



# UNDERHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 19th October 2020

Lunch menu: School packed lunch

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## HEAD'S CORNER

We have had a really successful Inset day today where the focus has been looking at all of the work the children have produced this half term and celebrating all their brilliant progress. We have held year group meetings in order to be able to look closely at each child individually to plan the next steps for their learning.

We shared our new Underhill Way Guides: The 10 Amazing Ways We Teach and Our 5 Ways to Plan. These guides will ensure that every adult in the school is confidently delivering high quality learning experiences to your children so we are accelerating progress and ensuring that your children are being the very best they can be. You can find these guides on the website in the Curriculum section.

We will be sending you a video this week outlining our action plan for making Underhill even better and about the Underhill Way.

We are really impressed by how many children have been coming to school everyday this half term considering the challenges we are all under. Well done everyone - let's keep aiming for at least 96% attendance from each class!

We'd like to wish you all a very happy half term. Your children have made us so very proud and we would like to thank you for the amazing support that you have shown us this half term. We couldn't have done it with you!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles

## EXTERNAL CLUBS

External and internally led clubs will be running after October half term. A letter detailing the clubs will be emailed to you with all the details; applications will be via google form.



**Karate club** will be starting up after half term. It will be held on a Wednesday for Year 4 and Thursday for Year 5. Both clubs will run in the small hall. Keep an eye out for the google form and please submit this if you are interested. Once this is received we will then add your child to school money so you can make payment before the 1st November.



**Woody's Football Club** will be returning on a Friday after the October half term for children in Years 3 and 4. Don't forget to contact them if you are interested on 07961 437202 or [info@woodyssportsacademy.com](mailto:info@woodyssportsacademy.com) to book and pay.

**French Classes** run on Monday from 3.20pm - 4.20pm for Year 5. If you are interested please call Mrs Elkington on 07415 209165 or email on [lespetitslapins@yahoo.com](mailto:lespetitslapins@yahoo.com) to book and pay.



**Express Yourself Drama** runs on a Tuesday lunchtime for Year 1 and after school for Year 2 from 3.20pm-4.05pm and will also run a group for Year 5's if enough children would like it from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Please call Kat on 07908 638827 or email on

[info@expressyourselftheatre.com](mailto:info@expressyourselftheatre.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

### FREE TECHNOLOGY COURSE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Cocoon TECH:CLUB is a new online space for learning tech skills; from coding to animation and even digital marketing. To celebrate their launch they are offering free access to their 'Core Skills in Google Classroom and Seesaw training' course for our students (parents are also welcome to join).

Simply go to [www.CocoonTech.Club](http://www.CocoonTech.Club) and browse courses using the 'Our Clubs' menu, and click 'Try a Free Course' to register for your free training. Your free course includes a personalised learning portal on Cocoon TECH:CLUB; where students (and parents) will join a live webinar, interact with expert mentors, and get access to easy-to-follow visual guides to support the webinar. Have fun!

### APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME

Can parents please inform the school of any appointments in advance as it may be difficult to find children during certain parts of the day.

Proof of appointments can be sent to [attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net)

### YEAR 5 AND 6



Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 who completed our own version of the marathon, running 26 miles over 14 days. The children were delighted and super proud of themselves as we are too!

### YEAR 3

3 Yew assembled The Iron Man - Great teamwork from each and every child!



### STARS OF THE WEEK

A big congratulations to our Stars of the Week this week. They are:

Conker am	Jack
Conker pm	Lucyana
Beech	Isla
Maple	Isha
1 Oak	Jack
1 Willow	Jake
2 Chestnut	Izabella
2 Palm	Orgesa
3 Cedar	Asli
3 Hornbeam	Krishna
3 Yew	Amber
4 Cherry	Sammy
4 Larch	Lola
4 Pine	Eddie
5 Holly	Maggie
5 Laurel	Jager
5 Sycamore	Ethan
6 Elm	Nathan
6 Hawthorn	Sosan



## RECEPTION



In Reception last week we were reading super hero stories and thinking of the super powers we would like to have! Shay said that he would like to be like Catboy so that he could be really good at jumping! We have also been learning about how fire fighters are

key workers and how they help us to stay safe, we have had our very own fire incident desk as well as creating fire engines out of a collage of 2D shapes. We are just so proud of our Reception children who have adapted to their new classes and routines so brilliantly!

