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Newsletter

*“Our family
school where
all are equally
valued”*

Thank you

I wanted to start this newsletter with a huge thank you to all of you.

The global pandemic has meant that many more families than before are facing hardship and difficult times. This is being felt locally here in Hounslow too.

The Hounslow food bank have not only moved premises in order to accommodate the growing numbers of families in need of support but are working more and longer hours in order to reach all those families in need.

Nevertheless, your generosity at these difficult times is immense. The donations of food, toiletries and sundries has been the biggest contribution yet. We truly are overwhelmed with your kindness and have been asked to pass on a heart-felt thank you to each and every one of you from the Hounslow food bank team.

The children too wanted to say thank you and thus we have held our usual Harvest festival, but in a slightly different way.

We have, for the first time, videoed our singing and poetry for you to watch in the comfort of your own home. Bear with us, this is our first attempt at film making!

You can access the video on youtube at: <https://youtu.be/UsfJnjNiUhA>

We hope you enjoy.

Have a wonderful half-term everyone.

Lyn Gray
Headteacher

Sharing concerns or making a complaint

If you have any concerns regarding your child at school you must speak firstly with the class teacher. The class teacher is with your child more than any other adult in a school day and thus will often be more aware if there have been any incidents or concerns.

The class teacher will email or telephone you if they need to report any concerns to you, on the same school day.

Only if you are unhappy with how the concern or situation has been handled by the class teacher can you then proceed to the complaints policy.

It is then for a senior leader to investigate the complaint and follow up with either a written response or face to face meeting.

If your complaint does not involve anything or anyone from the classroom, you may wish to make an appointment to speak to Mrs Gray (HT) or Mrs Beckford (DHT). You will be asked by the office staff for some details prior to the meeting before a date and time is agreed.

Mrs Gray and Mrs Beckford are more than happy to meet with parents if it is felt they are the best ones to help your concern, on most occasions they have to go back to the class teacher to investigate so it is helpful if you have spoken with your child's class teacher first.

It is important that we follow the correct procedures for any complaint or concern so that you receive the right support at the right time. Our Complaints Policy has been ratified by both the governors of the school and the Department for Education.

We will always endeavour to solve any issues or concerns as swiftly as possible and the staff are always happy to talk to you, albeit by telephone or email at this moment in time.

There is a copy of our complaints policy on the school website and via the link [here](#)

The class emails for contacting the class teacher are below.

Parent Governor

We are looking for a parent who would like to become a governor. If you are at all interested in this fascinating opportunity, please enquire at the school office. You can also follow the link [here](#) for further information about what being a governor can mean for your child's school.

Class emails

As parents are unable to talk to their child's class teacher at the door, we are reintroducing the class emails which we offered parents whilst at home during lock down.

Red – red@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Orange – orange@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Yellow Class – yellow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Green Class – green@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Blue Class – blue@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Indigo Class – indigo@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Violet Class – violet@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Gold Class – gold@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Please use this email address to communicate any urgent business with your child's class teacher. Any medical should go through the school office as normal. These email boxes are monitored and should not contain any abusive or aggressive language. Any such emails will be blocked from further use.

Please wear a mask!

It is now mandatory to wear a face covering or mask in all public places. As recommended by the British Health Organisation, any visitor or parent coming onto the school grounds must wear a mask or face covering at all times. This is to support the whole school community and to prevent the spread of the infection. The rates of infection are on the rise in this area and we all have a duty to ensure that we protect one another.

If you think you are exempt from wearing a mask please go to the Government Guidance on

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#exemptions>

If you do qualify for exemption you will need to carry proof on you at all times to show anyone who asks to see it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Admission to Secondary School 2021

Online applications for starting secondary school 2021 is open. Leaflets and information are available in the school office for parents who have children in Year 6 informing them of the process and what to do next.

If your child was born between 1 September 2009 and 31st August 2010 you will need to apply for a secondary school place. The Closing date for applications is **31st October 2020**

There is a "Secondary School Transfer September 2021" brochure with all the information you will need. It is available from the London Borough of Hounslow website:

www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

For advice and guidance contact the admissions team on - 0208 583 2711

Or email - admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Admission to Reception Class 2021

Online applications for starting school in Reception Class 2021 will open soon. Leaflets and information are available in the school office for parents who have children in the nursery informing them of the process and what to do next.

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you will need to apply for a Reception Class place. The Closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

There is a "Starting School in Hounslow in September 2021" brochure with all the information you will need. It is available from the London Borough of Hounslow website:

www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

For advice and guidance contact the admissions team on - 0208 583 2721

Or email - admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

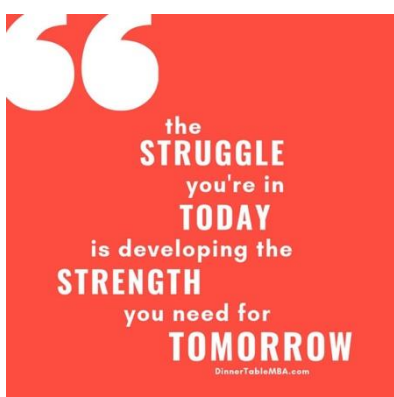
Social Media

There have been a number of incidents reported to school this month regarding concerns around TikTok, the online social media platform. The minimum age for this app is 13 years old. We recommend that you do not allow children under this age to use Tiktok and certainly not without proper supervision. The content on this app is not filtered and can expose your child to unsolicited media. We have attached a leaflet with this newsletter for further advice and help

School Value for next half-term – Resilience



- *This is when we show that we never give up!*
- *Mistakes are proof that we are trying!*
- *Even when we are faced with challenges or something new, we give it 100% and show stamina and endurance.*
- *We can try different ways of doing things always ensuring that we try to improve or better ourselves.*
- *We do not retaliate and show real strength of character.*
- *We persevere, if something is worth doing, we do it well!*



What is going on in school?







Coming up in October -

- 1st – Black History Month begins
- 5th – World Teachers Day
- 7th – Walk to school Day
- 16th – Harvest Festival (virtual)
- 22nd – Governing Body Meeting
- 26th to 30th – Half Term
- 29th – Prophet Muhammad's Birthday
- 31st - Halloween

Coming up in November -

- 2nd – Back to school
- 2nd – Virtual Open Morning for Parents 10am
- 3rd – Reception Class hearing tests
- 5th - Guy Fawkes Day
- 8th – Remembrance Sunday
- 11th – Armistice Day
- 11th – Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6
- 12th – Virtual open morning for parents 10am
- 13th – Children in Need
- 14th – Diwali
- 16th – Anti-bullying week begins
- 16th – Road safety awareness week begins
- 16th – Individual photographs
- 20th – Rocks, Robots and Space workshop Years 3 – 6
- 20th – World Children's Day
- 29th – Advent Begins
- 30th – Birthday of Guru Nanak
- 30th – St Andrews day