

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

Goodbye Mrs Davis

Yesterday, we said thank you and goodbye to Mrs Davis who for the past seven years led our excellent and much respected Nursery and Reception provision. Unfortunately, her new home is many hours away, too far to commute, so we wish Mrs Davis and her family the very best with their relocation.

Mrs Knightley and Mrs Langstaffe will together with the EYFS team, continue to deliver the best learning experiences for our youngest children.

Parent Consultation Evenings

The parents' evenings this week were well attended. Any missed appointments can be rearranged with class teachers.

If your child is not immunised you put your child at risk

The Enfield immunisation team was present at both parent evenings this week to provide much needed advice and information as well as to sign up parents for the next round of immunisations. Unfortunately, there are a lot of myths that have sown doubt in parents' minds that over the years as lead to many children left unprotected against avoidable illness and disease. Sensational reporting at the end of the 90's early 00's about unsubstantiated claims, led concerned parents not taking their children for vaccination. In July this year the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) announced that there was a high risk of measles in London, with a prediction of up to 160,000 cases in the capital alone. With some areas of London reporting as many as 40% of children unvaccinated, the risk of spread is much higher than elsewhere in the country. Every region in England has reported confirmed cases of the infectious disease and cases to date are over double that of the whole of last year. While measles can be mild for some children, one in five will require a hospital visit and the infection can lead to complications in one in 15, such as meningitis and sepsis. There is no specific treatment for measles, so parents are being reminded that vaccination gives the best protection from serious illness.



Results of School Uniform consultation – PE Days

Out of 293 responses, 262 preferred for children to come to school dressed in their PE kit. From Tuesday 31st October, Children will come dressed in their appropriate PE kit to school when it is their PE day. We will remind parents on which days this happens.



Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day on Friday 20th October

Next Friday, children can wear red clothing to show their support to this campaign.

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Attendance for week beginning 9th October 2023

Ash 91.25 %	1B 88.52%	2C 96.43%	3F 97.59%	4A 96.67%	5G 95.56%	6C 98.40%
Birch 80.00%	1G 98.08%	2F 86.43%	3G 92.33%	4L 87.31%	5H 98.15%	6D 97.20%
Oak 88.80%	1S 90.83%	2G 94.44%	3H 97.86%	4T 91.60%	5W 93.33%	6F 96.96%

Well done to **1G, 2C, 3F, 3H, 4A, 5G, 5H, 6C, 6D** and **6F** with attendance above 95%.

Overall attendance since September 2023: **93.65%**



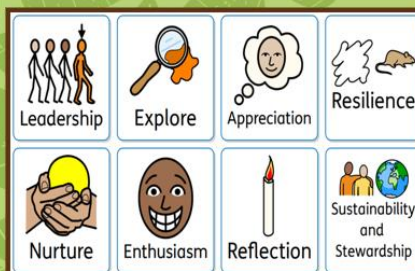
SCHOOL YEAR 2023 - 2024		
DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Mon 16 th October	4	Trip to Herts Young Mariners Base
Tue 17 th October	2G	Visit to The Monument
Wed 18 th October	3 to 6 2F	KS2 Maths Café Visit to The Monument
Thu 19 th October	2C 5	Visit to The Monument Trip to London Transport Museum
Fri 20 th October	all	Children wear red to school – Show Racism the Red Card
6 th November	all	Photos for Individuals and Siblings
25 th March	all	Class Photos



In 2023 – 2024 at Prince of Wales we...



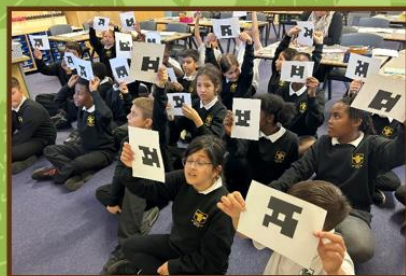
... further develop chn's knowledge of reading materials and enthusiasm for reading



... promote chn's high aspirations and hopes for their future through our revised Learners Values



