



Dear Parent/Carers,

Autumn has well and truly arrived over the past week, which has been a shock to the system! With the temperature dropping, it is vital the children have the right clothing on. Whilst I know many are hardy souls, a morning or lunchtime break without a coat may prove chilly! As those of us who enjoy the outdoors irrespective of the weather know 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong type of clothing'. Given the amount of time the children spent away from school, we will be getting them out as much as the weather allows – the right clothing will help with that enormously.

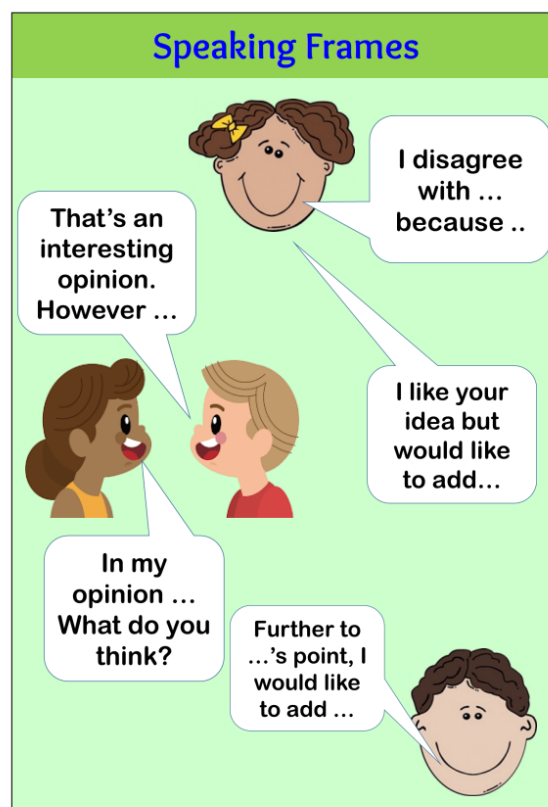
With our observance of World Mental Health Day this week, we as a school are working on the theme of kindness and friendship at the moment and children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6 have been showing many little acts of kindness to one another as well as adults along with fantastic manners.

One of the most important skills we teach children at Earlsmead is how to speak to an audience and to one another clearly and with respect. We have our own sentence starters that all the children can use. There is a copy of this below.

Finally, an important reminder, particularly as we approach the weekend, for adults at home to ensure that they are aware of what their children are accessing online and watching on the television/other devices. We have had some reports of children watching 'Squid Games' - a programme on Netflix that is not age-appropriate for any of our children here at Earlsmead. Please be mindful of this.

Take care and stay safe,

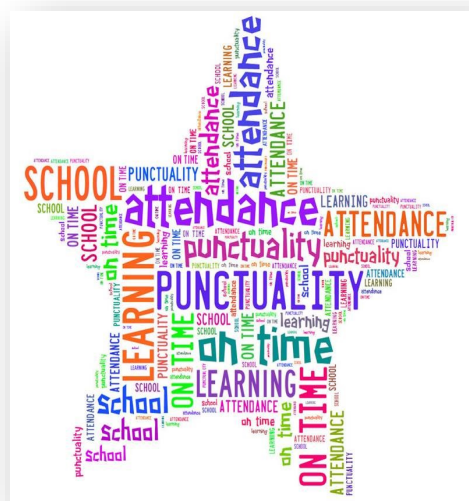
Norma Marshall
Headteacher



Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%. We must make every effort to ensure that all children are in school everyday unless they are ill. Well done Oaks for achieving the best attendance in KS1 & Meranti who achieved the best attendance in KS2!

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Oaks	96.70	Chestnuts	92.82
		Redwood	86.67
Maple	95.00	Cherry	95.45
Ash	97.50	Willow	89.50
Meranti	100	Eucalyptus	98.89
Pine	95.2	Sycamore	91.60
Elm	98.40	Greenheart	96.50



Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who received awards
for positive
behaviour for learning!

Maple: Naya & Aryan

Ash: Akshaya & Krivi

Meranti: Malika & Muna

Eucalyptus: Larnish & Sylvia



Sycamore: Sana & Oscar

Pine: Alina & Aryan

Elm:Agaab & Renata

Greenheart: Maria & Khazy

LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

What to do if your child is absent.

CALL US ON 0208 864 5546 BEFORE 9.30AM ON FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE.

We attempt to contact home for any unexplained absences. This ensures that all our pupils are accounted for and safe, especially as some older children walk to school on their own.



Please send a note into school on your child's return if you haven't contacted school or we haven't managed to contact you.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

What to do if your child is late for school.

OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT

8.55am. Gate opens at 8.45am.



Lateness is a persistent problem at the school and we are hoping to reduce the amount of pupils who are late this term. Ultimately it is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure your child arrives to school on time, however we do realise that matters out of your control can affect your child getting to school at 8.55am. All we ask is that you do your best to get your child to school on time and let us know if there are any underlying problems preventing this. We are always happy to listen.

