



SPRING GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 4

Friday, 21st October 2022



Appreciation Award Winners
21st October 2022

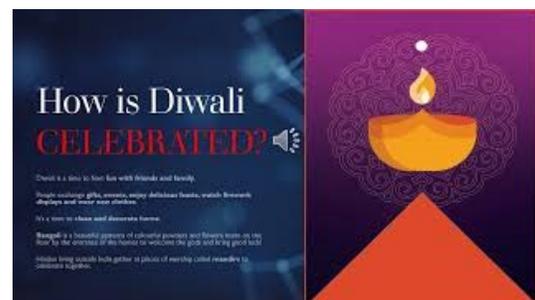
AUTUMN 2022 PARENTS EVENING

Class	Date
Nursery	Tuesday 1st November Wednesday 2nd November Thursday 3rd November
Reception	Tuesday 1st November & Thursday 3rd November
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 6	

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first half term already! It has been an action packed seven weeks that has included; a residential trip to Sayers Croft, Y5/6 Girl's Football Festival at Gumley House, the election of new House captains, and participation in a Maths challenge at Hampton school. Children in our Nursery and Reception classes have all settled well and are thriving in school – thank you to all parents for supporting them so well during this period. It is lovely to see them learning happily and with such purpose.

How Is Diwali Celebrated by Shravya

Please look at the [video made by Shravya](#) (and her mum Deepa) in Year 5 on Diwali. It is informative and creative. We have put it on the school website so that you can view it. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Happy Diwali to all of our families that celebrate it.



<https://www.springgroveprimary.london/how-is-diwali-celebrated-by-shravya/>

House Captains 2022-23

New house captains have been elected for this academic years. Congratulations to them all – w know that they will do a superb job. We will be meeting next half term to discuss the planning of house events and other initiatives that will become part of their role.

Chiswick
House Captain



Charis

Gunnersbury
House Captain



Tanvi

Osterley
House Captain



Mehdi

Syon
House Captain



Daniel



Poppy Appeal

During the week of 31st October, we will be selling Poppies in school in order to help raise funds for The Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal.



Zip Pull
SUGGESTED DONATION: 50p



Reflector
SUGGESTED DONATION: 50p



Silicon Wristband
SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Snap Band
SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50



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NURSERY—INKPEN

This half term, **Nursery** have been learning the routines and becoming more independent in using their self help skills, for example: going to the toilet or, putting their own coats on. The children are doing really well with this.

We have also started our **Nursery** Rhyme topic. So far we have learnt Twinkle twinkle little Star, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Incey Wincey Spider and Humpty Dumpty.



We were so lucky to get a visit from Humpty Dumpty himself! He wanted us to explore different materials. We sorted them into hard and soft and thought about which one would make the best material to put at the bottom of Humpty's wall. We loved this activity. Aly said this was so exciting, Aavi said "it was the best day ever!". When the egg cracked, because it did not land on something soft, Akram Bilal said "oh my goodness, it cracked, oh no, why?" We practiced our cutting skills when we tried to put Humpty together again and we made some yummy scrambled egg on toast!



Whilst learning the rhyme, Baa Baa Black Sheep we made up our own rhymes using coloured animals; Saishwari's rhyme was about a colourful unicorn! Renit made a rhyme about a blue circle. They were very silly and made us laugh! We explored our creative area and had lots of ideas about how we could make our own sheep pictures. Some of us drew and others stuck or painted. We think these pictures are great!



Whilst learning the rhyme, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star we looked at the artwork 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh and we looked at the different colour and shapes in the artwork. We then created our own in different ways. We thought about patterns in the stars, and some of us learnt a new word - constellation! We made our own constellations using gold stars. **Nursery** loved using the gold stars in their artwork!



Nursery have loved storytime! The **Nursery** staff read a different book each day and then the children are encouraged to read us a story in return. We all look forward to this part of the day very much!

