



Earlsmead's News

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December 2023

Diary dates

January 2023

8th & 9th– INSET DAYS

10th– Pupils back 8.45am

11th & 12th– Parent and carer open sessions

12th– Swimming begins for Manuka and Meranti

22nd– Reading Workshop for parents and carers

February 2023

2nd– NSPCC Number Day

5th– Children's Mental

Health week begins

6th– Internet Safety Day

12th-16th– Half term

19th– INSET DAY

20th– Pupils back

23rd– Stand Up to Bullying

March 2023

1st– St David's Day (wear red!)

5th– Multiplication

Times Table Check- Parent Workshop

7th– World Book Day

11th– Parent Consultations

11th– British Science Week begins

14th– Pi Day

18th– Parent Consultations

See our website calendar for more dates!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! We have had two external reviews and both have come out very favourably. An Early Years expert from Cannon Lane came to review our Early Years provision on 06/11/23. She found so many amazing things happening in our Nursery and Reception classes that she said she'd like to bring her own staff for a visit to see us!

Also, on 07/12/23 we had a CEO review from Dr John Reavley. His activities included gate duty, observing lessons, talking to children and staff, looking at books, having lunch with the pupils and playground observations. One of the many things he found was that the ethos and relationships between staff and children were consistently EXCELLENT. I felt proud of this, as if there is one thing I want our children to know, it is that we care about them here.

Things we are continuing to work on include:

All children being in class at 8.45am.

Improved uniforms, including ties and correct Earlsmead jumpers.

Calmer play and lunch times.

Every child reading at home daily.

We have a few ideas which we are working on to address these issues and will always inform parents well in advance of any permanent changes.

We are also still looking for suitable parent governors with two places available. Please contact the front office if you think you might be able to help. Do note, this is a strategic role requiring at least one meeting per half term in school between the hours of 12pm and 2pm.

If you'd like to volunteer to help in classes, please phone the office and leave a message for Mr Safarian. We are currently looking for people to help with hearing children read and changing home readers.

Our homework project – a 3D representation of a scene from our Aaron Becker Journey trilogy – is something I am looking forward to. These will be displayed in the foyer as usual so please *RETURN* them in January.

The festive period can be a difficult time for some. If you need support during this time please always reach out.

Mind: 0300 123 3393 Samaritans: 116 123 Childline: 0800 1111

If you have a safeguarding concern, please phone:

Golden Number: 020 8901 2690 Out of Hours: 020 8424 0999

Have a wonderful and safe holiday period. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday, 10th January at 8.45am.

B. Graham

Headteacher



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Attendance



Our attendance target is 96%. We must make every effort to ensure that all children are in school everyday unless they are ill.

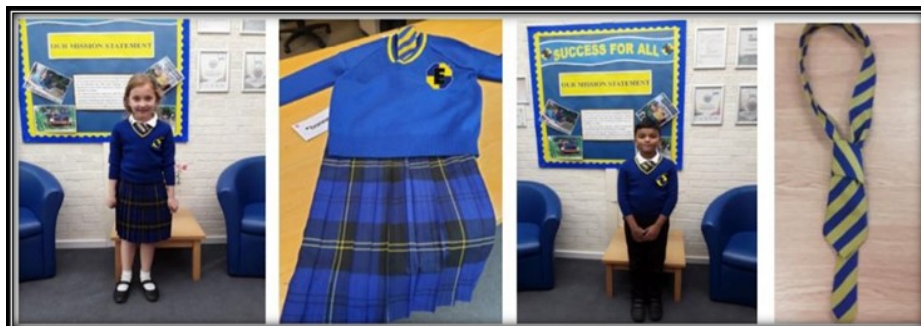
Please try to have children in classrooms by **8.45am** so they can participate in Soft Start activities.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Oaks	91.8%	Chestnuts	90.7%
Cedar	93.5%	Redwood	92.7%
Maple	89.6%	Cherry	93.9%
Ash	93.6%	Manuka	94.2%
Meranti	95.2%		
Birch	93.0%	Sycamore	92.8%
Elm	95.3%	Greenheart	94.4%

Uniform

Reminder: Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn.

Nursery	Reception to Year 6
<p>Royal blue tracksuit bottoms.</p> <p>Gold polo shirts.</p> <p>Royal blue shorts in the summer.</p> <p>Blue, gold, white or grey head scarves.</p> <p>Comfortable flat shoes or trainers.</p>	<p>Black trousers, tartan skirts.</p> <p>White cotton shirts.</p> <p>Royal blue jumpers or cardigans.</p> <p>Blue or Gold and white summer dresses.</p> <p>Blue, gold, white or grey head scarves.</p> <p>Black flat shoes.</p> <p>Grey or black socks or tights.</p>



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Achievements



Congratulations to the following children who received awards for positive behaviour for learning this half-term!

