

Newsletter 01.12.2023

The Small School With The Big Heart

We are an inspiring learning community with high expectations, where all feel safe and happy and everybody has the opportunity to unlock and realise their potential

Our minds are like our stomachs; they are whetted by the change of their food, and variety supplies both with fresh appetites

Plutarch, C.100 CE

Dear Families,

Today marks the first day of advent, when Christians look forward to the birth of Jesus. Although not everyone in our school community is Christian, it is useful to consider what the word advent may mean to each of us. In its simplest terms, advent can be interpreted as coming into place, coming into view, coming into being or arrival. Each of the four Sundays until Christmas have themes which, regardless of our individual religious beliefs, I hope will resonate with all members of our community:

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love

Over the coming weeks, I encourage you all to think about the advent of something which makes you hopeful, something which brings you peace, something to find joy in and finally, to surround yourself with your loved ones and take heart in their company.



The Eco Team were able to share some terrific news with Chiswick W4 today – we are officially NET ZERO in terms of our energy usage in school. Even in the depths of winter, we are currently generating and exporting more energy from our solar panels than we are using. This has had a huge impact on our carbon emissions. The latest information from the dashboards shows that we have reduced our carbon emissions by 11,372 kg – the equivalent of planting 688 trees.

Next week, Years 3 & 4 will temporarily relocate to the Art Room and the Cooking Rooms so that the FOWHS team are able to begin decorating and preparing for Friday's Christmas Fair. If you have a couple of hours spare where you would be able to offer some help, do please contact your year group rep — I know they would really appreciate it. Next week we are also looking forward to our school Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save The Children.

Following my recent meeting with Let's Leap, please keep your eyes open for a survey about your needs in terms of breakfast and after school care. Let's Leap are reporting a significant fall in take-up this year and we are keen to explore what is and isn't working for our school community, so that we can continue to meet your needs. Please share your thoughts and your feedback with us.

Not only is it the festive season, it is also the season for all things cold, sniffly and sneezy! If your child is well enough, please send them into school. If they are unwell with a high fever or chest infection for example, please ensure they get plenty of rest and fluids until they are well enough to return. Where children are in school, we assume that they are fit and well enough to participate in the entire national curriculum, including PE. PE lessons include swimming (a statutory requirement for primary pupils in maintained schools). If your child is not well enough to participate in PE, please

consider whether they are really well enough to be in school. Do ensure that you get a note from the doctor excusing them from PE for a specific time period where necessary.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Stockley

Messages and Updates







DATES FOR 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

DECEMBER

Monday 4th – LBH Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 6th - PE Skills Fest - Year 2

Thursday 7th - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Friday 8th

Year 5 & 6 theatre trip at the Tabard - Secret Garden

Christmas Fair from 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th

Year 1 to 6 theatre trip at the Watermans theatre - Christmas Panto, The Pixie & The Pudding

LBH Height, weight & vision checks – Reception

Thursday 14th – Sing Education Christmas Singalong with a special performance from our choir club. All parents are invited to attend at 9.10am for approximately 1 hour.

Friday 15th - KS1 Nativity - Year 1 & 2 at 9.15am. Parents are invited to attend.

Monday 18th – Rocksteady Christmas Concert at 10am. Parents are invited to attend.

Tuesday 19th - EYFS Christmas Show - Nursey & Reception at 9.15am. Parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday 20th – Celebration of Learning Event – Whole School

Thursday 21st - KS2 Christmas Songs at 9am. Parents are invited to attend.

Thursday 21st – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – COLLECTION AT 1.30PM



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Friday 19th **January** - Year 1 & Year 2 cake sale at 3:30pm

Wednesday 31st January - Bingo Night

Friday 1st **March** – Reception class cake sale at 3.30pm

Monday 4th **March** – Police visit (What the police do (EYFS & KS1)

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March – Science week

Attendance and Punctuality

Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December 2023

CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY NUMBER OF LATES
RECEPTION ROTHKO	91.5%	1
1 MONDRIAN	92.7%	10
2 MATISSE	100%	4
3 PICASSO	97%	9
4 BLAKE	95.3%	5
5 SHONIBARE	98.3%	2
6 RILEY	95.3%	2

Stars of the week - WB 27.11.23

Ambitious

To all our stars: It is lovely to see your *happy* faces light up the school.

Class	Star(s) of the week	Description	
Mondrian	Ubah	Ubah consistently shows ambition in her learning by asking good questions and can independently use Fred talk when writing. She has also shown impressive initiative by organising a dance for the upcoming nativity. She is an amazing team player! Well done Ubah!	
Matisse	Arla	We have been creating our own picture books in year 2 as part of our writing for pleasure lessons and Arla has been working so creatively to create an original picture book. Her determination and desire to become not only an author but an illustrator has really been a pleasure to be a part of. Well done, Arla for having such ambition.	
Picasso	Xandria	Xandria has been very ambitious this week. She did a great job presenting her show and tell and has been improving her communication skills.	
Blake	Lucio	Lucio has shown great ambition in his work recently. He has improved so much in his writing since the beginning of the year. He has grown in confidence and his eagerness to become a better writer is paying off. He's also showing great ambition in his football to become a real star!	
Shonibare	Tiannah	Tiannah has shown great dedication and ambition in her class work this week. Well done Tiannah!	
Riley	Vansh	Vansh has been very ambitious this entire half-term! I have been so impressed with the way he has tried to better himself. He has shown great progress in his learning and has been completing extra homework to try and improve. Well done!	

