



Newsletter 5



Hounslow Schools Virtual 1600m Cross Country Competition Starting Line Up

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation in helping to keep our school as safe and Covid-free as we can. The new system of saying goodbye to your child at the gate in the morning is working well and having less people coming onto the site is reducing the risk of infection. The wearing of face coverings by all at the end of the day is also supporting the need to keep a distance and stay safe. I think we are all eagerly awaiting the time when our lives and routines can return to normal. In the meantime, let's carry on being kind and supportive to each other.

The children are making us very proud with their attitude to learning and the determination they are showing to achieve their very best. We have a number of sessions taking place during and after the school day to support children with their learning and to ensure that any learning gaps that may have occurred as a result of the lockdown are eliminated.

Happy Diwali to all of our families that celebrated last weekend. I hope that despite the current restrictions you were still able to enjoy and mark the occasion.

Mrs Colley
Headteacher

Book of Kindness

Here are some wonderful examples of kindness and thoughtfulness carried out by our pupils recently.

Hadi (Year 4 Rauf) and his sister Batool (Year 1 Donaldson) have made a generous donation to The Open Kitchen, a Hounslow organisation that provides free hot meals to vulnerable people. Alongside other friends and family within their community, they have put items of food, clothing and personal hygiene products into a bag and donated it to the organisation. Their participation in this has helped them learn that it is their responsibility to help and support other who are less fortunate. Well done and thank you to them both.

Anahat (Year 4 Rauf) has had several pieces of work published in the Voices of Riana book about his experiences of lockdown. This included some lovely art work as well as writing.

Eliza in Year 6 Tan has been entered into the Kindness Book for always being there for her friend. Eias in Year 5 has also been mentioned as he always displays such courteous and polite behaviour.

Hounslow Schools Virtual 1600m Cross Country Competition

Year 5 and 6 took part in the ever Hounslow Schools Virtual 1600m Cross Country competition. The children show pace and stamina in their running abilities. In the school competition, the results were as follows:

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

We are a nut free school. Children are not permitted to bring nut products to school either as part of a packed lunch or as a snack. This is to protect a number of our pupils who have an allergy to nuts.

No sweets to be brought in to school to share on birthdays or on any other occasions - we are doing everything we can to avoid cross contamination of germs at the moment. Once we are through the pandemic we will look to allow this again.

Girls			Boys		
Year 6			Year 6		
1st	Ava	7.52mins	1st	Khai	7.00 mins
2nd	Simran	7.53mins	2nd	Adam	7.26 mins
3rd	Hibah	8.01 mins	3rd	Naveed	7.40 mins
Year 5			Year 5		
1st	Rithvika	8.31 mins	1st	Zain R	8.09 mins
2nd	Haifa	9.21 mins	2nd	Sai	9.37 mins
3rd	Diana	9.26 mins	3rd	Reyansh	9.48 mins

Nursery - Inkpen

Nursery Inkpen class have settled into life at Spring Grove extremely well and have have had a busy term so far making friends and getting used to school. Last half term we enjoyed learning about lots of different Nursery Rhymes. Ali Elham said "This is so much fun" when making a new wall for Humpty Dumpty to sit on.



Would you like to hear me read?

This half term we have enjoyed learning about different celebrations that people take part in at home. When we were learning about Firework night we had a 'visit' from King James (sshhh...it was only Mrs Gratton dressed up and pretending)! We had to look for Guy Fawkes as we thought he was making a sad choice. Shanaya received a telephone call from him. She told him "to not be so naughty, your choices are making me sad". Elias saw him in the "big school" and wanted to go and search for him. Lots of the Nursery children made 'wanted' posters.

Diwali has been a lot of fun to learn about too. We have been thinking about how we all believe in different things but that it is good fun for us all to be different. We know that we must respect each other and let us all have our own thoughts, feelings and beliefs.

It has been an absolute privilege to see the progress that Nursery Inkpen children have made in such a short amount of time. Well done Nursery Inkpen we are so proud of you all!

All aboard!