Redwood:

Nawaf
Advit
Khadeejat
Vihan
Alfia
Sobhan
Isaac
Nour

Cedar:

Ditya
Kobe
Shubh
Tina
Zion
Senudi
Hrishan



Cherry:

Kanesha
Arun
Nel
Aarav
Joshua
Sofia M
Saleem
Emma

Maple:

Robert
Rachael
Sirij
Natali
Omar
Kyle
Keashvi



Meranti:

Nour
Ali
Edon
Sofhia
Jake
Jacob

Birch:

Lilian
Raman
Vinit
Mehria
Isaac
Faris

Sycamore:

Lucy
Maryam
Ruman
Yagana
Manan
Rimas



Ash:

Carla
Aykub
Naomi
Victoria
Mustafa
Prakriti
Albert
Alia
Jimmy
Zerya

Manuka:

Oskar
Amina
Sharbika
Faris
Ameen
Hajra
Filip
Tahib
Sakina
Kelvin

Greenheart:

Samigan
Pari
Charmi
Muna
Heda
Zainab

Elm:

Sarah
Saihaan
Sylvia
Rudra
Ghofran
Eli



Earlsmead Sports Page



We played Newton Farm in our first netball match this academic year. We are very proud of how the team performed.



Year 10 children from Rooks Heath High school organised some fun activities for our year 1 children.



Mr Marshall's Christmas Reading Challenge

Earlsmead are challenging your children to read at least 10 books over the Christmas holidays. If they achieve this and show us the certificate, we will give you 10 dojo points as a reward. Here is the website for you to sign up. wintermini.org.uk



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Earlsmead were extremely lucky to have a visit from British gymnast, Steve Frew. Each class took part in a challenging (but hugely fun) fitness carousel. Everyone had a great time participating- even the teachers! Steve spoke to us all in assembly about how he never gave up on his dream to become a successful athlete and how being resilient and working hard got him where he is today. He finished the assembly by demonstrating some of his incredible skills; we were all very impressed!



British Gymnastic
Steve Frew



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Fit4Life Harrow Charter

Here at Earlsmead Primary School, we believe that the health and well-being of the children is paramount. We pledge to ensure that your children will have access to all of the statements in the charter. We ask that you and your families make the same pledge so your children can be happy and healthy whether they are at school or at home!

Fit4Life Harrow Charter

Primary School Charter			Family Charter		
Schools pledge to:			Families pledge to:		
 Include health and fitness at the centre of our curriculum	 Provide healthy food across the school day	 Ensure all packed lunches are healthy	 Reduce the amount of sugary foods and drinks	 Provide healthy snacks at the end of the school day	 Exercise with children outside of school for at least 30 mins a day (Active 30:30)
 Complete the school's part of Active 30:30 (an extra 30 minutes of exercise a day)	 Achieve the Healthy Schools London Award	 Ensure that interventions are in place to support pupil mental health and wellbeing	 Sign-up and regularly attend an NHS Dentist and ensure children brush teeth at least twice a day	 Ensure children are up to date with vaccinations	 Talk each day to children about how they are feeling and how their day went

Fit4Life Harrow | HEALTHY HARROW | LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Holiday Homework Project: Return Diorama

Save your boxes over Christmas, as we'd like the children to make a diorama of any scene from any of the books. Any sized box will do! You can also attach a book review or some writing to the outside of the box. Teachers will choose some of these dioramas to display in the front office for every visitor to see when they come to the school.

You can watch the book here (it has no words): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZSmS_PFIIM



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Book Week– Return by Aaron Becker

Our Book Week focused on the finale of Aaron Becker's wordless trilogy 'Return'. As a surprise, staff decorated classroom doors and corridors throughout the whole school. The children produced some truly outstanding creative art work and writing based on this final magical adventure. You can see some of this wonderful work displayed in our school hall.



Saplings Autumn Walk

On Thursday 16th November 2023, Saplings classes went on an autumn walk at Eastcote House Gardens.

We travelled to the gardens on the 282 bus. On the way it came quickly, but on the way back we had to wait a long time.



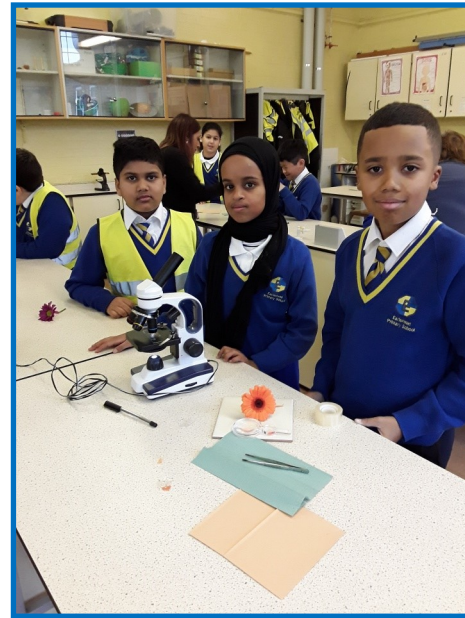
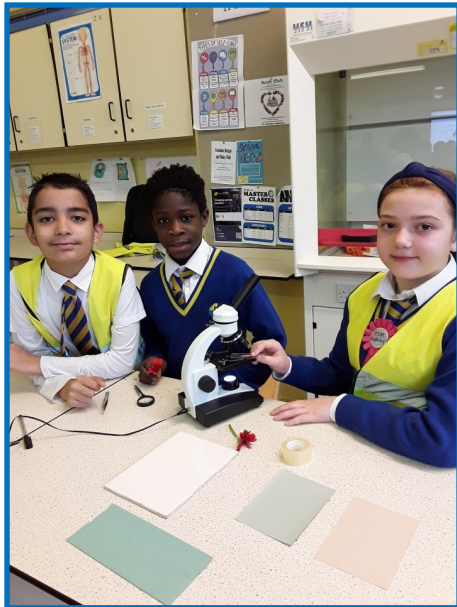
We each enjoyed throwing a leaf into the river and watching it travel from one side of the bridge to the other.