LATENESS MATTERS!

Have you ever started trying to watch a T.V programme that has been on for 10 minutes. It's hard to get in to and we often just give up. This is what it is like if your child misses the start of a lesson. Vital bits of information are gone and their confidence is undermined.

Thank You

Thank you to all those parents who contact school without delay if their children are late or unable to attend, for any reason.

Each and every day at school is important for your child's future. We fill every minute of our pupil's time at Earlsmead. We want the best for each and every child!

Secondary School Applications

The online application process opened on the 1st September 2021. Y6 parents/carers will be receiving open evening information for all local secondary schools. This

information can also be found online. Applications for Year 7 places starting in September 2021 can be submitted from the 1 September 2021- 31 October 2021.

For more details on the process, including how places will be offered, please see the guide available at:

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schools-learning/apply-secondary-school-place/1>

Please ensure your online application is completed by 31 October 2021.

Primary School Applications

To apply for a primary school place for September 2022 please read the information below.

- The application opens on 1 September 2021
- The closing date to submit your application is 15 January 2022

You can choose up to six schools for your child to attend - [see your nearest primary schools on a map](#)

You can see [how primary school places were allocated in previous years](#)

If you do not pay Council Tax in Harrow you will need to provide [documents to confirm your address](#)

Any applications submitted after 15 January 2022 will be considered late and will be processed in April 2022.

You can read further information on how to apply for a primary school place and details of school admission arrangements for each school in our [guide to primary schools 2022-23](#).

Nursery Applications

You can apply for a nursery school place for September 2022, if your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.

Your child can attend nursery either in the mornings or the afternoons or the option of 30 hours and flexi time is available at some nurseries. You can let us know which option is suitable for you during your application.

Apply

To apply for a nursery school place for September 2022 you will need to:

- complete the application form below

email the nursery school you have applied to and provide [documents to support your application](#)
[Apply for a nursery school place](#)

Closing date for applications

The closing date for applications to be processed in the main round is 15 January 2022. Any applications submitted after 15 January 2022 are considered late and will be processed after 15 March 2022.

If you want to submit a late application, please complete the application form.

Receiving the outcome of your application

If you submitted your application before 15 January 2022, you will receive a letter advising of the outcome of your application on 15 March 2022.

If you made a late application (after 15 January 2022) the nursery school will contact you with the outcome of your application. If you do not receive an outcome from the nursery school within a couple of weeks of submitting the application, please contact the nursery directly.

Immediate nursery school places

If you need a nursery school place for the current academic year please contact the nursery school directly.

Do you think you may qualify for Free School Meals? If yes please apply through Harrow council or speak to the school office

Apply for free school meals

To apply for free school meals your child has to attend a Harrow school and be aged between 5 and 18 years.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

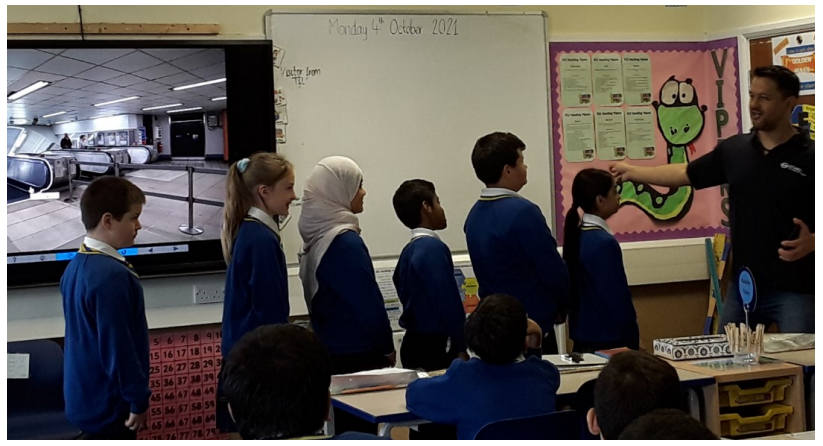
the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Year 6 had a visit from Transport for London (TfL). They learnt about staying safe whilst using public transport. This was particularly useful to them as many will be travelling independently to high school next academic year.



Harvest Festival Assembly



Donated items will be given to the food banks that support families and people in our local community.

