



Half Term Activities

HR Sports Academy will be delivering sports activities at Handsworth from Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th February 2022. Places are limited, so early booking is advised. [Book here](#)

We have a half term music workshop on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th for KS2 children **who play an instrument**. Please find more information on the 3rd page of this newsletter. The children will need to bring their instrument.

Parent sessions

We have organised the following sessions for parents and carers:

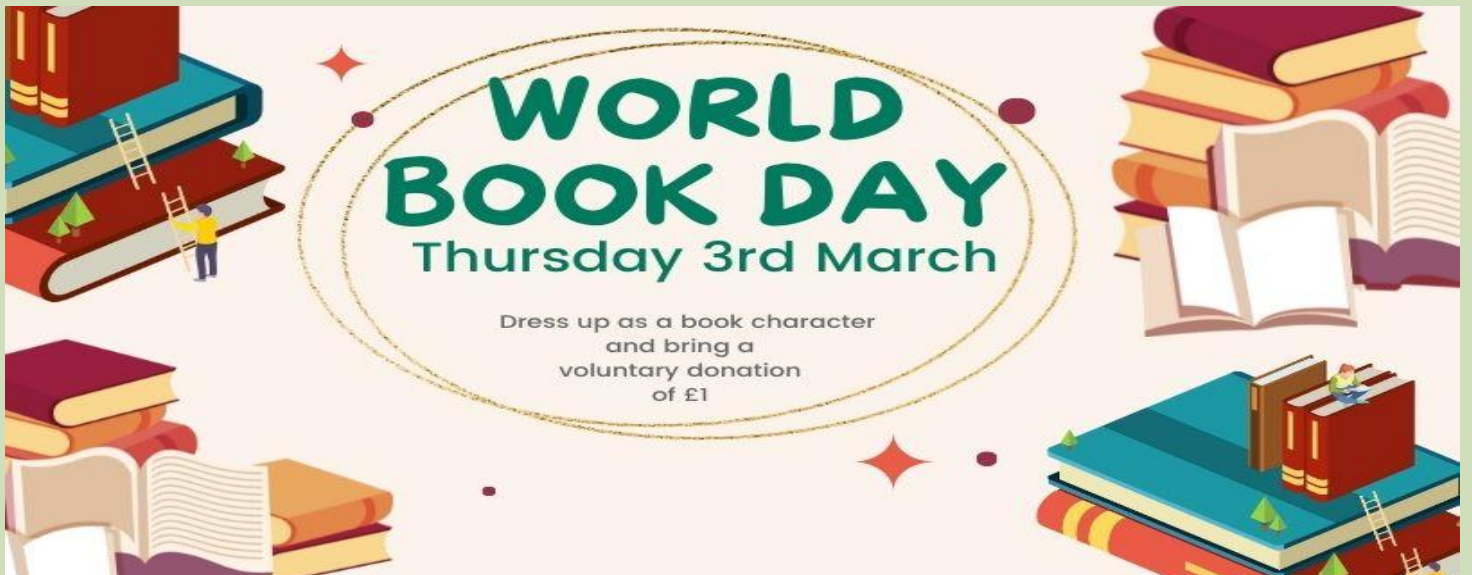
- Safer Internet Workshop
- Phonics information for Year 1
- Maths workshop for Year 5 and 6
- Puberty session with our School Nurse

Please see [page 7](#) of this newsletter for more information.

Regular Hire

We are exploring the idea of having regular lettings in school over the weekend or in the evening.

If you are interested in hiring one of our halls or a classroom, please get in touch with the school office.





OUR CHILDREN AS LEADERS

The School Council have had 2 meetings this term, with more planned for the future. During our meetings we discussed many topics like the continuation of Silver Stories. One of the main topics of discussion was the launch of a **monthly food bank** in collaboration with the Highams Park Food Aid or "The Hub".

After the success of the Christmas Foodbank at All Saints Church, it was agreed that for many people in our community a food bank is vital all year round.

We are looking at launching it soon! Visit their website [here](#) for more information.

Stay tuned for other initiatives the School Council have planned for Handsworth!



Welcome to our new counsellor Louis from 4SN





Half Term Music

The Scratchmakers is a collaborative ensemble made up of young musicians aged 8-14 from across Waltham Forest, and is suitable for players of any instrument and of any level of experience.

Unfortunately we cannot accommodate piano or drum players.

Led by music teachers from Waltham Forest Music Service, the ensemble will work together to create new music from scratch; to think, compose, interpret and play - come and give it a go!

