



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 13th December 2024

A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,
 What a busy week we have had this week. Many classes across the school have been on class trips. Year 2 visited the Philharmonic Orchestra, Year 6 went to the Imperial War Museum, some of Year 1 visited the Drawing Room for a dance workshop and 10 lucky children from Years 4, 5 & 6 went ice skating. Next week our house winners will visit the cinema!

Year 1,2 and 3 Winter Performance

A huge congratulations to the children from Year 1, 2 and 3. They sang their hearts out this morning and we were so proud of your beautiful performance. Thanks to Chashe from Southwark Music Services, the teachers and teaching assistants from the year groups for their hard work this term teaching the children all the lyrics and actions for the songs. We can't wait to hear the Year 4, 5 and 6 children sing next week and are very excited to watch the Early Years performance.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was great to see you all in your jumpers on Thursday in aid of Save the Children. Unfortunately we didn't have the collection buckets out for donations on the day, please bring in your donation on Monday. To find out how our fundraising will help click the link below.



Save the Children

Important Dates

Please remember these events taking place over the next few weeks

16/12/24	House Winners Trip
17/12/24	Yr 4,5 and 6 Carol concert to parents 2.30pm
18/12/24	Class Christmas Parties
19/12/24	EYFS winter performance 10.30am
20/12/24	Last day of term – CLOSE AT 2PM
06/01/25	First day of spring term 2025

Christmas Lunch

Thanks all of the team at Lunchtime Company who cooked us an amazing Christmas lunch on Thursday. Well done to all the staff for a smooth service and quick clear up! The children had a great time.

Sad Farewells

Next week we will be saying a few goodbyes. Angela, who has been covering for Ellie while she has been on maternity leave will be leaving us. Angela has been working in Early Years since the middle of last year. We would like to wish her well and say a huge thank you to her for all her work with the children.

Tushar, our Mental Health worker from Evolve will also be leaving. Tushar has been with us since the summer term. We wish Tushar well for the future and thank him for all of the support he has given to your children.

Jackie, has worked at Grange for 2½ years. Jackie is leaving us and moving to Canada to start a new adventure. We wish her huge amounts of luck on her new journey and thank her for everything she has done over the years for the children and the school.

Lastly, we will be saying farewell to Sue. Sue has worked at the school for 38 years. She has recently managed our After-School Club but has worn many hats at Grange. Her kindness, care and continuous support will be missed by us all.

Please make sure you pop in to say goodbye to Sue next week to ensure her last week with us will be as special as she is.

Last Day

Please remember we close for the winter holiday on Friday 20th December at 2pm. School will resume on Monday 6th January 2025. There will be no after school club on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th December. Please make sure you collect your children promptly at the end of the school day.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.50am.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week









School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Venus	95.8
Attendance KS2 Winner	Sky	99.6
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Planet Earth	98.5
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Neptune	97.9
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Venus	96.8	95.8
Mercury	96.1	93.9
Earth	98.5	93.7
Jupiter	96.8	99.5
Saturn	95.5	97.7
Galaxy	95.5	93.4
Neptune	97.9	96.2
Pluto	96.9	95.9
Aurora	96.5	94.5
Sky	97.6	99.6
Total Weekly Attendance:		96%

Dates for the Diary



16/12/24	House winners' trip
17/12/24	Yr 4,5 and 6 Carol concert to parents 2.30pm
18/12/24	Class Christmas parties
18/12/24	Last Afterschool club for this term
19/12/24	EYFS winter performance 10.30am Albert Mackenzie Hall
19/12/24	Reports sent to parents
20/12/24	Last day of term school closes at 2pm
06/01/25	First Day of term for Staff and Children

House Winners

Tim Peake 	5542
Stephanie Wilson 	5968
Neil Armstrong 	6741
Helen Sharman 	 6878 
Bernard Harris 	5529

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



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **sparse** Word Class (adjective)
Pronunciation / Syllables (sparse)

Definition:
 Something that is sparse is small in number or amount and spread out over an area.



The classroom was sparse.

Synonym: meagre, scanty
Antonym: abundant, frequent
Prefix / Suffix: -ly, -ness
Rhyme: farce
Link Word: become, quite

Value of the Week

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

"Responsibility means being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions".

(Unknown)



Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Sheriffdeen	Jupiter	8
Martina	Planet Earth	7
Ainhoa	Saturn	8
Jannat	Galaxy	9
Denis	Sky	11



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.



Happy/Merry



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
 School's total points: **29,340**



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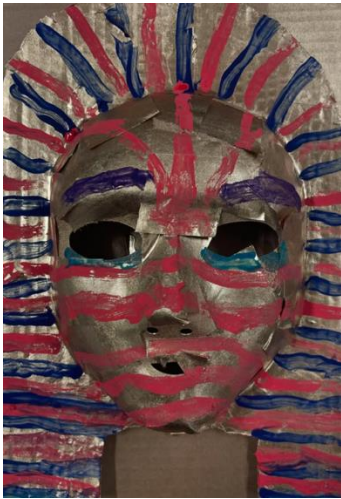
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Class Gallery

Year 3 – Saturn and Jupiter

Our Ancient Egyptian death masks are looking great in Year 3! This week we added the final touches by painting repeated patterns onto our golden masks.