The best part of our trip was having time to play in the many leaves. We kicked them and threw them up into the air.



Year 5 being scientists for the day at Rooks Heath



Tudor Workshop



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Year 2 Trip to Wisley Gardens



Reception wrote letters to Santa and walked to the post box to post them.



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Dressing the Tree Assembly



The Nativity



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2023 Christmas Fair



A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who made donations to our 2023 Christmas Fair. The hall was transformed into a magical Christmas Winter Wonderland full of awe and wonder. The children visited Father Christmas in his grotto, played a range of fun festive games, and bought fabulous gifts and treats for themselves and others to enjoy. What a perfect way to end the Autumn term.



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Safeguarding Updates

This half term, Safeguarding assemblies were held for KS1 and KS2.

- Talk to your children about some of these questions to test their memory!
- Who are some of the people who keep you safe in school?
- What do the different coloured lanyards mean (blue, purple, red, green)?
- What is Bubble Time?

Safer Primary Schools Officer

Earlsmead Primary School will be running additional jointly planned projects with the Harrow Safer Schools Police Team. Our Safer Schools Police Officer is PC Mitchell and he regularly visits our school. Working with the Safer Schools Team is standard practice across all schools in the borough.

This Term PC John Mitchell gave a special assembly to Year 6 pupils on “Making Right Choices” and also held a parent/carers workshop on How to keep your child safe online.



TIPS TO KEEP KIDS SAFE ONLINE



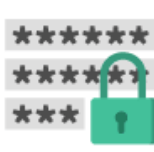
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EDUCATE
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LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

What to do if your child is absent.

CALL US ON 0208 864 5546 BEFORE 9.30AM

ON FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE.

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!



What to do if your child is late for school.

OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8.45am. Gate opens at 8.40am.

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 8.45am. 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



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.

At Earlsmead we monitor children who are late to school and the frequency this occurs. In cases where a child persistently arrives at school after the register is closed (8:55am) and has received 8 Unauthorised Late Marks within a period of 10 weeks in term time, an Educational Penalty Notice (EPN) from the London Borough of Harrow will be issued.



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EARLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for volunteers to help organise fundraising events. We always need extra hands to put on events, setting up, running stalls etc..

You can give as much as your time or as little, we are always grateful for any help we receive.

*Email school@earlsmead.harrow.sch.uk
or via ClassDojo.*

*Alternatively, come and see me after
school. I am based in Saplings 2 (Mrs
Kaur)*

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Wrap Around Care



Earlsmead's Breakfast Club and After School Club



Earlsmead provides a fun, safe and friendly environment managed by our professional and caring staff, helping children develop to their full potential through social, physical and intellectual play.



Breakfast Club
Monday – Friday
8.00 – 8.45am
£3.60 a morning
(Breakfast included)

After School Club
Monday - Friday
3.15 – 5.00pm
£3.60 an hour

For more information, please contact the school office or call on 02088645546



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Packed Lunches

Earlsmead are working towards our silver and gold Healthy Schools Award.

As part of this we are working on dental and physical health,
of which a healthy diet is part of.

A healthy packed lunch should consist of :

The main lunchbox item should be bread, rice, pasta, potatoes or rice. Choose wholegrain where you can.

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day.

Pick lower-fat fillings – like lean meats (including chicken or turkey), fish (such as tuna or salmon), lower-fat spread, reduced-fat cream cheese and reduced-fat hard cheese. And try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.



Always add fruit or vegetables. Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Tinned fruit and dried fruit counts too!



For a sweet treat try adding malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit. Pop in low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurts or fromage frais and add your own fruit.



Please **DO NOT** pack any fizzy drinks, chocolate or crisps as they are ok for treat foods but not a healthy packed lunch.

DO NOT pack any foods containing nuts.



Drinks are really important. They should be water, milk or a small amount of fruit juice. No fizzy drinks or squash as they have too much sugar in them.

For more information go to

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Please remember for the safety of the children, we are a nut free school.

Lunches should not include any food containing nuts eg. biscuits, cakes, or chocolate spreads like Nutella as many contain nuts.



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