The course is partially funded so the total fee is £30 for whole course per attendee.

Places are limited so sign up now. The course is from 9.30-2.30pm each day, registration will be from 9.20am.

Pupils will need to bring their instrument and a packed lunch, drink and snack. (No nuts please)

[Book Here](#)

DIARY DATES

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 9AM

Year 1 Phonics meeting

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 9AM

Year 3 Class Assembly

14TH FEBRUARY

Nursery applications deadline

MONDAY 14TH - FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

Half term holiday

THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Year 2 the Tower of London

21ST TO 25TH FEBRUARY

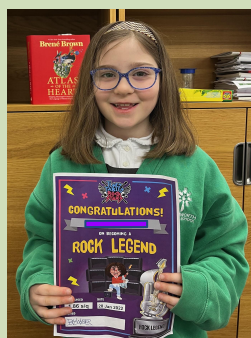
5JG Swimming Lesson

Friday 1st April 2022

Parents Consultation Day (INSET - school closed to pupils)

Friday 15th July 2022

Bank holiday - Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Well done to our Year 3 Times Tables Rockstars! What a joy it was hearing you speak with such passion and confidence!

We are super proud of you!

LESS DRAMA, MORE CONNECTION

Here is the list of ways to help you connect with your child and decrease drama and meltdowns at home. It may be a good idea to hang these up somewhere handy as a reminder!

1. Put "special time" aside with your child every day even if just for 10mins!
2. Be present and put your phone aside when you are with your child.
3. Pause and take a deep breath whenever you feel urge to yell.
4. Move and play together - let your child take a lead on a game and get them laughing every day!
5. Choose empathy first: set limits to behaviours and allow them to have their emotion.
6. Choose empathy to help your child to feel understood.
7. Find the YES behind the NO: tell them what they CAN do instead.
8. Look after yourself and make sure your cup is full.
9. Give yourself a break: good enough really is enough and most ruptures can be repaired.
10. Ask for support when things feel hard: from a partner, from another parent, or from a professional is necessary.

With best wishes,
Greta
Child Psychotherapist
and consultant to parents in school



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme is Growing Together.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

Make
YOUR mental
Health a
Priority



We all enjoyed the beautiful sunset over our school on Wednesday evening,

"Just because no one else can heal or do your inner work for you

doesn't mean you can, should, or need to do it alone."

-Lisa Olivera



Star of the Week



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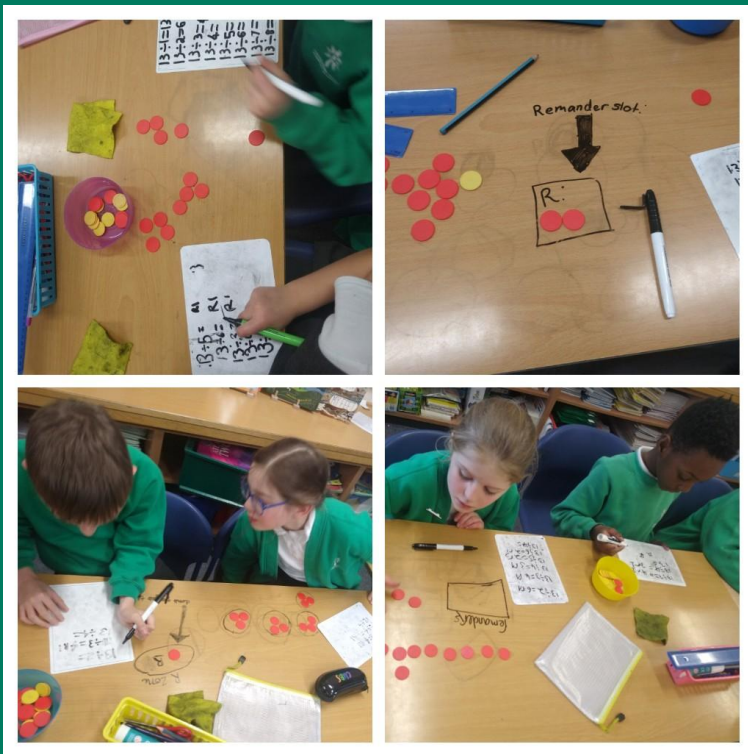
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The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn. The stars also have the opportunity to have tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!



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SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022 - PARENT MEETING

Come along to our parent meeting where we will discuss online gaming, apps and how to support your child with staying safe while online. Parents of any age group are welcome. Bring along any questions!