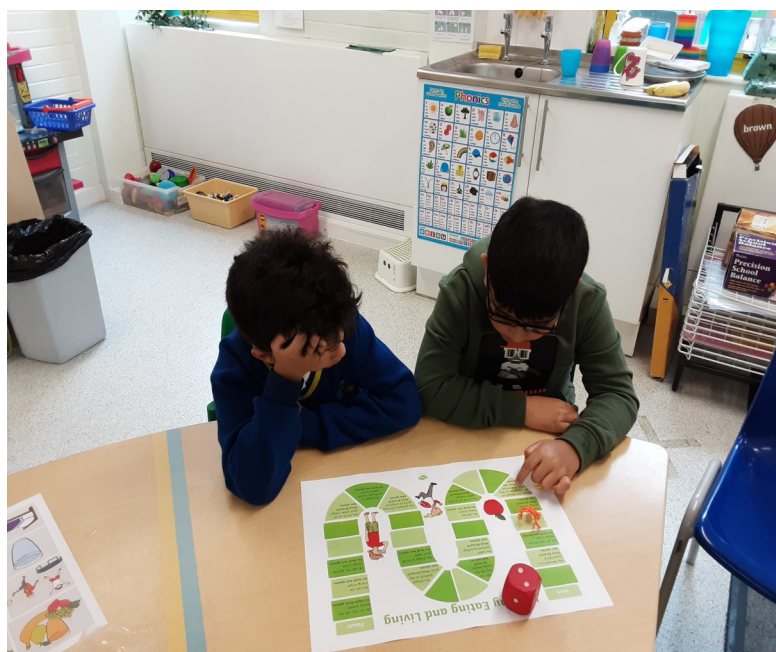
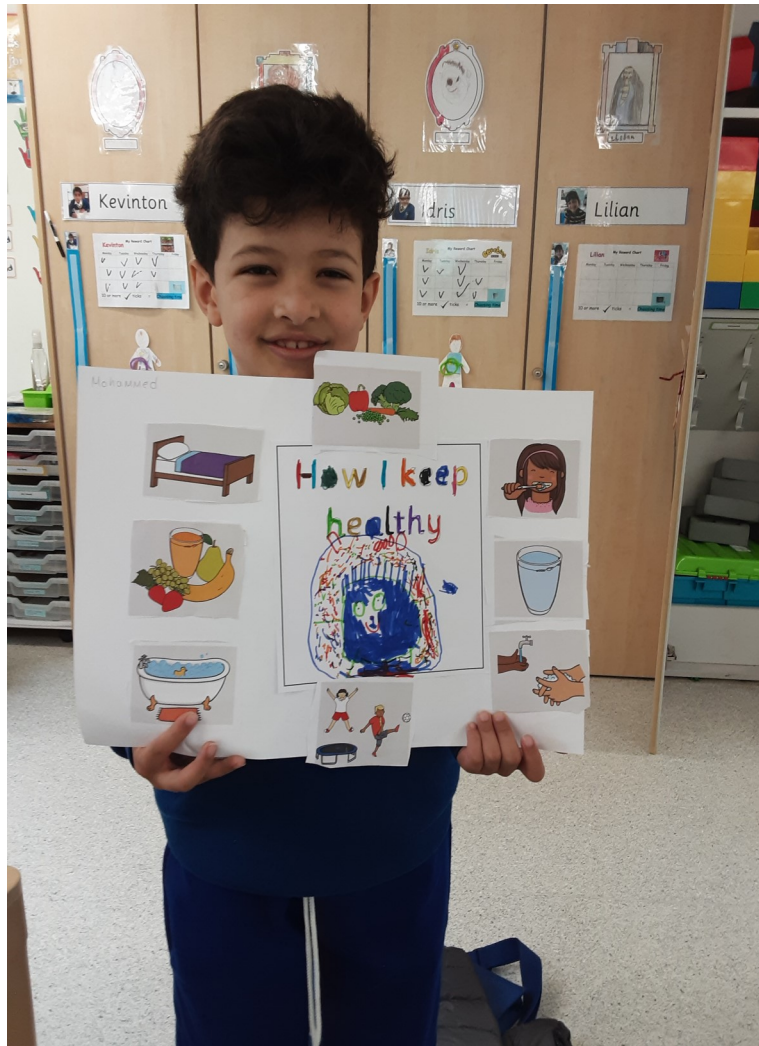
We also have a small food bank in school to support our families—please see Mrs Stangroom



Reception class enjoying 'Green Day'



Saplings 1 played a healthy choice game yesterday and made posters to show how to be healthy for green day!



Term Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021:

Wednesday 1st September 2021—Friday 17th December 2021

Staff Training Day (INSET) Wednesday 1st September 2021

Staff Training Day (INSET) Thursday 2nd September 2021

Half Term Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Last day of Autumn Term Thursday 16th December 2021 (school closes at 1.30pm)

Staff Training Day (INSET) Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022—Friday 1st April 2022

Half Term Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Staff Training Day (INSET) Monday 21st February 2022

Last day of Spring Term Friday 1st April 2022 (school closes at 1.30pm)

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022—Friday 22nd July 2022

Staff Training Day (INSET) Tuesday 19th April 2022

Half Term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Staff Training Day (INSET) Monday 6th June 2022

Last day of Spring Term Friday 22nd July 2022 (school closes at 1.30pm)

