

At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE.
We are the Force for Positive Change.

30th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Force for Positive Change

At Enfield Heights Academy we want our pupils to drive the change they want to see in the community and world they live in. It is always so special to give. At Enfield Heights Academy, we nurture the children to be the force for positive change. They learn that every effort counts when playing an active role in making a positive impact on society. Fund raising events for charities as well as community projects are built into our school calendar to strengthen this wonderful curriculum driver.



MacMillan Cake sale a success!



Only last Friday we have raised **£215.47** in the bake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support charity. Thank you for your donations and contributions. Many thanks to Ms Yarboye for organising it and to all the volunteers who helped with the sale.



Harvest

Harvest time is traditionally a time to remember those who may benefit from others sharing the bounty that they receive. At EHA, we are pleased to work with our Trust Community Outreach Team and help with food collection for those who might need it most within our local community.



Thank you for all your donations! If you are able to and would like to do this regularly, this is a positive and easy way to teach your children about giving.

WhatsApp Groups and Social Media

We know that WhatsApp Groups and Social Media play an important part in our lives and the way in which we communicate. At Enfield Heights Academy, we hope that the class WhatsApp Groups are a helpful way to communicate with parents and carers about class matters, such as reminders of PTA events, PE kits, trips, dress-up days, etc.

Unfortunately, sometimes, some people use the groups in a negative and unhelpful way. This can lead to misinformation and cause some to feel uncomfortable.

At Heights, we believe it is important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for children, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour and school values for our children at all times

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech.

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. If your matter has not been resolved, please request a meeting with /inform Mr Venn, the Deputy Headteacher (via office)
4. If you are still concerned and situation has not been resolved, request an appointment with me by emailing or calling the office at heights@northstartrust.org.uk / 020 8805 9811

SEN concerns should be directed to Ms Pavli (Senco). She will pick the emails up on the days that she is working. Ms Pavli works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

National Poetry Day: a message from Ms Michael our Accelerated Teaching and Learning and English Lead: We're excited to let you know that National Poetry Day is on Thursday, 3rd October. This year's theme is "**What Counts,**" and our children will be taking part in fun and creative activities to explore this idea through poetry. They'll have the chance to think about what truly matters in life and share their thoughts and feelings through class performances. It's going to be a day full of creativity and inspiration, and we can't wait to see how our children will express through poetry what counts to them.

October- Black History Month

In October we celebrate Black History and this year's theme is **Reclaiming Narratives**. It marks a powerful shift in how we view and celebrate Black history and culture. It's about challenging the narratives that have historically marginalised Black achievements and instead highlighting stories of resilience, success, and empowerment.

Mr Merritt-Hall, our Music Lead, organised a fantastic steelpan workshop for the children on 15th October. The steelpan (also known as a pan, steel drum) is a musical instrument originating in Trinidad and Tobago. Often described as the sunniest music on the planet, I am sure that this steel pan workshop will give our pupils a fun and uplifting experience!



Throughout this month, the staff will be exploring stories to develop children's understanding of Black History.

Winter Fair- save the date: Saturday 7th December 2024

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.

Parents Consultations

You will soon receive your information letter with an invitation to book your parent consultation that will take place on Thursday 17th October. Appointments need to be booked on Arbor. School will close at 13:00 on 17th October.

Online Safety Guides

We know that our children are using the internet, and we encourage them to do so, as long as they are being safe. Many parents say that they do not know what their children are doing online or how to support them to be safe online. Below is a useful poster with tips on how to keep your child safe online. For more useful tips please look on NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



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Have a great week everyone!

With my very best wishes,

Justyna Powne

Headteacher

Future workshops for parents and carers

Year Group	Workshop	Date and Time
Reception	Early Reading session An introduction to the sounds your children will learn in Reception	Thursday 3 rd October (9-10am) Hall
Reception	Communication and Language & Tapestry Information Meeting Importance of Interactions and Support with creating Tapestry account	Monday 21 st October (9-10am) Hall
Reception	Story Time! An interactive story session for parents/carers with their children	Thursday 8 th May (2:30-3:15pm) Hall
Reception	Maths Workshop An Introduction to 5 counting principles and how maths in reception prepares children for National Curriculum in Year 1	Tuesday 4 th February (9-10am) Hall
Year 1	Phonics/Reading Workshop An introduction to the sounds your children will learn in Year 1 and the way we teach reading	Monday 7 th October (9-10am) Hall
Year 1	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Friday 24 th January (9-10am)
Year 1	Story Time! An interactive story session for parents/carers with their children	Friday 9 th May (2:30-3:15pm) Hall
Year 1	Phonics Screening Test Parent Meeting An explanation of what the Phonics Screening Test looks like for your child	Friday 25 th April (9-10am) Hall
Year 2	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Monday 27 th January (9-10am)
Year 3	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 30 th January (9-10am)
Year 4	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Monday 20 th January (9-10am)
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent Meeting An explanation of what the MTC Check looks like for your child	Thursday 27 th February (9-10am) Hall
Year 5	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 23 rd January (9-10am)
Year 6	Maths Parent Workshop and Class Visit A workshop followed by a Maths activity with your child in the classroom	Thursday 16 th January (9-10am)
Year 6	SATs information morning	Monday 10 th March (9-10am) Hall

Other Key Dates for your diary

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
New Feature Scholastic Book Fair	Thursday 10 th to Thursday 17 th October	<i>Books sale</i> <i>The more books you buy, the more commission we get for the school</i>
Parents Consultations	Thursdays 17 th October	<i>Early finish for the children at 13.00</i> <i>Consultation times: 13.30-18.00</i>
	Thursday 27 th March	
Anti-Bullying Week	Wc 11th November	<i>Odd socks day on Tuesday 12th November</i>
Children in Need	Friday 15 th November	<i>Non-uniform day</i>
Reception Festive Concert	Monday 9 th December	<i>Hall at 9.15am</i>
Year 1 Nativity show	Thursday 12th December	<i>Hall at 9.15-10.15am</i>
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch	tbc	<i>More details to follow nearer the time</i>
PTA Winter Fair	Saturday 7th December	<i>Volunteers and helpers required</i>
Online Safety Day	Thursday 13th February	<i>workshops for children and online safety meeting for parents 9-10am</i>
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March	<i>Dress up day</i>
Comic Relief	Friday 15th March	<i>Non-uniform day</i>
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 3 rd April	<i>Hall 9.15-10.15am -Parents/Cares Welcomed</i>
Whole school Cuban Percussion Workshop	Tuesday 22 nd April	<i>Lunch in the classrooms (sandwiches)</i>
Spanish Language Day	Wednesday 23 rd April	<i>Non-uniform day (details to follow)</i>
Sports Day Reception	Monday 24 th June	<i>Afternoon- Exact times to be confirmed/Muga</i>
Sports week	w/c 16 th June	<i>Exact dates/ times to be confirmed/Field</i>
Year 6 Residential Trip to Danbury	Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th June	<i>Details to follow</i>
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 27 th June	<i>Non-uniform day-tombola donation</i>
PTA Summer Fair International Day	Friday 4 th July 3.15-6pm	<i>Non-Uniform day- wear your culture attire</i> <i>Volunteers and helpers required to help at the fair</i>
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm</i>
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 15 th July	<i>3.15-5pm</i>
Whole School Picnic	Thursday 17th July	<i>3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.</i>
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 18 th July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am</i>