Year 6 – Sky and Aurora Class

Year 6 enjoyed learning about the Second World War at the Imperial War Museum this week.





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Responsibility**
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Nkateko	For taking responsibility for his learning
Mercury	Peace	For being a role model for responsibility in our classroom
Planet Earth	Victoria	For taking responsibility for her learning

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Fatima	For using 'and' to extend her sentence
Mercury	Eva	For using 'and' to extend her sentence
Planet Earth	Zendaya	For excellent effort in using her phonics to build her words

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Lainey	For trying really hard to consolidate number sentences
Mercury	Amelia	For trying really hard to consolidate number sentences
Planet Earth	Joey	For trying really hard to justify his answers

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Journi	For trying really hard segmenting new words
Mercury	Ayana	For her fabulous progress with her reading
Planet Earth	Ronnie	For amazing progress in his reading this week



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: Responsibility
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Santana	For being extremely responsible whilst our and about on our trip
SATURN	Samyra	For taking responsibility for her learning and environment
GALAXY	Annabelle	For always looking after the other children when they are upset
PLUTO	Nahome	For always taking responsibility for his learning
NEPTUNE	Ella-Mae	For being kind and helpful to others
AURORA	G'Mari	For taking responsibility for his learning
SKY	Rafael	For taking responsibility and showing great enthusiasm on the Imperial War Museum trip.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Ejatu	For trying to use ambitious vocabulary in her writing
SATURN	Max	For working independently well
GALAXY	Sabrina	For a fabulous newspaper report about Shackleton's expedition
PLUTO	Jorge	For writing a very persuasive letter to Queen Victoria
NEPTUNE	Jhulian	For writing a great persuasive letter to Queen Victoria and trying hard with this handwriting
AURORA	Bevelyn	For her excellent use of contrasting conjunctions
SKY	Ramatullai	For excellent effort in writing a balanced argument

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Amir	For applying his times table knowledge to our learning in class
SATURN	Luciana	For excellent work in maths this week
GALAXY	Arman	For trying really hard to learn his multiplication tables
PLUTO	Ibrahim	For asking great questions about fractions
NEPTUNE	Jimmy	For brilliant problem solving and reasoning with fractions this week
AURORA	Kerry	For her excellent work on fractions
SKY	Jeremiah	For fantastic effort when learning about fractions

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Sheriffdeen	For being enthusiastic during our learning about Amazing Africa
SATURN	Knadia	For reading her lines so eloquently as Recorder compere!
GALAXY	Amal	For great reading in our reading lessons
PLUTO	Valentine	For great work in his reading lessons
NEPTUNE	Isha	For showing enthusiasm and sharing ideas in guided reading
AURORA	Averii	For his expressive reading
SKY	Aisha	For using great expression when reading



