



Heronsgate Primary School Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Welcome to the start of a new academic year, those returning as well as those new to the school. A particularly warm welcome to children and parents in our Nursery and Reception classes across both campuses. We hope your association with Heronsgate is a long and happy one!

Our welcome back assembly highlighted all of our school values; Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Kindness, Honesty and Co-operation. Your children have demonstrated these in how they have settled in their new classrooms, their engagement in their learning and social interactions with others. It was great to welcome parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and we thank those that were able to attend. By being better informed of your child's learning and the expectations, we hope you are better able to support and encourage at home. It is through this home/school partnership that outcomes for children can be at their best!

Please do look at the letter sent out on Tuesday 5th September which highlighted arrangements for universal free school meals and our expectations on school uniform.

We are looking forward to continued efforts, enthusiasm and engagement in learning and sharing some of this over the year ahead.



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

KEY DATES

26/9/2023

Royal Institution Science for Schools workshops (KS1 and KS2)

1/10/2023–31/10/2023

Black History Month

5/10/2023

Nasal Flu vaccinations

10/10/2023

Year 5 (5NN, 5RC) trip to Royal Observatory

12/10/2023

Year 5 (5AR, 5HB) trip to Royal Observatory

VALUE FOR AUTUMN 1: RESPONSIBILITY

Our children take responsibility for themselves, their learning and their actions so that they make the most out of every opportunity.

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New Members of Staff

We welcome Miss Bakali and Miss Bayoh who have joined us as Teachers at Heronsgate. We also welcome Mrs Chowdhury, Miss Edmondson, Mr Gray, Ms Iriah, Miss Simmons, Mrs Talgaswatta and Miss Willems who join our support staff team and finally Mr Youngs and Mr Ferguson who join our premises team. Miss Harris has also joined us as breakfast club assistant at Thamesmead. We wish them all a very warm welcome to the Heronsgate family.

Respect in Year 6

Year 6 have spent time looking at our value of RESPECT, including what it is and how we can show respect through our actions and behaviour. The children created some beautiful displays with their work.



Wrap Around Care

Sportacus are now providing the schools wrap around care provision! Sportacus already have a fantastic relationship with Heronsgate working closely with the school for a number of years providing quality PE support and extra curricular clubs. The wrap around service operates between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please email info@sportacus.co.uk where Harry and Rose are ready to answer any questions and take bookings!

SAFEGUARDING

All parents will want the school to ensure the safety of all of our children. This is a statutory and moral responsibility and the school works hard, together with parents, to meet these responsibilities.

Our safeguarding procedures follow best practice guidance from the Greenwich Safeguarding Children Partnership and our safeguarding policy [can be found on our website](#).

We have been asked by the safeguarding partnership to share a letter about the use of physical chastisement in the home. This letter can be [found on our school website](#).

The law states that parents must not use physical chastisement that causes a mark, uses an implement or includes a prolonged stress position.

If any parent would like to discuss any concerns they have about managing behaviour at home, please contact the school and we will arrange for a confidential conversation to explore possible strategies.