



Year 2's Sunbeams

22nd September 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter of the term. We will be sending out this type of newsletter every other week and a shorter letter in between with any updates and 'dates for your calendars'.

It is wonderful to have (almost) everyone in and so enthusiastic to learn. This year we have reintroduced 'Stars of the Week' and, by popular demand, Tea with Anne. Every fortnight two 'stars' will be selected from each of the classes and the children from Y1 to Y6 will be invited to have tea with me. This is to acknowledge their efforts and also a great opportunity for me to have a chat with them and find out about what they think and know about what they have been learning. What a pleasure it has been to talk to the children. The highlight of my week!

Many thanks to all of the parents who came to the parent meetings this week. Next week we have two more meetings, Year 5 and Year 2. Please see diary dates below .
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| <p>Crossing the road!</p> <p>Since we moved to Hawley some years ago, we have tried to address the concerning issue of the zebra crossing outside our school. Over the years parents have occasionally told us that they have had a 'near miss' whilst crossing the road with their children. This term there has been a sudden increase in the number of families reporting</p> | <p>Meet the Parents' transition event.</p> <p>Our Year 6 families are busy making school visits and A 'Meet the Parents' transition was held at the school so that our families could find out about the local secondary schools</p> | <p>Interschool sports - Our first ever netball tournament!</p> <p>Pupils from Year 5 and 6 have kickstarted the sporting calendar for the year by taking part in our first ever netball fixtures against other schools. Fielding two teams, the pupils worked hard throughout this week's friendlies to get multiple goals and build their skills in preparation for our first ever tournament in two weeks time.</p> |

this issue to us.

We have a very concerned parent who has written to the local authority and approached TfL with this problem on our behalf. In order to support our case for the safety of the crossing to be improved, we really need any parents who have had a bad experience on the crossing to let us know. Our CCTV cameras can capture incidents but we do need to know when they occur.

Please come to the office to let us know so that we can keep a record of incidents.

In the meantime we have identified some safety bollards that we would like to purchase. However, we will need to raise funds to purchase them. We will be writing to you soon to let you know how we hope to raise the funds



The event was very well attended and we are very grateful to the families and the very articulate Year 8 pupils who came to speak to us and share their experiences.

Congratulations to Zan and Shaima for being our first ever goal scorers!



HAWLEY STARS

Nursery- Leah

Reception - Tachyon and Hayden

Year 1- Lila and Tom

Year 2 - Jack and Lilly

Year 3 - Salma and Marco

Year 4 - Harlan and Maryam

Year 5 - Tommy and Soren

Year 6 - Cameron and Reem



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started their last year at Hawley with a very mature and sensible attitude. They have settled into their new classroom and their work very well. We had a great trip on Friday to the Royal Institute to do a Cosmetic Science workshop.



Please visit our website for more photos!

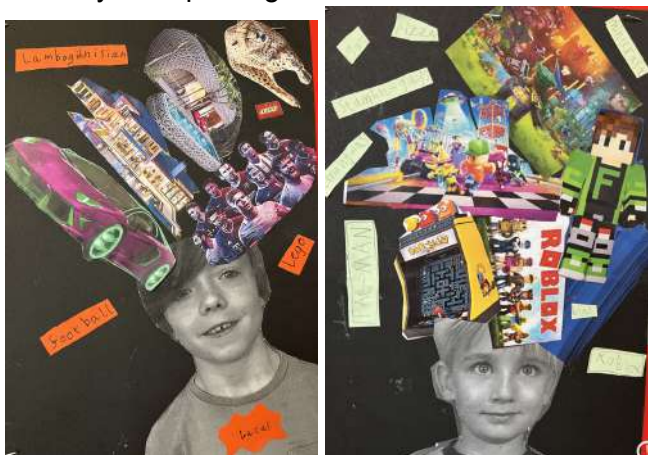
At home they are making some wonderful artefacts connected to their history unit WW2 and we look forward to showing them to you all.

YEAR 5

Things in Year 5 are going swimmingly. We have had a refreshing start to the new academic year with lots of new opportunities to embrace. The class impressed all the adults at Kentish Town Baths with their rapid progress in the pool. Their cooperation, personal organisation and resilience was remarkable. We can't wait to go for a second week later in the term. We also had our first brass lesson and have shown some early promise in that department too. Keep it up Y5.

YEAR 4

Year 4 has had an excellent start to the term and are already working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. The class created photo montage portraits to display outside their new classroom by brainstorming their interests. They then searched their ideas online before copying and pasting them. Finally they cut them out and arranged them carefully exploding out of their heads!



Year 4 also visited the CLC for a day of computing which is always very popular. They used Google Earth to locate UK cities and to create their own information book on Book Creator about the UK..

YEAR 3

All members of Year 3 have started very well in KS2 and have loved taking on additional challenges since starting the new year. Our first art activity included exploring our faces and recognising what makes us individuals. All of the pupils' hard work is proudly on show as you enter the school, so do take a look!



Throughout the first half term, the class will be focussing on volcanoes, earthquakes, rocks and fossils. To begin this journey, Year 3 have completed a visit throughout the school to just see how many



examples they could find of different rocks as materials and why they are being used. This has also resulted in Year 3 starting their art work where they are creating their own versions of Margaret Godfrey's volcanoes, with drafts being completed ready for next week below!



YEAR 2

In Year 2 this week, we did a wonderful maths investigation. We had to find the missing numbers from a series of number patterns that fit together like a honeycomb. We used our Hawley habits of collaboration and resilience to help work out the solution through trial and improvement.



YEAR 1

The children in Year 1 have been investigating how we can use our senses to find out about the world around us. They were using the Hawley Habits of curiosity and collaboration.



Reception

The children in reception have now all started and are busy exploring their new classroom and making new friends. They have started PE sessions with coach Elijah and are getting used to the new routines.



The children picked the apples from the nursery garden and they made a delicious apple crumble. During the cooking session they used the tools with excellent control and were very sensible when cutting the apples into slices.



Look at some of the lovely things that the children have been doing.



Nursery

We have had a lovely welcome on our home visits from Nursery families and enjoyed getting to know the children in their home environments. The children are settling well in groups, trying new activities indoors and outdoors and making new friends. Our topic will be Nursery Rhymes and we have enjoyed singing songs we know and learning some new ones.



KEY DATES

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| Year 2 Cass Meeting | - 27th September |
| Reception Class Meeting. | - 28th September |
| Year 5 & 6 Cross Country | - 29th September |
| Year 3 Natural History Museum | - 2nd October |
| Year 1 Rochester Gardens walk | - 13th October |
| Year 5 Swimming | - 16-20th October |
| Half-Term | - 23-29th October |
| Year 6 Junior Citizenship | - 30th October |