Nursery have settled into school life extremely well. Thank you to all our parents for your support with this, the Nursery team are very proud of all the children and we look forward to another productive half term.



RECEPTION—MCKEE

Since starting in **Reception**, the children have done a brilliant job of setting in and have enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities. The children have loved investigating in their classroom and exploring and playing outside. Our learning this half term has been centered around emotions and has supported the children to recognise and manage the different feelings they have every day. We have loved learning through books, including 'The Colour Monster' and 'Jabari Tries' and have used the stories to inspire our learning and activities. This week we have been looking at patterns, become nature detectives and have created repeating patterns with what we found outside. The children also looked at Rangoli patterns and created their own in the ICT suite to add to our pattern display! We have been talking about the festival Diwali and encouraging the children to share their experiences of celebrating with friends and family. We have enjoyed making cards to give to loved ones and decorating our home corner.

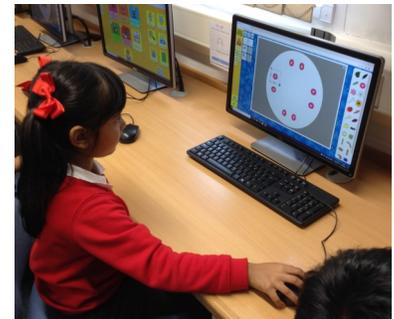


Reception class are mathematicians and are gaining more and more confidence whilst exploring numbers. We have really enjoyed using five frames to investigate up to five as well as finding 2 numbers, or number bonds, that total five. We are using this to work on our subitising skills and can now quickly see numbers 'within' other numbers, instantly finding the amount without counting.

The children have been working hard learning and recapping sounds in phonics and using these to start to blend short words.

Thank you for all your support with practicing sounds and reading at home, we love to see what you share with us via Google Classroom.

We can't wait for next half term!



YEAR 1—DONALDSON

The children have settled into **Year One** well and are getting used to their new routines. This half term we started our first topic learning about ourselves, our body and our senses. We have learnt a lot about ourselves and each other, which was lots of fun! A few weeks later we moved onto our Authors topic. Since our class is named after the author Julia Donaldson, Donaldson Class, it was only natural for us to start with her. She has written so many books and the children had their favourites. However, in class we focused on some of her less well known books, although we did use the Gruffalo as the story behind creating their own group talking books on an iPad. These stories did not have the usual ending. The children loved retelling the story in their words and laughed very loudly when they heard their story and others endings.

We also expanded our author knowledge exploring others such as: Craig Smith (an Australian author who wrote 'The Wonkey donkey series and Willbee the bumble bee', which really caught the children's sense of humor) and Antony Browne, the author of Silly Billy. We compared their stories to some other authors and some traditional tales. The best part of this topic was when the children brought in their favourite book and told all the other children about it and shared their favourite pages.



This week we have been learning about the festival Diwali and the children shared how they celebrate it.. We have made our own divas using clay that are used to celebrate Diwali, the festival of light, and have learnt the story of Ramu and Sit. This term has just been filled with lots of non-stop learning: the children have worked cooperatively to build the titanic out of kapla planks; played volcanoes and nests in PE; sown; cooked; recording their voices using an Ipad; took photos of the story page and used the iPad to create a talking story and played the glockenspiels and recorders in music. Well Done **Year one**, you have worked really hard!

YEAR 2—GREY

What a brilliant start to the first half term of Year Two we have had! The children have settled in well, and are always trying their hardest in all of their learning. We have been learning about Materials, The Great Fire of London, and been choreographing dances in PE!

So, what have we been doing?

In Maths, we have been working really hard developing our understanding of place value. We have been learning about the value of tens and ones and we have also learned to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have been using our reasoning skills to help us with our learning.



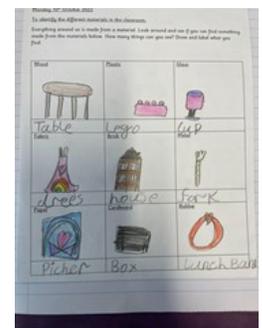
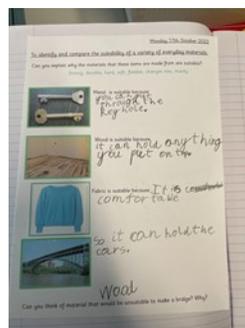
In science, we have been learning about materials. In particular we have been identifying the properties of different materials. We will soon use our materials understanding to carry out investigations about materials and classifying them based on their properties.

In PE, we have been creating dances for our secret garden and at the circus. The children have worked hard to choreograph their own dance and were excellent at working in groups. We have also been developing our ball skills, and been using our feet to control the ball.

In History, we have been learning about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London. We had a visit from Samuel Pepys and he answered all of our questions. We will be writing a letter to Guy Fawkes and a diary entry from his point of view.

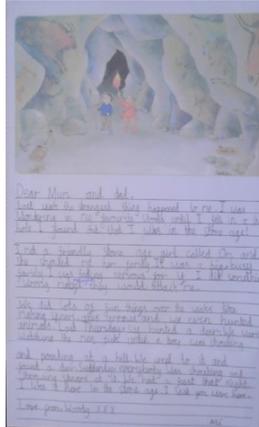
In computing, the children have been learning about photographs. We have been taking photographs as well as editing using Word. The children have thoroughly enjoyed editing, saving and downloading photographs onto a computer.

Thank you for a great start to Year Two!



YEAR 3—ZEPHANIA

We have had an amazing start to the year. We have been learning about the Stone Age in many of our lessons.. In Art, we have been learning different painting techniques and have been developing a greater understanding of the importance of colour; thinking carefully what mood is being represented by an artists colour choice. We have also created our own colour wheels to help learn about tone and shade. Currently, outside our class-room we have proudly displayed our own Stone Age cave paintings, and asked questions about why they were so important to people who lived in this pre-historic period. We have also been reading *The Stone Age Boy*, and have been writing letters to our families, pretending that we have 'fallen into the Stone Age'. Take a look at some of our work!



We have also learned about a Neolithic Stone Age village, Skara Brae. Did you know that people had dressers, a central fire pit and they even made jewellery? We are very much looking forward to our trip to Buster Ancient Farm on the first day of the new term!



We have also very much enjoyed developing our hockey and dance skills in PE and are nearly ready to preform our own country dances that we have been working in groups to create. One of my personal highlights has been our weekly recorder sessions that have begun this term, the children are becoming proficient at being able to play note a, b and g and are developing an awareness with musical notation.



YEAR 4—RAUF

Well.....what a very action packed and fun first half term we have had so far! Back in September, we took part in Pedestrian Training where we learned how to cross roads safely. Also in PSHE Jigsaw, we have been learning how to work as a team and the important roles we all play in our school community.

In Science, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gasses as part of our topic on 'States of Matter'. One of the most interesting gas experiments we did was when we observed what happens when we added Mentos to bottles of Pepsi and it was so exciting. The liquid just gushed out like a Geyser!

We thoroughly enjoyed performing our Harvest Celebration Assembly in front of the school and our parents.

In English, through our class book 'The Minpins', we have been developing our understanding of figurative language. We have also been working in small groups to create a soundscape for a particular character from the book. A soundscape is the use of sounds which are combined to create mood and atmosphere of a piece of drama. We had great fun doing this.

As part of Black History Month, we learnt how amazing and inspiring Rosa Parks was. She really stood up for the African Americans in the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott. We also learnt how to draw and paint her in the style of Pop Art!

In History, we have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians. So far we have learnt how important the River Nile was to them and how to write our names using hieroglyphs. So as you can see, we really have had a very busy, action packed half term!