... provide greater opportunities for pupil voice



.... promote Active Learning



... offer a wider range of enrichment opportunities

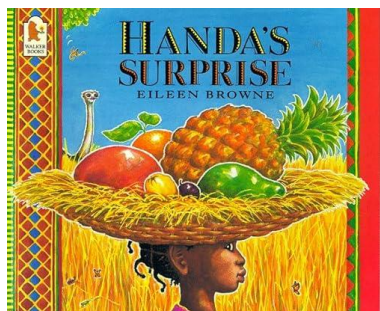
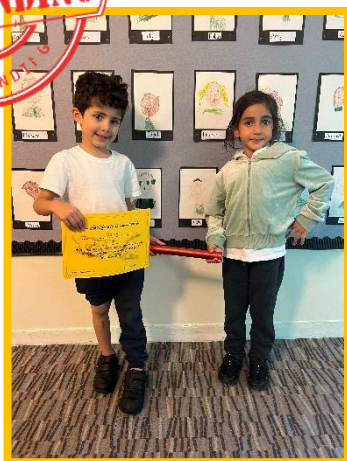


.... build on Rosenshine's principles and on Walkthrus to support teaching and learning

This week we focus on
LEADERSHIP

These pupils received a certificate this week:

Yasin 1B, Jaime 1G, Theo 1S, Summer-Rose 2C, Jensila 2F, Jaxon 2G, Mason 3F, Teanna 3G, Aiden 3H,
Vladi 4A, Yasmin 4L, Ashton 4T, Lexi 5G, Aayden 5H, Bintou 5W, Sadia 6C, Ronnie 6D, Aliyah 6F



As part of our Black History Month focus in Nursery, we have been reading Handa's Surprise. We have had lots of opportunities for hands on exploration of the fruits in the book: feeling and smelling them; making fruit-print pictures with them and learning how to use knives safely to cut them to make a delicious fruit salad.



Rainbow's Rhubarb Crumble

As part of our learning about Harvest, we made a delicious rhubarb crumble using rhubarb grown in our school gardens. Most of the children had never seen or tasted rhubarb before so this was a new experience! We chopped and cooked the rhubarb before making a crumble mix to put on the top. Then we baked the crumble before eating it. We were very proud of what we had made and shared some with Mr Bless.



Netball tournament Tuesday 10th October 2023

During our first match against Caple Manor, our incredible team won 3-0. We played amazingly as a team considering how well the other team played. We scored in the 4th minute, 7th minutes and in the second half in the 8th minute. The game was very rapid and if we were successful at every shot, the score would have been 6-0!

This is the first time a POW Netball team has won a match in 2 years.

POW started off strong in our second match scoring within the first 2 minutes, until the other team caught up with us. The opposing team were a very well-practiced team and ended up beating us. After only having 2 training sessions we are very proud of our achievement in this tournament!

Look out Freezywater, we will get you next time!





CEMEVI VISIT -Year 5 visited the Cemevi on Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th October, in Wood Green, as part of the RE curriculum.

Nadinsa (5G) - We did a Semah dance in the Cem room – it was so exciting!

Anna (5W) - I learnt that everyone is equal and everyone is right.

Natalie (5G) – I liked the pictures of Ali on the wall and the man who played the Saz and sang a prayer song.

Gabi - (5H I enjoyed learning about how Alevism started. They had to keep their praying a secret a long time ago.

Esra - (5H) I enjoyed doing the Semah dance because it was fun. I learnt that when someone plays the Saz you do not clap at the end because it's not a performance, it's a way to worship.

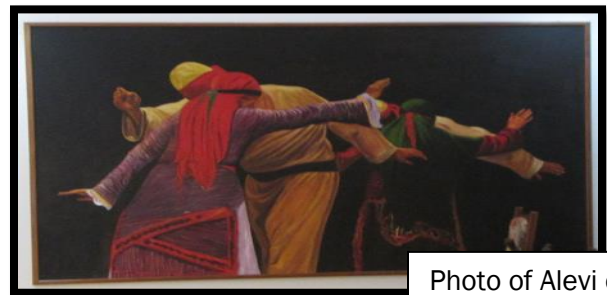


Photo of Alevi dancers

This letter contains important information.

Dudu Sher-Arami
Director of Public Health
London Borough of Enfield

October 2023

Dear parents and guardians,

Measles update: Getting your child vaccinated can stop them from being sent home to isolate for 21 days. Book an MMR “catch-up” clinic appointment now on 020 8702 6187.

Over the summer you may have seen news reports that London is at serious risk of a measles outbreak this winter. With the risk of 100,000 cases in London, now is the time to act.

What do I need to do?