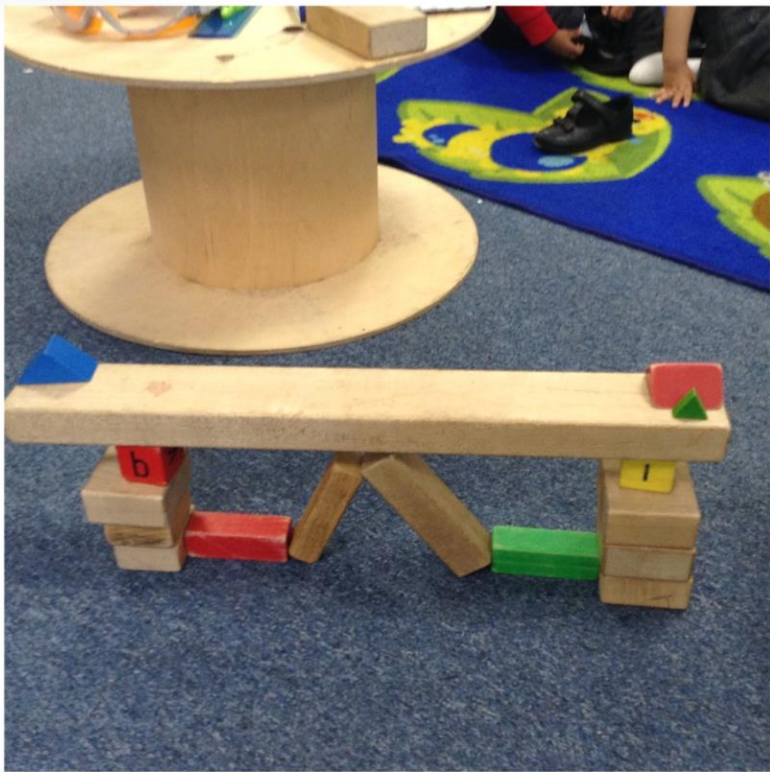
A Remembrance day small world



Poppy artwork



London Bridge is falling down by Kelsie.



Reception - Mckee

Reception - Mckee have had a wonderful start to their school year. The children have settled in very well and are developing some lovely friendships, looking after one another and sharing things well – it's wonderful to see how much they are excited by their learning!



The books we shared with the children has stimulated a lot of interest in learning more about each other! It was lovely to see children talk about themselves in such positive way.

One week children complimented each other and learnt the value of praise. Bella said, "I love Naima's hair" and she received a complement back from Naima who said, "I like your golden hair".

We also had a lovely virtual reading session with Mrs Robalo, who read the book 'Coming to England', which the children really enjoyed.

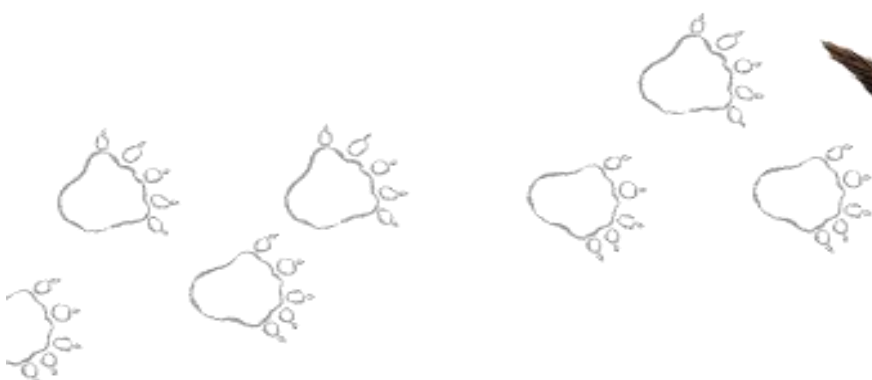
This half term we have been looking at Celebrations and learning more about the things we celebrate. We had an amazing time making potions and spells in the first week - Van Gogh Jr visited our class to give us some painting tips to create our own master pieces!

For Remembrance Day we thanked and remembered our heroes by making poppy wreaths. Reception classroom was filled with sparkles and glitter during our Diwali activities!

We wait in anticipation for the next exciting adventure in Reception class!



We even had a strange visitor who left floured footprints in our classroom – we discovered it was the Gruffalo!



