

Early Essence and Online Platform Workshop

On Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd October, we held a workshop for those who have children in Reception about Early Essence and other home learning online platforms. We demonstrated how to use Early Essence, Active Learn and Purple Mash. Those who attended found the workshop hugely beneficial and now have a better understanding on how to use these platforms and how to support their children at home.



Booster Classes

On Monday 26th October, some of the children were invited to school during the half term to take part in Booster Classes. They engaged in various activities linked to English and Mathematics which were designed for pupils to nurture a deeper understanding of numbers and language. The children were engaged throughout and enjoyed working collaboratively to solve all the challenges they were set!



"Three Little Pigs"

"Three Little Pigs" is a fable about three pigs who built three houses out of different materials. As a particular favourite from the children's library, on Wednesday 4th November, the Nursery children used their wonderful imaginations to assemble 3-dimensional houses based on the story, using various materials. With their innovative ideas and architectural talents, they emulated the features of the pigs' houses whilst learning about the stability of structures, supporting their topic for this term on 'Homes'.



Preparation of School Meals

We understand that some families may have concerns surrounding the safety of our meal preparations during these challenging times. Thus, we would like to reassure you that we are doing our utmost to ensure we continue to follow safe food handling practices in our kitchens. As such, extra measures have been put in place to ensure that school meals are freshly cooked each day and are prepared and served safely in accordance with government guidelines.

Further to this, the efficient implementation of measures is regularly monitored to avoid posing a risk to children and staff. Each morning, staff undergo temperature checks and are fully equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which is worn at all times when on duty. Those more likely to be in close proximity to children have been provided with visors as a further precautionary measure.

We are proud to have received 5 stars from the London Borough of Hillingdon following a recent environmental health visit. All of our kitchens within the Trust now have a 5-star Food Safety/Health and Safety rating, demonstrating our competence in enforcing safety procedures and hygiene measures surrounding coronavirus (COVID-19). Please be assured that we are taking every single precaution possible to keep your children safe.

Cancellation of Pupil Photographs

We regret to inform you that the scheduled bookings for the School photographs this month have been postponed due to the national lockdown; we are hoping to re-schedule after the lockdown period. We appreciate your understanding of the steps we are taking to help keep staff and pupils safe. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Year 6 Bikeability -

Monday 16th to Thursday 19th November


On Monday 16th through to Thursday 19th November, Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability training which promotes safe cycling. Unlike previous years, the Bikeability team are unable to provide the Dr Bike service which allows them to look at your children's bikes to ensure they are safe and in good working order. In this instance, they have provided us with a link to a video so you are able to check your child's bike yourselves and make any necessary repairs should they be required. You can find this information on <https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/be-prepared/looking-after-your-bike>. Thank you.

Microsoft Teams Training

We understand that some families are having difficulty logging into and using Microsoft Teams. Therefore, parents, guardians and carers who require additional support with regard to accessing this platform as well as supporting their child's learning are advised to inquire about this at the School Office, where they can seek further information about Microsoft Teams training. Once we have this information, we will aim to hold a workshop after school for families to attend to enable you to assist your child with their virtual learning. We will observe strict social distancing practices and kindly ask those who are interesting in attending to wear a mask. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Primary School Admissions 2021

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on **Friday 15th January 2021**. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

 <h1>November 2020</h1>	
NOVEMBER	
Monday 16th to Thursday 19th	Year 6 Bikeability Safe Cycling course

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 16th November</i>	
	MENU 2	
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings <i>(sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)</i>	
Meal Choice 2	<i>Sweet Potato with Fillings (sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)</i>	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Fruit Tarts</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Vanilla Cheesecake</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Apple Pie</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

School Attendance

There are many, very good reasons for ensuring children in all year groups attend school on time and on a regular basis. Good attendance means that a child:

- Keeps up with their school work
- Is better supported to meet their expected progress
- Develops better personal and social skills
- Learns life skills such as punctuality and time management

Being absent from school means that a child loses valuable learning time. In particular, excellent attendance in Year 6 is pivotal to a successful transition to secondary school. During this final year, they will prepare for and sit their end of Key Stage 2 examinations, as well as take part in lessons and activities that will help them to confidently move to the next important stage of their learning. For your information, below are some very important figures that relate children's attendance percentages to the actual number of school days missed.

98% = 4 days missed

95% = 10 days missed

90% = 19 days missed

80% = 38 days missed

Whatever year your child is in, but particularly if they are in Year 6, please ensure that medical and other appointments are made out of school hours and that they are only absent from school if they are too ill to attend. Thank you.