YEAR 5—MORPURGO

Year Five Morpurgo have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been working extremely hard, but we have had a lot of fun in the process! Our History topic this half term was 'The Anglo Saxons'. We have learnt about how the artefacts discovered at Sutton Hoo helped us learn how the Anglo Saxon people lived. We have explored where the Anglo Saxons came from and how they settled in England. We have explored the book 'Beowulf' in English lessons and we have created amazing character descriptions about the monstrous brute, Grendel. We have thought about what it was like for Beowulf's soldiers through some empathetic diary entries.



Sayers Croft

In the third week of this half term, Year Five went to Sayers Croft for a four day residential. We had a brilliant time walking through a stream; climbing up a wall, orienteering using coordinates and building bear-proof shelters. One day, we walked up Pitch Hill, which took us all day and around 20,000 steps! We had an amazing time in the countryside whilst having a go at new experiences.



YEAR 6—EARLE

We are extremely proud of **Year Six Earle** this half term. They have shown just how fabulous they are. They have worked persistently well in all subjects across the curriculum. Black History month enquiry day was a favourite for Year Six Earle, as they had the opportunity to explore two key figures in the world of football- Arthur Wharton and Ronaldinho. The class thoroughly enjoyed this and it gave individuals the opportunity to discuss their own heritage and what makes them feel proud. It was uplifting to watch a group of children perform and share their learning in assembly. Furthermore, the children have been actively getting involved with sports and P.E. this half term and have been more confident to try new activities, which has made myself and Mrs King very proud of the class. The children have also had the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and uniqueness during our art lessons, where they have developed their sketching and mark making skills using artists to inspire their own work. Year six Earle are enjoying improving their skills in maths and are having fun using acronyms to help them apply the steps for long division. In History and computing the children have enjoyed creating their own diaries of the war, their own rationed meal and role-play to show the changes since wartime. As well as this, the children have created their own presentation on google slides to evidence their learning about World War II. They have also completed a range of science investigations to demonstrate refraction and reflection that have proven to support their learning well, as they engaged with the investigations and enjoyed exploring the ideas in action. Keep it up Earle class!

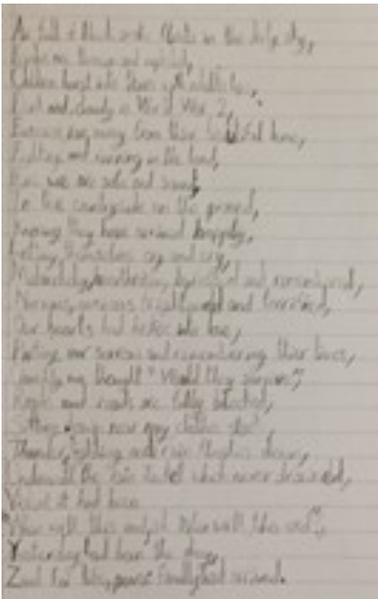


YEAR 6—LEWIS

We couldn't have asked for a better start to this half term. Year Six Lewis has settled in beautifully.

Our class book- Goodnight Mr Tom has provided us with lots of opportunities to read, discuss and express our opinions. We have also produced some in-depth pieces of writing; comparing the novel to the film, writing letters to persuade the authorities of Weirworld to allow William to stay and even writing a new chapter to Goodnight Mr Tom!

We are also very proud of our amazing artwork! We have been creating drawings and sketches using a range of mark making techniques, linking our work to our World War II topic.



As scientists, we delved into the world of light and investigated how refraction occurs in reality. We 'bent a pencil', 'turned an arrow around' - without physically moving it and even 'made a coin rise'!



As historians, we have been learning about World War II. We have been learning about the events which led to WWII. We have also been learning about the differences and similarities from the 1930's and 1940's. We focused on the areas of school, communication, work, entertainment, fashion and food.

If this is a taste of what has already been in Year 6 Lewis, we are definitely looking forward to the rest of the year!

Applying for Secondary School

September 2023

Closing Date - 31st October 2022

Visit

www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

All children in Year 6 should apply.



No Nuts please....

