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We are the Force for Positive Change.

22nd September 2023

OPEN DAYS
Enfield Heights Academy
Reception places

Thursday 19th October 9-10am * Thursday 9th November 2-3pm
Tuesday 5th December 9-10am * Tuesday 9th January 2-3pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's News Round-up.

Please help us spread the word about the open days where prospective parents can visit our wonderful school.

Macmillan Cake sale on Friday 29th September- Volunteers needed.



Join us for the Macmillan fundraiser event on Friday 29th September from 3.10-4pm. We will be hosting this in the playground (or our hall if it rains) at the end of the school day. **We will welcome your cake and biscuit donations.** Please leave them in the Reception area (box provided) by Wednesday 28th September afternoon or Friday morning before the event. We would also like to ask volunteers/PTA to help at the event. Please let us know if you are able to help by

contacting the schools' office. Thank you in advance.

Enrichment opportunities

BEATBOX workshop

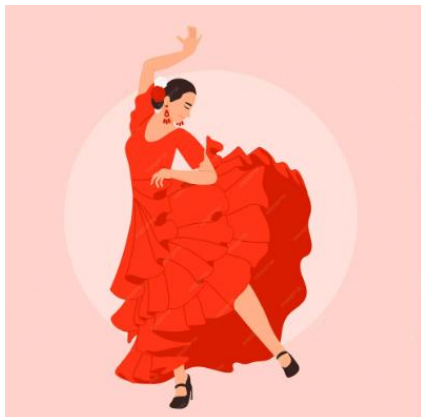
Our Year 5 and 6 classes will be introduced to beatboxing on **Monday 25th September**. Rupert Oldridge, the official world beatbox champion and professionally experienced workshop leader will guide the children through an introduction to the infinite nature and combinations of beatboxing, the voice and the imagination. Thank you to our Music Specialist teacher, Mr Merritt Hall, for organising this for us. With the power of the voice and teamwork, anything is possible!

AFRICA MUSIC

Mrs Merritt-Hall is also delighted to tell you that there will be a day of Africa music workshops taking place on **Tuesday 3rd October**, led by Earthsong, the same organisation that brought us the fantastic Chinese music workshops before the summer holidays. As the hall will be in use all day, every pupil will have to eat lunch in their classroom, so they will be having sandwiches rather than a hot meal to make this possible. Please let your child's teacher know if you'd prefer your child to bring in their own packed lunch. We can't wait for our children to enjoy another exciting out-of-class learning opportunity for music!

HISPANIC DAY

Mrs Dooley our Spanish specialist teacher and Mr Merritt Hall have been planning a day of celebrations to mark Hispanic Day (Día de la Hispanidad) or National Day (Fiesta Nacional de España) which is an annual national public holiday in Spain on October 12. It commemorates when Christopher Columbus first set foot in the Americas in 1492. The children will have a Flamenco assembly followed by workshops for some year groups. There will be a range of storytelling and craft activities as well as cooking and exploring Hispanic culture. Ms Le and her team will prepare Spanish lunch and our lovely PTA will make and sell yummy churros after school (not to be missed). This will be a non-uniform day. More details to follow.



TFL WORKSHOP

Year 6 will receive a workshop from the Tfl STARS (Sustainable Travel, Active, Responsible & Safe) team on **Friday 6th October**. This will be an informative session about planning travel, conduct and keeping safe when on public transport. There will be talk about the environmental impact they can have in the way they choose to travel.

Young Voices at the O2 Arena for Year 4

It is available on Arbor for parent's information letter [here](#). Please don't forget that the deadline for ordering Young Voices tickets through school is **25th September** via Arbor and they are £25 per person. After this date, they will have to be ordered directly from the O2 Arena, which will include added charges. Explanation about the payment on Arbor is explained [here](#)

Year 5 Experience Day at Heron Hall

Year 5 have the wonderful opportunity to participate in an exciting day on **29th September** at Heron Hall where they will attempt to write, create and perform a 'play in a day'. We have been working with our secondary school and have devised a programme that gives them the opportunity to use their creative writing, music, drama and performing skills.

Meet the Team powerpoints

Thank you to Year 1-6 parents and carers for attending their 'Meet the Teacher' session over the last couple of weeks to find out about what your children will be learning this year. The power point presentations are [now on our website](#).

The Reception Meet the Team/Early Reading coffee morning will be on **Monday 2nd October at 9-10am in the school hall.**



Year 6 open evening - Tues, 10 October (5.30-7.30pm)

Our very successful Secondary school, Heron Hall Academy, is holding its Open Evening on 10 October. Please consider visiting the school. Children who go to Heron Hall are in the top 10% in the whole country for the progress they make. You can find out more information [here](#).

