, was considered to have been addressed and was a strong feature of our practice which is reflected in the Hounslow Town approach to learning. I would like to say a very big thank you to staff and children for making this review go so well. A report will be received in the next week and be shared with governors.

### Orchestra workshop

Next Thursday afternoon musicians from the Philharmonic Orchestra will be in school, running a special music workshop with a number of children, who will attend a classical music concert for schools at the Royal Festival Hall in March.



We have a few spaces left, so if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you would like them to take part in this workshop and attend the concert, please email Mrs Millett as soon as possible: [music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)

Places cost £4 and will be offered on a 'first come, first served' basis.



### Dogs

Every now and then we have families wanting to walk or carry dogs onto the school site. Unfortunately, no matter how cute and friendly your family pet might be (!), we cannot have dogs on site. The school grounds are crowded and sometimes pets might not behave as you might expect due to the congestion. Also, children can sometimes feel anxious around dogs and therefore should not be made to feel like this when at school.

We do sometimes arrange for dogs to 'visit' and meet with children in small groups under controlled conditions, but unfortunately cannot have dogs accompanying families to drop off or collect children. Thank you.

### Tik Tok

I would like to highlight with families that Tik Tok has an age restriction of 13yrs and older and therefore is not considered suitable for children of primary age. Obviously, I do understand the appeal of Tik Tok for children and know that it is popular, but there is access to content which is unsuitable for young children. Please do monitor what your children are accessing and discuss with them why there are age restrictions.





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**Starting nursery (repeated message)**

If you have a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2021** and **31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022** you are able to take up a nursery place for September. The closing date for applications is **7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holiday camp (repeated message)**

Bookings are now open for February half term multi-sport camp with Skillz4Life! A flyer with all the information was included with newsletter 17. New WOW activities each day through the week. To book a place for your child please click on the link below to book a place.



<https://forms.office.com/e/f3vsarYvJw>



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

Miss Laura Khalil  
Headteacher

**Useful dates**

<b>Term dates 2024 – 2025</b>	<b>Curriculum events</b>
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**INSET**

First day of term

HALF TERM

Last day of term

**INSET**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr **(2pm finish)**

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Summer Term**

First day of term

May bank holiday

**INSET**

HALF TERM

Last day of term

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July **(2pm finish)**

**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 the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you!

[psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk](mailto:psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk)

[hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com](mailto:hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com)