



GLC

Herringham Primary Academy

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Staff Member of the Week
Mrs Simao

Team of the Week
The Herringham Team!

Well, we have made it to the end of this half term! Time is flying by again, and it has been a busy time since Christmas, with lots of different activities and learning going on. We break up today for one week, returning to school on Monday 19th February 2018.

Our Year 5 children went to Duxford Imperial War Museum on Monday, and our Year 6 children enjoyed a trip to Borough Market and a London River Cruise on Thursday. Both trips were really successful. Once again, thank you to everyone for supporting the event.

Year 1 were invaded by Aliens on Tuesday, looking at 'Alien' words during their RWI sessions. Thanks to all the parents who were able to come and for inventing such great costumes!

GOVERNING BODY

We welcome Mrs Fletcher-Brown to our Governing Body as our new Parent Governor with effect from 17th January 2018 for a term of four years. Mrs Fletcher-Brown met with our Chair of Governors, Miss Smith last week, and will be attending our next Governors meeting on 7th March 2018.

NSPCC – Numbers Count

THANK YOU! We raised an unbelievable £748.83 for the NSPCC during Numbers Count day. We are so proud of everyone. Despite lots of requests for donations to charities over the past few months, everyone is still so generous to give so much to this worthwhile cause. Thank you again.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We would like to take a moment to stress how important it is that an adult accompanies their child into Breakfast Club in the morning to ensure that their child is registered safely. We found two young children playing in the Visitors Car Park this week who should have been in breakfast club, but hadn't quite made it to the hall! There was no adult with them at the time. We ask that you accompany your child into the club, ensure that they are registered and pay for their breakfast. You should not stay with your child and help them choose their breakfast, but leave them in the care of the Breakfast Club Assistants. We have noticed that some children are being dropped off at school a little early and are waiting outside the classroom doors before an adult is in attendance at 8.30am. If you need to get to work – why not drop your child off at Breakfast Club? You don't need to book in advance, just go as and when you need to. The daily rate is 50p for children in receipt of Pupil Premium, and £1.50 if you are not in receipt of the award. There is a selection of cereal, toast and fruit each morning. Breakfast club begins at 7.45am and the children are escorted to their classroom by 8.30am.

GLC PRIMARY ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

The GLC will award 5 iPads to the primary class with the highest attendance during the Spring Term! The prize will be awarded to the class with the best attendance across all of the GLC Primary Schools.

The top HPA classes are currently standing at 9th and 10th in the league! We are sure that our children and parents will rise to the challenge and make a big leap to the top of the table in Spring 2—we have 6 more weeks to improve our standing—let's show them what we've got! This is your year to have outstanding attendance, and show as a class how you can all make a difference.

If there is a tie for 1st place, the decision will be made on the class with the lowest number of children arriving late for school! A massive incentive to ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Remember, your attendance target is at least 96%. Your child is late for school if they arrive after 8.45am.

FRIENDS OF HERRINGHAM

Our Friends of Herringham will be selling discounted Adventure Island Tickets and Sea Life Adventure Tickets. Call Kirsty on 07539118848 for more details or visit the FOH Facebook page.

PARENTS EVENING

Our next Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 1st March 2018**. We will be operating a new ON LINE BOOKING SYSTEM for appointments for parents, which we hope you will find to be a much simpler and effective way of making your appointments with teachers. We will be sending a letter out to everyone very soon with full instructions on how to book your appointments. The booking system will be available through the School Gateway App which most of you will be familiar with when paying for school trips and dinner money, or online. If, once you have received the letter and feel that you need some help or advice on what to do, please come in straight away and see a member of the Admin Team who will be able to help you.

ACCESS THROUGH SCHOOL

For the safety of your children we must ask parents NOT to use our Link Building as a shortcut between KS1 and KS2 or vice versa. You should not enter the Link Building unaccompanied to access the Admin Office or to escort your child into class, but should make your way around the outside of the building. We are sure that you will appreciate the importance of adhering to this rule, and understand that we need to be aware of who is in the building at all times. We thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to class 3 Ash who achieved 98.3% attendance last week. They were closely followed by 3 Maple who achieved 98.1%.

- If the classes had both achieved 98.3% and looking at the Attendance Challenge criteria that will apply for a tie in the challenge, 3 Ash lost 89 minutes learning time, and had three children late last week. 3 Maple lost 18 minutes learning time and two children were late. So, we can see, it's really important to make sure everyone arrives on time!

Well done as well to 2 Hazel who met our school attendance target with 96% attendance.

Classes not quite meeting our overall school target of 96% were:

R Conkers – 95.3%	5 Willow – 93.7%
5 Elm – 95.3%	6 Chestnut – 93%
1 Palm – 95%	4 Sycamore – 92.8%
2 Monkey-Puzzle – 94.8%	4 Eucalyptus – 90.7%
R Acorns – 94.5%	6 Oak – 90%
	1 Birch – 88.7%

Our overall school attendance last week was 94% against our school target of 96%.

PUNCTUALITY

6 hours and 50 minutes learning time was lost last week, against 9 hours and 50 minutes the week before, so a slight improvement!

- We can see how crucial arriving to school on time will be for the Attendance Challenge and the chance to win 5 iPads for your child's class. Let's try really hard after the half term holiday to be on time every day!

Registration starts at 8.30 am and closes at 8.45am. After 8.45am your child is classed as being late, and should come to the school office for registration.



DIARY DATES.....

Monday 12-

Friday 16

February

Half term

Monday 19

February

Back to School—

Spring 2

Tuesday 20 February

Reception parent partnership meeting
8.45am

Magical Maths Assembly

Wednesday 21 February

Y1 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y5 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 22 February

Y2 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Reverend Walton assembly

Y4 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Friday 23 February

Y3 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y6 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 1 March

Parent's Evening

Friday 2 March

World Book Day

Tuesday 6 March

Y5 trip Tower of London

Thursday 8 March

GLC Athletics

Thursday 15 March

Reception parent and child session 2pm

Thurrock Schools Poetry Competition Heats

Friday 16 March

Y6 NEC Birmingham

Y4 parent and child session 2pm

Thursday 22 March

Thurrock Schools Poetry Competition Finals

Friday 23 March

Non uniform day for Sport Relief

Y6 parent and child session 2pm

Last day Spring 2

Friday 30 March—Friday 13 April

Easter Break

Monday 16 April

Back to School—Summer 1

Tuesday 17 April

Reception parent partnership meeting
8.45am

Wednesday 18 April

Y1 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y5 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 19 April

Y2 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y4 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Friday 20 April

Y3 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y6 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm