



UNDERHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 21st September 2020

Lunch menu: School packed lunch

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HEAD'S CORNER

Last week was another great week at Underhill. The children have continued to impress us with their excellent work and behaviour and we are really pleased to see so much fantastic work in their books.

As you will notice below, school packed lunches are becoming even more delicious with the additions of homemade sausage rolls, pizza slices and pasta salad pots. After half term, we will be starting to provide hot school lunches again from our canteen. School council reps are being voted for this week and their first task is to work alongside our catering team to ensure that lunches are always delicious.

There are 4 'Be words' that we encourage all children to be at Underhill; Be Caring, Be Confident, Be Curious, Be Cooperative. Our focus for the next month is BE CARING. Your children are the heart of the Underhill community and so we are celebrating the importance of caring for each other and ourselves. Look out for pink and red stickers on your children's uniform when they come home; this will show you that they have been caring at school. Wishing everyone a great week,

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles

INSET DAY REMINDER

Just a reminder that Monday 19th October is a staff Inset day so there will be no children in school on this day.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

They are:



1 Oak	William
1 Willow	Shejla
2 Chestnut	Belinay
2 Palm	Lily
3 Cedar	Chanel
3 Hornbeam	Rosie
3 Yew	Camron and Georgie
4 Cherry	Chloe
4 Larch	Leo
4 Pine	Denis
5 Holly	Cade
5 Laurel	Mukarram
5 Sycamore	Richmond
6 Elm	Micael and Ethan
6 Hawthorn	Lacey

RECEPTION

In Reception last week some of the children stayed for a full day and have managed really well. We are so impressed by the children's behaviour and how they are following class routines so sensibly. We have been reading stories about friendship and feelings and describing how we feel. All of the children have said that they feel happy although some have said that they feel tired!

NURSERY

Last week in Nursery we welcomed lots of new friends. It has been incredible seeing how well they have all been settling. We focused on exploring all the areas within Nursery and our

garden while building friendships with peers and forming relationships with adults. This week we begin extending our understanding of the Underhill Golden Expectations and the Underhill Way while finding out how we can get star stickers for our treasure chest sticker charts or become star of the week!

ATTENDANCE

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

Beech	93.22%
Maple	80.87%
1 Oak	95.12%
1 Willow	87.08%
2 Chestnut	94.14%
2 Pine	91.37%
3 Cedar	85.47%
3 Hornbeam	94.26%
3 Yew	91.60%
4 Cherry	90.37%
4 Larch	91.88%
4 Pine	89.76%
5 Holly	91.27%
5 Laurel	85.95%
5 Sycamore	92.50%
6 Elm	84.23%
6 Hawthorn	93.66%
Total	90.31%

YEAR 4

Our Year 4 children have been busy drawing portraits for front line workers.



VIRTUAL PARENT COURSES

If you would like to book a place on one of Barnet's virtual parent courses, please contact our Sue York (SENCO) who will be able to book you a space.

Below is a list of the available courses

Term/date	Time	Training Package	Recipient
6.10.2020	2.30-4.00	ASD and Communication ('reception package)	Parents of reception aged children
20.10.20	13:00-14:00	Fine motor skills	Parents
4.11.2020	3.30-4.30	Physical development and how to support it	Parents & School staff
17.11.2020	10:00-11:00	Supporting children with behavioural feeding difficulties	Parents
19.01.2021	13.00-14.00	Fine motor skills	Parents
24.02.2021	3.30-4.30	Physical development and how to support it	Parents & School staff
16.03.2021	10:00-11:00	Supporting children with behavioural feeding difficulties	Parents
23.03.2021	9.30-10.30	Using strategies to support the development of young children's language	Nursery staff and parents
11.05.2021	13.00-14.00	Fine motor skills	Parents