## NURSERY

This week in Nursery we are finishing our topic by discussing our family's and drawing our homes. We will be reading the story 'A New House for Mouse' while looking at our Story stones 'The Three Little Pigs'. Conker Class will be using their listening ears to continue with phonics and will continue learning our numbers in maths. We will also be exploring our new role play fire engine.



## RECEPTION 2021

If your child is due to turn 4 before August 31st 2021 the online application system is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). All parents must apply online, paper forms are not available. We have emailed information on how to apply to all the parents in Nursery..

If you would like to have a tour of the school and our reception classes before making your application please contact the school office on 020 8449 2423 to arrange this.

The deadline for applications is Friday 15th January 2021.

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER

Have you applied for your child's secondary school place yet? If not please remember the closing date for applications is 31 October 2020 Apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

## ATTENDANCE

Leading the way this week were 1 Willow on 98.15% - great job!

In second place with 97.7% were 5 Sycamore and joint third with 97.4% are 1 Oak and 6 Hawthorn. Well done!

Please remember to report any absences daily. We will need to know your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. If they are ill we need to know what is wrong with them as we are sending daily updates to the Department of Education. You can report their absence by calling the school and leaving a message on option 1 or alternatively you can email [attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net)

Reception Beech	97.28%
Reception Maple	94.44%
1 Oak	97.40%
1 Willow	98.15%
2 Chestnut	96.18%
2 Palm	96.54%
3 Cedar	95.49%
3 Hornbeam	94.89%
3 Yew	97.06%
4 Cherry	93.78%
4 Larch	94.98%
4 Pine	94.07%
5 Holly	96.68%
5 Laurel	94.32%
5 Sycamore	97.70%
6 Elm	95.06%
6 Hawthorn	97.40%

Total	95.63%
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For the Houses Windsor are leading the way again with 98.16% last week. Well done!

Balmoral	92.69%
Holyrood	95.47%
Sandringham	96.12%
Windsor	98.16%



Parents/Carers can view Autumn 2020 timetable on the website

Are you looking to stop smoking, would you like support. Please contact the Children's Centre Team 020 8449 2423 or email [info@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhill.barnetmail.net)

**Welfare Rights** - Advice on housing, money matters and legal advice - Book a telephone appointment 020 8449 2423

**Weaning Sessions** - Wednesday 28th October 10am - 11am or Monday 23rd November 10am-11am phone to book 020 8449 2423

**Locality Housing Navigator** - Telephone Appointments, 9.15am - 1pm phone to book 020 8449 2423

If you are interested in adult learning courses in English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL), Paediatric First Aid or Art For Wellbeing please call or email 020 8449 2423 [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net)

Groups will be held on site at Underhill School & Children's Centre. Parents/Carers have to book to attend groups and limited spaces available. Entry to sign in for groups will be explained when booking. Phone 0208 449 2423 or email [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net).

ALL PARENTS MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE BUILDING WHEN ATTENDING GROUPS.

**Under 1's Play & Stay**

*Mondays - 10.00am - 11.30am Friday - 10.00am - 11.30am*

For parents/carers with babies under 1. There will be lots of fun activities, new and entertaining nursery rhymes and group discussions: Oral health and Immunisation & Vitamin D

**Boogie Mites**

Tuesday - 9.15am - 10.00am 0 - 5 years old

Wednesday-9.15am-10.00am 0-5 years old

**Rhyme Time**

Thursday - 10.30am - 11.15am Enjoy singing songs and rhymes with your child. 0 -5 years old

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 5th January

Last Day of Term

Staff Inset

Children return to school

