



Heronsgate Primary School Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Remembrance this month allowed us all to reflect on the whole school value of 'Respect'. During our silence on the 11th, we asked children to remember the sacrifices made by many in conflict in the hope of a better future for all.

Respect was also a particular focus in our work during Anti-bullying week, where the theme this year was, 'Make a noise about bullying'. This emphasises the importance of calling out bullying when you see it happening and not keeping quiet.

You will have received some information from our Travel team about keeping safe as the days get shorter and the night draws in. Please do give this your attention and share with your child, particularly those that have your permission to walk home by themselves.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our coffee mornings. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we had great discussions.

You will also have received some dates for Christmas events, including Christmas performances for your child's class. We hope you can make these and look forward to welcoming you then.



Mr Hafeez Khan & Mrs Shahnaz Ahmed
Heads of School (Royal Arsenal & Thamesmead)

KEY DATES

5/12/2023

Royal Arsenal parent coffee morning

11/12/2023 9:30am

Thamesmead EYFS Christmas performance

11/12/2023 2:00pm

Royal Arsenal EYFS Christmas performance

12/12/2023 2:00pm

Year 5&6 Christmas performance (for both campuses, held at Thamesmead)

13/12/2023 2:00pm

Year 3&4 Christmas performance (for both campuses, held at Thamesmead)

14/12/2023

Christmas Lunch

15/12/2023 2:00pm

Year 1&2 Christmas performance (for both campuses, held at Thamesmead)

20/12/2023

Last day of term (Nursery)

20/12/2023

Christmas Parties and non-uniform day

21/12/2023

Last day of term (Nursery closed)

8/1/2024

INSET day (school closed to pupils)

School Journey 2023





Many of us in Year 6 spent five days at the PGL activity centre at Osmington Bay in Dorset, in October for school journey. We had the experience of a life time. It was a week of spending quality time with friends, sharing dormitories, eating plenty and taking part in new adventures. We surprised ourselves at times, by rising to new challenges, demonstrating our resilience and developing our independence. From fossil hunting along the Jurassic Coast to scaling the heights of Jacob's Ladder, firing rifles to firing arrows, we have made memories and grown in confidence that will stand us in good stead for years to come.



VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2: RESPECT

Our children show respect for themselves by recognising that they are unique and valuable. They respect all members of our community, our country and our world.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As we approach the winter months, we would like to emphasise the importance of good attendance at school. While some children face occasional illnesses during this period, maintaining regular attendance is key to ensuring they receive their education.

If you are not sure on when when it is appropriate to keep your child home due to illness and when it is safe for them to attend, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school> for advice.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

If you are doing your Christmas shop online, please join [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) as a way to help raise much needed funds for the school. It is free to use and over 7,000 brands like Amazon and John Lewis will make donations to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

Register for free at [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and select Heronsgate Primary School as your cause. Thank you!

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