We are a nut free school and no food products containing nuts are permitted in school. This is because we have a number of children across the school with nut allergies and for some children being in close proximity to nut products could potentially result in hospitalisation.

CLASS PE DAYS

Class	PE DAY
Y1 Donaldson	Monday Tuesday
Y2 Grey	Thursday Friday
Y3 Zephaniah	Tuesday Friday
Y4 Rauf	PE on Monday Swimming on Tuesday
Y5 Mopurgo	Wednesday Friday
Y6 Earle	Tuesday Friday
Y6 Lewis	Wednesday Thursday

On PE days, children should come to school in their School PE kit and suitable footwear.

Extra polio vaccine dose for children in London

Polio Vaccinations – Children Aged 5 to 9 years.		NHS North West London
Site Name	Address	Booking Details
Bell Square	Hounslow High Street	Health Hopper Polio WALK IN 12:00 noon to 6:00pm THURSDAY 8 th SEPTEMBER 2022.
Hounslow Jamia Masjid and Islamic Centre	367 Wellington Road South, Hounslow TW4 5HU	Health Hopper Polio WALK IN 10:00am to 4:00pm SATURDAY 10 th SEPTEMBER 2022.
Heston Health Centre	Heston Health Centre, 25 Cranford Lane, Heston, TW5 9ER	School Immunisation Team, appointments only. Book by telephone: 0203 691 1013 FRIDAY 9 th and 16 th September 2022,
Brent Civic Centre	First Floor, Engineers Way, Wembley Park, London, HA9 0FL	To Book: Polio Vaccinations for 5-9 year olds at Brent Civic Centre Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite
CP House Vaccination Centre	97-107 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London, W5 5TL	To Book: Polio Vaccinations for 5-9's at CP House, Ealing, London, W5 5TL Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite 8:00am to 8:00pm
Hammersmith Vaccination Site	145 King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JT	To Book: Polio Vaccinations for 5-9 year olds at 145 King Street, Hammersmith Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite

All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

If you have your child's Red Book please bring it to the appointment with you

Find out more about the polio booster campaign on GOV.UK.

Attendance & Punctuality

(as of 21st October 2022)

Class	Autumn Term 2022	
	Attendance %	Lateness
Nursery—Inkpen	92.14	20
Reception-Mckee	82.86	19
Year 1-Donaldson	95.86	33
Year 2-Grey	94.29	36
Year 3-Zephania	95.00	16
Year 4-Rauf	94.42	22
Year 5-Morpurgo	96.93	12
Year 6-Earle	93.31	25
Year 6-Lewis	89.99	25

Attendance and punctuality is monitored regularly and children with low attendance are reported to the Education Welfare Officer at London Borough of Hounslow.

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. The DFE (Department of Education) and the London Borough of Hounslow's policy is for leave to be taken during school holidays only, to avoid disruption to your child's education and progress. Please note that all term time leave taken are referred to the Education Welfare Officer at London Borough of Hounslow and you may be at the risk of receiving a penalty.

Attending 11+ exams: Please remember, the headteacher can only authorise one day for Secondary School events. You need to complete a leave request and provide proof of the event.

Link to form: [Parental Request For Term Time Absence](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

Half Term (School is closed)

October	Monday 31st	Return to school
	Monday 31st	Year 3 Trip to Buster Ancient Farm
	Monday 31st	Secondary School Application Closing Date
November	Tuesday 1st	Parents Evening for all (except Year 5)
	Wednesday 2nd	Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon
		Parents Evening—Nursery
	Thursday 3rd	Author Visit to Year 3 & 4
		Parents Evening for all (except Year 5)
	Thursday 10th	Year 5 visit to Hounslow Library
Monday 14th	Flu Jab—Reception to Year 6	
December	W/B 5th December	Early Years Nativity Celebration—Time to be confirmed
	Friday 16th	Last Day of Term - school closes at 1.30pm

Christmas Break from Monday 19th to Tuesday 3rd January