Communication/Queries/Concerns

We are always available to hear your concerns and strive to resolve them in good time. We kindly ask that you follow the following pathway of communication:

- Pass any information about your child that could be relevant for the day; speak to office/member of staff at the gate, class teacher.
- If you have a concern or would like to ensure no misunderstanding took place, please **address your class teacher/teaching assistant first**; request appointment/phone call. Please do not email teachers directly as there are no expectations on them to answer via email.
- You can also speak to Mrs Salik (Year 1,2, 3 Teaching and Learning Lead) or Mr Currie (Year 4,5,6 Teaching and Learning Lead) to find answers to your queries and get help to resolve your concerns.
- If your matter has not been resolved, please request a meeting with /inform Mr Venn, the Deputy Headteacher (via office)

If you are still concerned and situation has not been resolved, request an appointment with me by emailing or calling the office on 020 8805 9811.

SEN concerns should be directed via office email for the attention of Mrs Radmore (Senco) and Ms Monaghan (Sen Consultant). They will pick the emails up on the days that they are working at EHA. Mrs Radmore works on Mondays and Wednesdays; Ms Monaghan is here on Wednesdays, and till the end of this half term, also on Thursdays.



Correct Uniform

All children must wear the correct school uniform from YR-Y6. We expect children to adhere to the school's uniform policy. You can find a quick reminder of our school uniform requirements in the letter sent on 17 July [here](#). This includes all the items of uniform and ways to purchase them. **Please remember that our uniform policy remained unchanged apart from a PE top** (white PE tops have been given out this week). **Please ensure that all parts of your child's uniform are clearly labelled.** Children are required to wear a white shirt not a polo T-Shirt.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance Ladder



Our goal is for every child to be in school every day, arriving on time ready for an 8.45am start. In line with government expectations, we will continue to monitor pupil attendance and offer our support where attendance is beginning to drop.

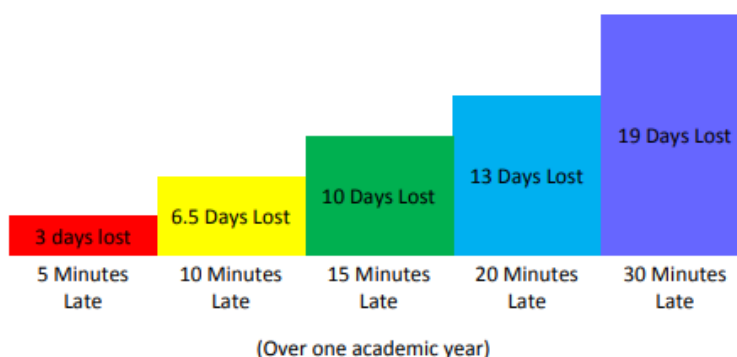
Good attendance is considered to be **96%** and above but please be aware that each day is made up of two sessions, morning and afternoon, and so 2 days absence can soon drop attendance down to 98%.

We know that illness is part of everyday life. We are also aware that some learners struggle to come to school, have reduced timetables to settle into their first year of school or strategies in place to help them cope. This is all taken into account.

If you are needing any help or support with helping your child to attend school, please do get in touch so that we can support you.

Every minute counts!

If a child is late every day, their learning as well as the other children in the classroom is disrupted. Below is a graph how being late to school every day adds up to lost learning time.



Winter Fair - Save the date: Saturday 16th December 2023

We are looking for volunteers who can help with the running of this lovely event for the whole school community. Please join our PTA. If you are interested, please let your class rep know or speak to the office.

Parent volunteers

As a learning community, we welcome volunteers working with us on a regular basis in our school. Activities may include, listening to readers, helping in the library, accompanying on educational visits. If you are interested in becoming a regular parent volunteer, please contact us at the schools' office and we will work with our Community Outreach Team who will ensure that the appropriate safeguarding checks are in place for this, including DBS checks and a volunteer induction. A member of the Outreach Team will be available to talk to you every Thursday in the playground about volunteering opportunities.

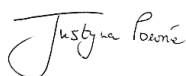
If you have previously had a DBS check and have registered on the DBS Update Service, we will be able to use this providing you still have the original certificate you used to register, and will need you to bring this in to Reception in order for us to perform our check.

Thank you

Many thanks to all the parents who have been able to donate kitchen tools and resources for the Reception Play Garden. It is much appreciated, and we are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity! Actions such as this are great for supporting our school and help us to realise our value of Kindness.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,



Headteacher