19.05.2021	3.30-4.30	Physical Development and how to support it	Parents & School staff
25.05.2021	9.30-10.30	Using strategies to support the development of young children's language	Nursery staff and parents
15.06.2021	10:00-11:00	Supporting children with behavioural feeding difficulties	Parents

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/underhillparentteacherassociation>

EXTERNAL CLUBS

Please contact the office if your child would be interested in any of the below clubs and is in the appropriate year and then we would be happy to provide a contact number for them

- Monday - French - Year 5
- Tuesday Lunchtime 12:00-12:45 - Yr 1 Drama
- Tuesday after school 3:15-4.05 - Yr 2 Drama

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

It has been fantastic to see the children all settling back into our Breakfast and Afterschool clubs. Please remember that we have limited spaces in these clubs so you need to book them early on your School Money account. Please can we ask you to remember to unbook them if you do not need the space as we don't want you to be charged for any unused sessions.

MAGIC BREAKFAST

We are very excited to say that we will be receiving breakfast for every child in the school from next week. This means that every 2 weeks your child will bring home a packet of bagels and a box of cereal that you can use at home for their breakfast. They will be given this every 2 weeks during the autumn and spring terms (depending on stocks).

FUNDRAISING



Thanks to your spending, Amazon has donated £24.46 to Underhill School Parent Teacher Association as a result of the AmazonSmile programme activity between 1 April and 30 June, 2020.

Another way to really help the school is through Easyfundraising.org.uk. It is the easiest way to raise money for Underhill School Parent Teacher Association. Shop with any of over 2,700 retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to Underhill School Parent Teacher Association at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Tesco and many more. Please register to support us today -

We are hoping to run fencing if the intake is high enough it is open to Year 5 and 6 (whichever year group shows most interest will get the allocation) on Thursdays after school 3:20pm-4:20pm.

HEALTHY EATING

Just a gentle reminder we are a nut free school as we have children with these allergies please do not use Nutella spread or any other chocolate spread as they all contain nuts.

Treats such as chocolate and similar are not allowed for the same reasons and also are not a healthy option.

NEW MENU FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we remind parents if you do wish to change lunch options for your child you must always contact the school office and give at least one weeks notice, thank you .

As well as the fresh vegetable sticks, fresh fruit and a selection of yoghurts included in the packed lunch the following will now be served for lunch:

Monday	Sandwich Ham, Egg Mayonnaise, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise fillings
Tuesday	Sausage Rolls Chicken Sausage, Halal Chicken Sausage or Vegetable Sausage
Wednesday	Baguette Ham, Egg Mayonnaise, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise fillings

Thursday	Margarita Pizza Slice
Friday	Pasta Salad Pots-Tuna & Pepper or Pea & Sweetcorn



YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER

Just reminding all Year 6 parents to please apply online for your child's secondary school place. The online application system is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Please remember the closing date for applications is 31 October 2020

If you have any problem completing the application please book an appointment with us and we will see if we can help you in submitting the application or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651 for support and guidance.

MOUNT GRACE

Mount Grace have asked us to let you know that "From Monday 21 September there will be plenty of information available on our school website www.mountgrace.herts.sch.uk to help parents/carers make informed decisions about their child's future education. We will also be offering telephone/video appointments to parents with a member of our Senior Leadership Team."

The link is:

<http://www.mountgrace.herts.sch.uk/youtube-channel/4802.html>

STAFF VACANCY

Required to start ASAP

Assistant Caretaker - Lettings (As and When Grade D (£22779 - £24030 pro-rata)

Closing date : 12 noon 24 September 2020

Interview: To be confirmed

An Application pack can be downloaded from our website www.underhillschool.org

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.

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

Weaning Sessions

Monday - 1pm - 2pm on 21.09.20, 05.10.20
10am - 11 am on 19.10.20

Boogie Mites

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

Story Time & Activity

Wednesday - 10.00am- 10.45am

A different story and a creative activity each week for you to do and enjoy with your child. 18 months to 5 years old

Rhyme Time

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