



# Weekly Newsletter

## Spring Term 2

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,  
We have had a great full week back at school with all the children. They have settled in well and have been working hard. Formal maths and English lessons started this week, and it has been great to see how focussed the children have been. All pupils should now have a reading book in their book bags, please ensure you read with your child each day to help them with their reading. Look out for reading workshops for parents in a few weeks time.

### Public Health Reminders

The start of the school year can be an exciting time, however on top of buying uniforms and pens, there are other important steps you should take to prepare your child for the new term.

1. Measles is spreading in London and can cause severe complications including brain damage. Children in schools in other parts of London have been affected. It's important to be aware of the symptoms and check if your child has been vaccinated with the MMR vaccine. If they haven't, contact your GP to book an appointment.

2. Flu season is approaching, while flu is just unpleasant for most children, in some children it can be more serious and lead to hospitalisation. Luckily, there is a safe and effective nasal spray vaccine available to protect your children from flu. It is offered in school by the school age immunisations team. If you would like your child to have the vaccine, get ahead and fill out the consent form today: <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark>

### PE

This week our PE lessons have begun. It was great to welcome out coaches back to school and to see so many of the children enjoying physical activities. Please make sure your child brings in their PE kit on the correct day and is wearing appropriate footwear. Failure to bring in the correct school uniform kit will result in detention. Please ensure children are wearing blue or black bottoms and a plain white t-shirt for PE. We thank you in advance for your support.

### Morocco Earthquake Disaster

I am sure you have read and seen on the news the devastating disaster which has hit Morocco. Many of our families have relatives in Morocco and we would like to show our support. If you can help, please click on the [UNICEF](#) link to support.

### Harvest Food Donation

Each year we collect toiletries, nappies tinned and dried goods to donate to local food banks collected by our friends at Haddon Hall. From Monday we will leave a donation box in the office for you to donate what you can. If everyone donates one item, we would have over 300 items to help others. The children will be learning about Harvest and our reason for collecting and donating during an assembly later this term. We thank you all in advance for your help and support.

### Music lessons

This week year 1,2 and 3 begun their specialised music lessons with our school music teacher Miss Chashe. These lessons will run each week through the year, and you will be invited to music performances at the end of each term. Please look out for more information about the music performances on our newsletter. The children in EYFS will be taught weekly music lessons with Mr Tiplady, Year 4 will be taught to play the recorder during the summer term, Year 5 will be taught the ukulele and Year 6 the Samba drums. When children in KS2 are not having peripatetic music lessons they will have weekly music lessons with their class teacher.

### Reception Baseline Assessment

The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your children's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. This is a statutory requirement for all schools. The RBA will provide an opportunity for your child to have valuable one-to-one time with their teacher at an early stage, so that the teacher can get to know your child better. It will provide a helpful snapshot of your child so that they can be supported in the most appropriate way. You do not need to do anything to prepare your child for the assessment. Your child is unlikely to even know that they are doing an assessment when they are completing tasks and activities. For more information please look at this link [RBA](#).

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, see you all on Monday at 8.50am

Rebecca



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# School Information

## Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week



School Year	Class	%
<b>Autumn Term</b>		
Attendance KS1 Winner	Mars	94.2%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Neptune	97.3%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Earth	100%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Galaxy	100%
Rest of School		
Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Venus	93.5%	99.4%
Earth	88.1%	<b>100%</b>
Mars	<b>94.2%</b>	94.9%
Jupiter	92.2%	93.5%
Galaxy	96.4%	<b>100%</b>
Supernova	92%	97.7%
Neptune	<b>97.3%</b>	99.3%
Pluto	93.6%	95.5%
Aurora	95.2%	96%
Sky	97%	98.5%

## Dates for the Diary



WB 18/09/23	Reception baseline assessment to begin
25/09/23	EYFS – Reading Workshop for parents
WB 25/09/23	Baseline assessment week
26/09/23	Yr 1/2 – Reading Workshop for parents
26/09/23	SEND parents coffee afternoon
29/09/23	National Teaching Assistant Day
WB 02/10 – 31/10	Black History month
05/10/23	World Teachers Day
5/10/23	ASD coffee morning for parents – Led by Southwark
06/10/23	National Poetry Day
06/10/23	Yr 3/4 – Reading Workshop for parents
09/10/23	Yr 5/6 – Reading Workshop for parents
11/10/23 & 12/10/23	Parents evening (3.45 – 7.00) (3.45 – 7.00)
20/10/23	Drawing Day and parent event
<b>HALF TERM 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	

### HOUSE WINNERS

<b>Tim Peake</b>	<b>1200</b>
<b>Stephanie Wilson</b>	<b>1059</b>
<b>Neil Armstrong</b>	<b>974</b>
<b>Helen Sharman</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>Bernard Harris</b>	<b>764</b>



**Mathletics**



Winning Class: **Supernova**  
School's total points: **49,110**



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# Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Cheryl	Supernova	9
Aycha	Galaxy	9
Malak	Pluto	10
Luciana	Star	5

### Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was **Hope**. Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

*"Believe you can and you are half way there"* (unknown)

### Word of the Week


The word of the week this week is "placid". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

**Shinobi Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** placid Word Class (adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables: (plac-id)

**Definition:**  
A placid person or animal is calm and does not easily become excited, angry, or upset.

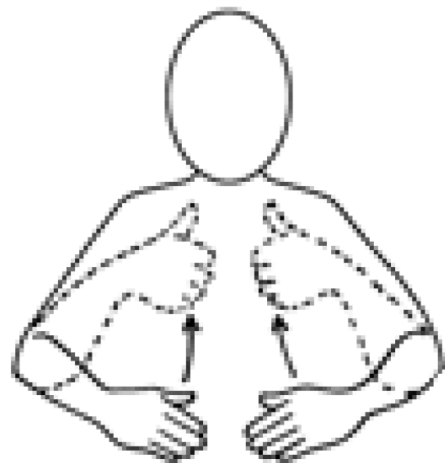


The class hamster was very placid.

<b>Synonym:</b>	<b>Antonym:</b>	<b>Prefix / Suffix:</b>	<b>Rhyme:</b>	<b>Link Word:</b>
calm	excitable	-ly		dog
mild	temperamental			child

### Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.



# How are you?



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# Class Gallery

## Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard creating their own colour monster. They have been learning all about the different emotions we have.



## Year 2

Year 2 have started their new topic. They have been learning all about the continents in the world.





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# Rewards

## Years 1 & 2

Core Value: **Hope**  
Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Aila	For always wanting to do her best.
Earth	Betsie	For coming to school with a beautiful smile and always putting her best foot forward
Mars	Ainhoa	For trying her best in all her work this week!

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Hannan	For writing fantastic sentences about his feelings.
Earth	Knadia	Successfully using imperative verbs and conjunctions in her command sentences.
Mars	Enzo	For excellent use of command sentences.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Jake	For amazing effort counting from a larger amount this week.
Earth	Issa	For great effort and resilience when counting in steps of ten.
Mars	Max	For great effort when working with groups of 10.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Gift	For lovely reading during phonics.
Earth	Issac	Show reliance in reading tricky words and chapter books he was interested in.
Mars	Princess	For lovely reading in class this week.



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# Rewards

## Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Hope**  
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Sabrina	For excellent effort in all her work
Galaxy	Toddreic	For working so hard this week!
Supernova	Jamaldeen	For always trying his best and making thoughtful contributions in class.
Pluto	Ramatullai	For asking thoughtful questions and sharing her ideas in all lessons.
Neptune	Hafsah	For being a kind, caring and helpful member of the class.
Aurora	Harry	For always trying his best and never giving up.
Sky	Ghilass	For setting an example to his peers.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Hosna	For excellent effort in her creative writing
Galaxy	Alpha	Beautiful cursive handwriting in all lessons!
Supernova	Daniella	Fantastic effort and presentation in all lessons.
Pluto	Samaha	For showing resilience and patience to present her work beautifully
Neptune	Orinta	For writing an effective letter using a range of persuasive sentence starters
Aurora	Eliot	For excellent use of relative clauses.
Sky	Holly	For her careful planning and execution in writing.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Charlotte-Rose	For completing her work and supporting others
Galaxy	Alice	For trying her best to complete her work independently
Supernova	Daniel	Excellent place value and number line learning.
Pluto	Williams	For asking clarifying questions and thinking deeply about possible solutions
Neptune	William	For showing great focus and using a range of strategies when answering questions
Aurora	Asiah	For her excellent work on place value this week.
Sky	Erion	For his excellent effort in Mathematical investigations.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Azion	For always being eager to read more
Galaxy	Alina	For reading for pleasure whenever she gets the chance!
Supernova	Saihaan	Fantastic effort in reading regularly to an adult.
Pluto	Zion	For using expression and varying his tone while reading.
Neptune	Isata	For developing her understanding of clarification and evaluating with this is important
Aurora	Mamadou	For his excitement to read every morning.
Sky	Victoria	For her positive attitude towards reading.

# Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school

100%

Perfection

Equates to 2 days off school each year

99%

Excellent

Equates to 5 days off school each year

97%

Good

Equates to 10 days off school each year

95%

Slight Concern

Equates to 20 days off school each year

90%

Concerned

Equates to 30 days off school each year

85%

Very Concerned

# Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Haddon Hall Pocket Garden  
Grand Opening

Join us for  
celebration, cakes,  
planting, crafts!

**SATURDAY 23RD  
SEPTEMBER**

From 10.30am - 12pm  
everyone welcome!

Bring a used ribbon for our recycled ceremonial ribbon!

**Kid's activities .... refreshments  
meet the designers ..... get involved**

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Find out more at: [office@haddonhall.net](mailto:office@haddonhall.net)