



Autumn Term

Newsletter 2

13th September '24

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome meetings

I hope that the children's first week has gone well and they are settling into their new classes. You should have received information about our welcome meetings which are being held on the days listed below. Please wait in the main playground near the double doors until a member of staff lets you in. Thank you.



Year 1	Tuesday 17 th September at 9am	In Year 1 classrooms
Year 2	Wednesday 18 th September at 9am	In Year 2 classrooms
Year 3	Thursday 19 th September at 9am	In downstairs hall
Year 4	Wednesday 18 th September at 9am	In downstairs hall
Year 5	Friday 20 th September at 9am	In downstairs hall (Year 1 side)
Year 6	Friday 20 th September at 9am	In downstairs hall (Year 2 side)

Please can I remind families that while Y5 and Y6 children are allowed to arrive at school and leave unaccompanied (if you have given written permission), they cannot be responsible for younger children. Please ensure that children in Y4 and below are collected by a responsible adult, and only older siblings over 16yrs can collect.



Secondary applications

Children born between 1st Sept 2013 and 31st Aug 2014 start secondary school in Sept 2025. Applications for places opened on 1st Sept and online applications can be accessed at www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. The closing date for applications is 31st

October 2024. The National offer day (when you find out the school you are being offered) is the evening of 3rd March 2025. You must respond to this offer by 17th March 2025. A leaflet with additional information has been distributed and you can contact the admissions team for

help and advice on 020 8583 2711 or admissions@hounslow.gov.uk Several secondary schools will be offering open evenings and I will include leaflets with this weekly newsletter (Brentford School for Girls leaflet attached).

Reception applications

Children born between 1st Sept 2020 and 31st Aug 2021 start Reception in Sept 2025. Applications for places opened on 1st Sept and online applications can be accessed at www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The closing date for applications is 15th January

2025. The National offer day (when you find out the school you are being offered) is the evening of 16th April 2025. You must respond to this offer by 30th April 2025. A leaflet with additional information has been distributed and you can contact the admissions team for help and advice on 020 8583 2721 or admissions@hounslow.gov.uk



Playleader training

This Friday, the whole of 6 Sky undertook their play leader training and for the next 6 weeks they will be supporting younger children with a range of games and activities at lunch times. After they have completed their 6 weeks, every child will receive a personalised certificate. Good luck on this exciting adventure!



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Disability games workshop

This Friday, 4 Poppy and 4 Scarlet classes were incredibly lucky to attend a disability games workshop organised by Coach Michal. The children experienced what it would be like to take part in a seated Boccia, meaning that they could only use the top part of their bodies to roll the ball towards the jack. Seated volleyball and new age curling, which saw the children having to change position through shuffling, sliding and crawling across the floor to reach the ball or stone. They also experienced playing these sports with blindfolds or in silence to give them awareness of what it would feel like if they could not see or hear their teammates. It was a wonderful way to teach the children the importance of seeing beyond the disability, the importance of inclusion for all, it gave them a clear understanding of the challenges and the obstacles people have to overcome to take part in sport. In the coming weeks, more KS2 classes will be attending this workshop with Coach Michal.



Clubs (repeated message) *letter attached

We try to offer a range of additional clubs to enhance children’s experiences at school and also develop their interests. A letter was distributed earlier in the week, and families are able to secure places through ParentPay. I am attaching the letter again with this newsletter.

PE kit (repeated message) *letter attached

It is also really important that children have the correct PE kit. We do allow children in Y1 – Y6 to come to school in PE kit on days when they have PE, but this must be the correct colours (it is not a non-uniform day!) A letter is attached from Coach Michal outlining the expectation for PE kits.



Y4 Viking workshop

Did you know that Vikings ate dolphins? In fact, they ate most animals they could get their hands on! On Monday, our children in Year 4 began their Viking topic with an immersive workshop led by two Vikings! It started with role play of children becoming warriors and putting on their armour before being led into a grisly battle. After this, children found out what life was like for Vikings on board their longboats as they sailed the seas and soon realised just how superstitious they were. Through fun games and holding artefacts and replicas, children learnt about Viking food, how they traded, customs and traditions around Viking funerals, what weapons were used for and how they were made. It was astonishing to discover that in today’s money, an iron sword would be worth about the same as a three-bedroom house!





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Contributions for food technology

Before the holiday I made families aware that we will be asking families to contribute towards the costs of food technology. We are quite unique as a primary school to be able to offer children regular food technology sessions with specialist staff and have access to a dedicated food technology room. I am really pleased that we are in a position to support children with developing this crucial life skill. However, with increasing costs and strains on the school budget, we do feel we need to request parental / carer support towards contributing to ingredients. We would like to ask that families contribute £6 per year (£2 per term), and hope that families will support us with enabling this provision to continue. Payments can be made on ParentPay. Thank you.

Swimming

We have also asked Y4 families for £29 to contribute towards swimming costs. This is now live on ParentPay. Being able to swim is a valuable skill and we would like to ask for contributions by November. Thank you.



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
Autumn Term		PSA / Other
INSET	Mon 2 nd Sept	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
INSET	Tues 3 rd Sept	
First day of term	Wed 4 th Sept	



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HALF TERM Last day of term	Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov Fri 20 th Dec (2pm finish)	the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you! psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
Spring Term INSET First day of term HALF TERM Last day of term INSET	Mon 6th Jan Tues 7 th Jan Mon 17 th Feb – Fri 21 st Feb Thurs 3 rd Apr (2pm finish) Fri 4th April	
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)	