Fun Family Maths Challenge

Hello All You Mathematicians,

I'm so proud of the children who submitted work to me, showing ways they worked out how long it takes for their heart to beat 1000 times. All of your answers were just amazing and I really enjoyed reading them.

This week we have another challenge and I'm already excited about reading your answers.

Please have a go. 26 children submitted work, I'd love to increase this to 40.

What Do You Notice?

25	5	5
7	7	1
27	3	9

Look at the grid above. What do you notice? One of the things could be all the numbers in the top row are multiples of 5. See how many other things you can notice. I have written down all of the ones I have noticed. I challenge you to find more than me.

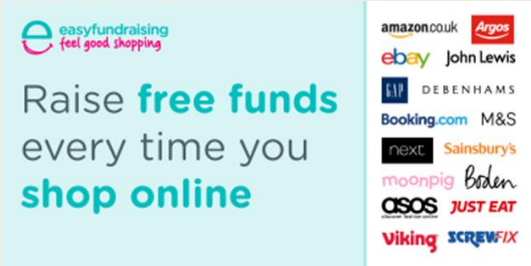
FOSGS News – new way of fundraising

Usually at Spring Grove, **Friends of Spring Grove School (FOSGS)** would be organising lots of fun activities to help raise funds for various school equipment. In the past, FOSGS has helped by donating money towards ipads, interactive white boards, books for the classrooms, the large play structure, playground equipment, table tennis tables, Year 6 hoodies and much, much more.

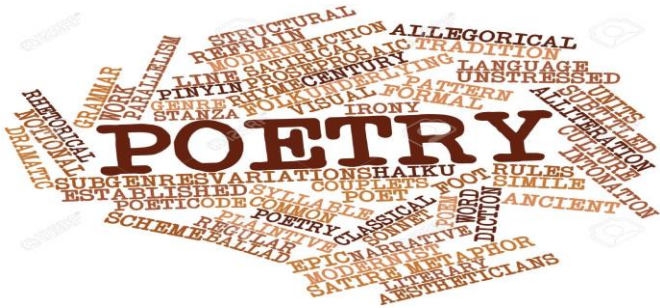
In normal circumstances, we would be having ice lollies and cake sales, discos, quizzes, fashion shows...but sadly not this year. As with everybody else, we have had to adapt our way of fundraising and one really simple way is for you to register with 'Easyfundraising'.

1. Visit easyfundraising.org.uk or use the 'Easyfundraising' app)
2. Select 'Spring Grove Primary School' as the charity you would like to support.
3. Start your shopping on the easyfundraising website
4. Click on the retailer you want to visit (there are over 4000 to choose from) and continue your online shopping. 'Easyfundraising' will do the rest for you.

It is so simple – and there is no catch: you pay nothing but the retailers donate an amount to your chosen cause (us!) as a thank you for shopping with them. Everyone's a winner: the retailer gets your custom; the school gets donations to buy more exciting things for the children; and you get to feel good for helping out Spring Grove – just by registering and clicking on a link. Happy shopping!



If anyone has any other fundraising suggestions or would like to become more involved in FOSGS, please contact Mrs Nixon at nixon@springgrove.hounslow.sch.uk Thank you.



Next week we have a **Poetry Performance** competition taking place in school. We will announce the winners in due course and also hope to upload a video of some of the performances to the school website and Google Classroom.

Reception 2021 Admission

Closing Date: 15th January 2021

Apply via [e-admission](#)

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination

- 7th December -

(Reception to Year 6)

The Hounslow School Age Immunisation Team will be providing the Flu Nasal vaccinations to pupils on 7th December.

You have been sent the information on how to consent/not to consent. Please complete the online form as soon as possible.

What to do if your child develops any of the symptoms of covid-19

- do not send them to school but stay at home
- book a test and wait for the results
- let the school know of the outcome

The symptoms are:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change to the sense of smell or taste

If your child has been off school for any reason

- Inform the school when they are returning to school
- On their return they **must report to the school office at 9am** and have a temperature check.
- Please **do not send** them directly to the class without temperature check

The above will apply to all children returning to school on Monday 9th November from their period of self-isolation.