1. **Check your household’s MMR vaccination status** – you can check:
 - With your GP surgery over the phone or by email,
 - For children, in their ‘Red Book’ (their personal health record),
 - If you are registered, you might also be able to check online or via the NHS app.
2. If your child has not had two doses of MMR vaccine, **book an appointment with the Enfield School Age Immunisation Team on 020 8702 6187.**
This winter the team are **running MMR “catch-up” clinics in schools.**

Other family members can book an appointment with their GP. If someone’s vaccination status is unknown, it is safe to receive the MMR vaccine even if they have had it before.

Measles is serious and highly infectious – 5 times more so than COVID. Any child not vaccinated is almost certain to contract measles if exposed to an infected person and 1 in 5 children with measles require hospital admission. It takes two doses of MMR to be fully protected. **In Enfield only 66% of children have had both doses by age 5 – to prevent an outbreak this needs to be 95%.**

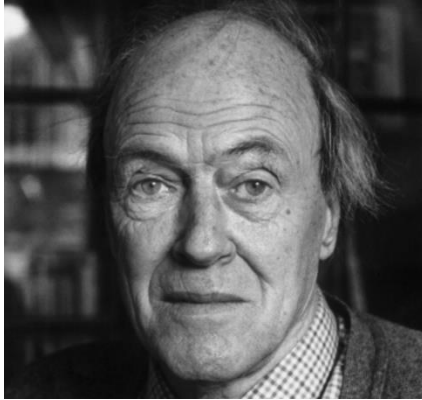
Children infected with measles and children who are close contacts of someone with measles, who are not fully vaccinated with two MMR doses, could be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

This could mean your child missing school for up to 21 days.

Children who have had both doses of the MMR vaccine have 99% life-long protection and do not need to be excluded. Vaccination keeps them safe.

It is never too late to get vaccinated for measles and the MMR vaccine is free.

Read further here: [MMR Vaccine Letter \(Parents\) Final.pdf](#)



"There is today something that parents can do to make sure that this sort of tragedy does not happen to a child of theirs. They can insist that their child is immunized against measles. I was unable to do that for Olivia in 1962 because in those days a reliable measles vaccine had not been discovered. Today a good and safe vaccine is available to every family and all you have to do is to ask your doctor to administer it."
-Roald Dahl

Protect your Child

Did you know that London is at risk of a measles epidemic as thousands of children and adults are not protected?

Measles is a serious infection and can lead to potentially life-threatening complications.

It is five times more infectious than COVID-19 and can affect people at any age.

The MMR Vaccine is safe and highly effective. Check that you have been vaccinated – especially if you were born between 1989 and 2007.

There is a moving letter that Roald Dahl wrote in 1986, twenty-four years after his daughter Olivia died from measles. You can find it [here](#).

For more information read this pamphlet [NHS-UKHSA MMR Leaflet.pdf](#)

Calculation Workshop

Wednesday 18th October 2023

from 8.45 am

Calling Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents.

Come along to find out how to support your child with maths and meet Mrs Whyte, our Maths Lead.

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▶ APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN A RECEPTION CLASS

September 2024



Applying for a Primary School for September 2024

www.eadmissions.org.uk
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APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN A RECEPTION CLASS

Applying for a place in a reception class
If your child was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20 you need to think about applying for a place in reception class for September 2024.

The information booklet 'Applying for a Primary School in Enfield. Information for Parents' is available online for all families at www.enfield.gov.uk/admissions.

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), SEN Services will contact you to explain the process you will need to follow as the arrangements for your child will be different. For more information contact SEN@enfield.gov.uk.

▶ Online Applications

Parents need to make an online application for a school place. You can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You can do this from 1 September 2023 through to 15 January 2024. You can make changes to your preferences throughout the application period but make sure you follow the instructions to resubmit any amendments made.

How the system works

- You can apply for up to 6 schools
- You make an application to the local authority in which you live
- You can apply for schools in Enfield or elsewhere
- A computer system is used to exchange information about Enfield residents applying for schools outside the borough. Other boroughs tell us about their residents applying for Enfield schools.

- If a school has more applications than places, the published admission criteria is used to decide who should be offered a place.
- No child is offered more than one school place.
- You will get the results of your application during the evening of 17 April 2024.

▶ Choosing a school

- Please do some research, look at school's website, Ofsted reports and read the school prospectus.
- Consider how you will get your child to school.
- Don't listen to gossip, what's right for other children may not be the same for your child.
- Think about how realistic your choice is, most schools get more applications than they have places available.
- Make sure you have listed the schools in your application in your true order of preference.



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 In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
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