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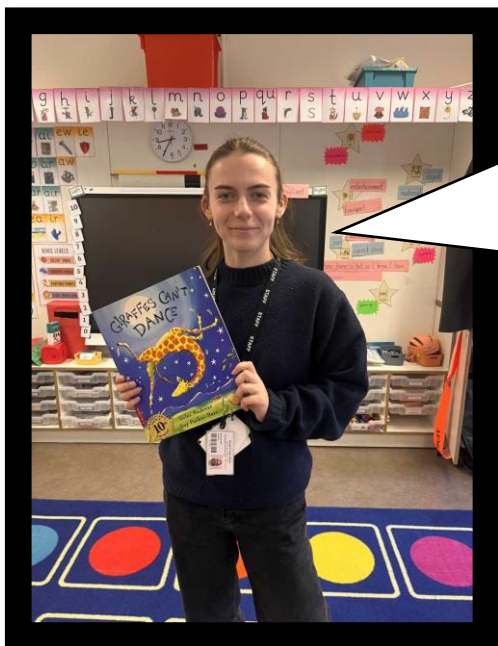
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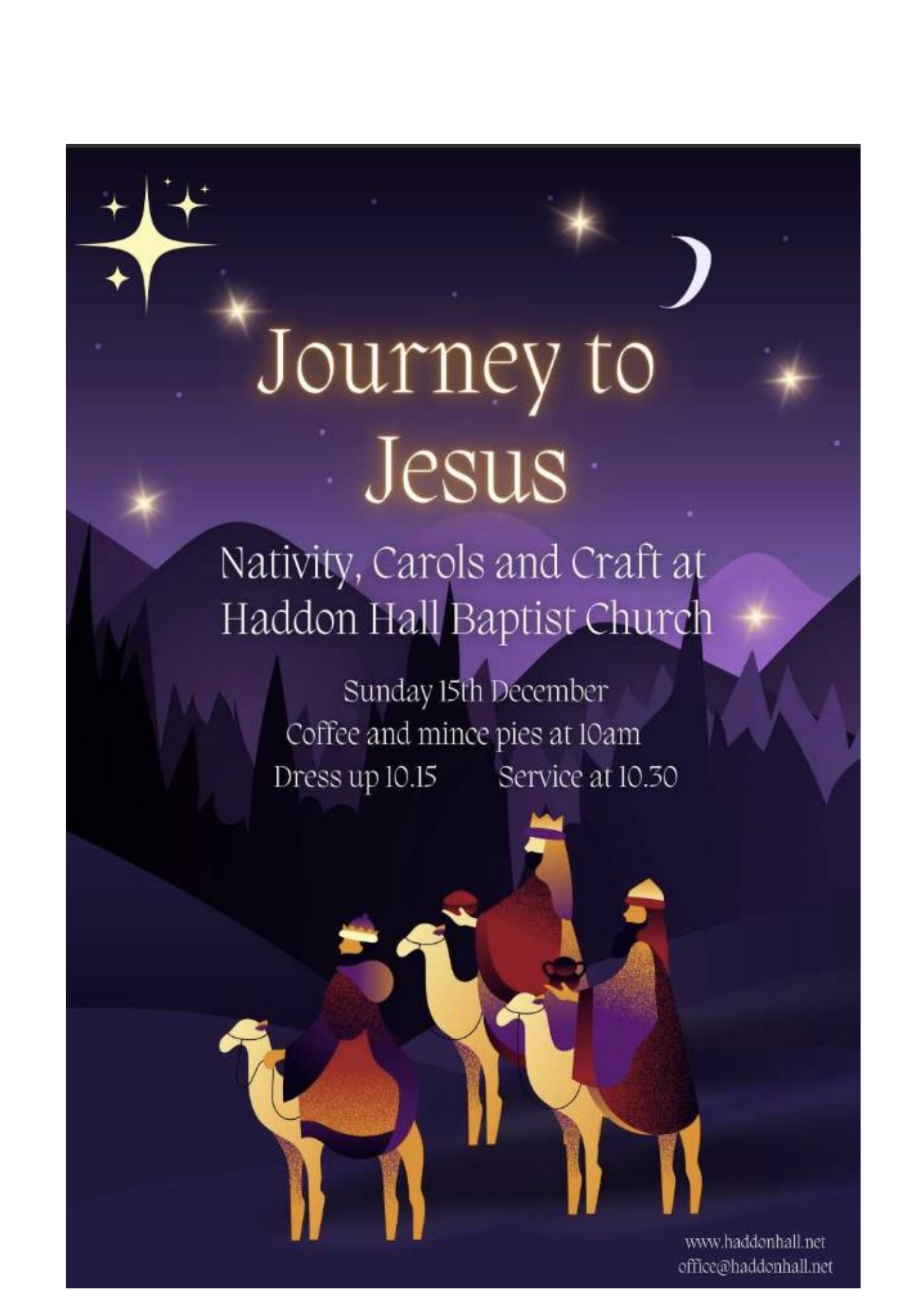
In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also. This week Miss Ellie has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

Favourite book Friday



My favourite book is Giraffe's Can't Dance by Giles Andreae. I love this book because it has a lovely moral. It is all about a giraffe, whose greatest wish is to dance but struggles to. Gerald is finally able to dance when he gets some advice from a friend and dances to his own tune! I would recommend this book to children of all ages. It is a good reminder that we can all achieve what we want to achieve, but our paths to success may all look little different.

-Miss Ellie



Journey to Jesus

Nativity, Carols and Craft at
Haddon Hall Baptist Church

Sunday 15th December

Coffee and mince pies at 10am

Dress up 10.15 Service at 10.30



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Christmas show



Wednesday 18th December

10.45am ^{The} BOB HOPE THEATRE
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

Tickets £11 per seat
Under 1's free on laps

Book through this link:
www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows

Join Anna, Claire and our team of musicians
for an exciting interactive Christmas Music Show!
Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!



SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS' INDOOR AIR QUALITY



Southwark Council is already undertaking several projects to tackle air pollution in schools, and you can get involved!

Asthma - Air Quality Monitoring & Engagement Project for students in Year 6 and above

This project will see air quality sensors placed in classrooms and the homes of pupils with asthma, offering a live insight into the air quality they experience.

Teachers and students will participate in a specially designed curriculum to deepen their understanding of air quality's effects on health and discover strategies to minimise harmful emissions.

This initiative builds on existing air quality efforts and provides tools such as a dedicated webpage and monitoring devices to assist schools in fostering a cleaner, healthier educational atmosphere.

School staff and parents can register interest by filling out the form on this QR code or by emailing.

<https://forms.office.com/e/QUwmRjA2E6>

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Climate School Action Plan

Check out the Climate School Action Plan Guide which includes actions to improve air quality.

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