- • **Tuesday 8th February 2022**
- • **9:00 - 10:00am**
- • **In the small hall**

Division with remainder
in 3FB



Millions of people started celebrating the beginning of the Lunar New Year on 1st February.

This year marks the change from the Year of the Ox to the Year of the Tiger.

Happy New Year to all those who are celebrating.



Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Wednesday 9th February
9am - 9.30am
In the large hall

For parents and carers who would like to find out more information about the Year 1 Phonic Screening

We are keen to work with parents and carers to provide the best possible education for our children. We believe that it is vital we have good communication and relationships with you.

We have some parent sessions coming up over the next couple of months.

If you would like to attend the Maths Workshop, please complete this [Google form](#)

Puberty Information for Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 8th March at 8.30am,

Our school nurse will deliver a parent/carer workshop about puberty.

This will give you an opportunity to ask questions and get advice.

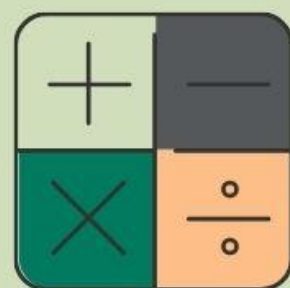
The nurse will be sharing information about how to deal with issues surrounding puberty.

Year 5 and 6 Parent and Carers

MATHS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9th March

4pm - 5pm
In the large hall



Attendance and Punctuality Matter

5 minutes late = 3 days lost each year.
10 minutes late = over 6.5 days lost each year.
15 minutes late = over 10 days lost each year.
20 minutes late = over 13 days lost each year.
30 minutes late = over 19 days lost each year.

Good attendance and punctuality is important for achieving success at school and are also important life skills. Absence from school disrupts learning, hinders progress and is unsettling for children if they arrive rushed.



10 days absence means 95% attendance.
19 days absence means 90% attendance.
29 days absence means 85% attendance.
38 days absence means 80% attendance.
47 days absence means 75% attendance

Please speak to us if you would like support with attendance and punctuality.



Thank you to the parents and carers who came into school on Wednesday to share children's outcomes. It was great to see so many of you back in school, celebrating what our children are proud of. I am sure you will agree the children have been working very hard.



If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything regarding the Open Classroom session, please get in touch with the school office to arrange a meeting with myself or your child's teacher.

Please leave any feedback or suggestions [Here](#)

Remember we will have Open Classroom sessions on

Wednesday 18th May
Wednesday 13th July

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Calendar 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022 (72 days)

Inset Days:	Thursday 1 st September 2022 Friday 2 nd September 2022
Start of Term:	Monday 5th September 2022
Half Term:	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022
End of Term:	Friday 16th December 2022 at 2.30pm
Christmas:	Monday 19 th December 2022 to Monday 2 nd January 2022

Spring Term 2023 (59 days)

Inset Day:	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Start of Term:	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half Term:	Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February 2023
End of Term:	Thursday 30th March 2023 at 2.30pm
Inset Day:	Friday 31 st March 2023

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

Start of Term:	Monday 17th April 2023
Spring Bank Holiday:	Monday 1 st May 2023
Inset Day	Friday 26 th May 2023
Half Term:	Monday 29 th May 2023 to Friday 2 nd June 2023
End of Term:	Friday 21st July 2023 at 2.30pm





PIZZA & COOKIE EVENING

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (**regular or vegan**), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.



Orders to be placed via PTA events by Friday 25th February.
Please click [here](#) to order!

Orders will be sent home with children on Friday 4th March



EACH KIT MAKES 1 X 12" PIZZA AND INCLUDES:

**£6.50
PER PIZZA
KIT**

**£4.50
PER COOKIE
KIT
(MAKES
5 COOKIES)**

- 01** 1 Fresh dough ball perfect for baking that evening, or within 48 hours
- 03** 80 grams of fresh, cubed mozzarella (or vegan mozzarella)
- 05** A pouch of stretching flour to help stretch your dough balls

- 02** 80 grams of special tomato pizza sauce
- 04** 10 grams of grated Parmesan cheese for an added depth of flavour

COOKIE OPTIONS:

- 01**
Chocolate brownie
- 02**
Chocolate Chip
- 03**
Oat and Raisin



Bring the family together for a fun mealtime activity

Each kit includes printed instructions, and the Doughies website contains videos and tips to help you stretch and cook the perfect home oven pizza