Riley Class Newsletter

We have been incredibly busy in Riley Class these last few weeks! We have taken part in a Wasps FC Rugby tournament, visited Wishmas and taken part in No Pens Day!







Year 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to be invited to a tag rugby tournament at Wasps Fc. We had not experienced much tag rugby previously and were initially quite nervous. However, after our first game we found our stride! We were able to eventually win two games! We received a medal for our excellent team spirit and contributions.





Some of Year 6 were fortunate enough to visit the Wishmas Experience! We had a great day full of magic and wonder. We had lunch by the London Eye and got to experience the Southbank!



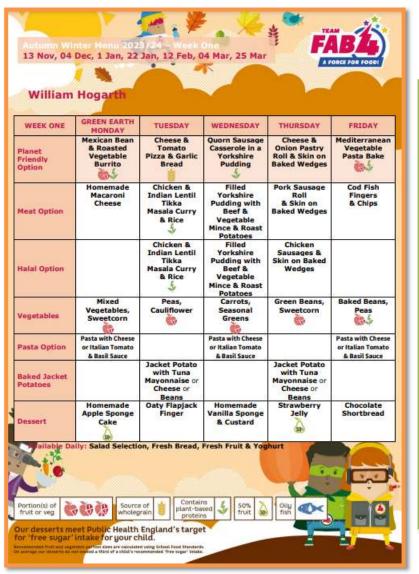


We took part in No Pens Day this week, we spent a lot of time talking and working collaboratively. During maths we worked on volume, creating shapes with cubes and finding out the volume. We also brought in an item for 'Show and Tell'. The children took turns presenting their item to the class. It was so great to hear from so many

children.

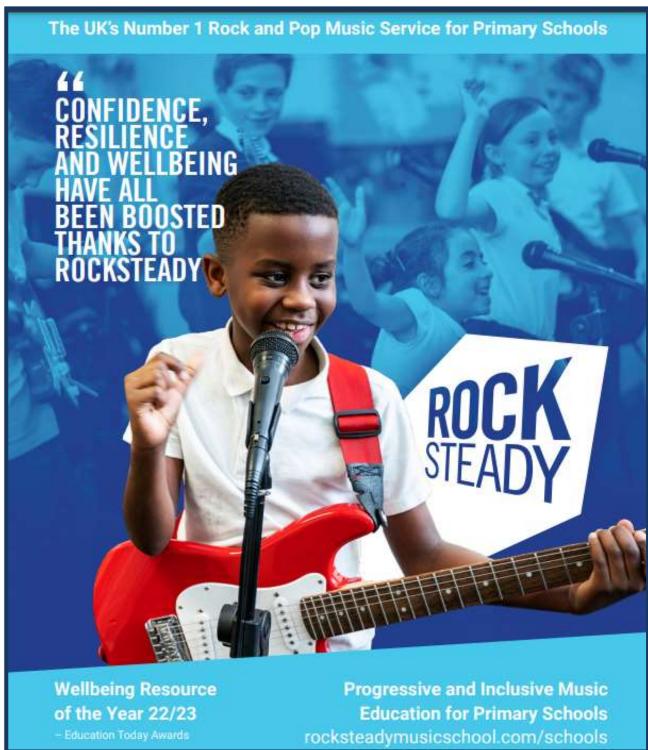


Lunch menu for week beginning 4th December 2023

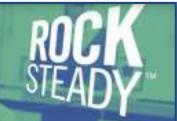








WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND FROM SEPTEMBER?



Enrol online for September today at rockstendymusicschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri

Dear Perent or Guardian,

Great news! Booking for next term is now open and there's nothing to pay until September. It's quick and easy to reserve your child's place in their very own rock and pop band by going to rocksteadymusicschool.com.

Already enrolled? Don't worry your child's place will automatically continue (unless they are moving schools). You can let us know new school details, change instrument preferences, and contact details in your Backstage account <a href="https://beckstage.rockstage.r

New to Rocksteady? Your child can enjoy learning to play music in their very own band through weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons. It's a great chance to play an instrument, develop life skills, have fun, build confidence, and boost their wellbeing. As, they progress through the Rocksteady curriculum, they will collect up to 300 different instrument, musicianship, and performance skills along the way.

Here's what you need to know:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's very inclusive and accessible.
- Your child can choose from drums, vocals, keyboard, or electric guiter (subject to availability). They'll join their band mates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where together they'll learn to play their favourite songs.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing you and their friends just how
 far they have come. You can also follow their musical journey with regular updates in your 'Backstage' account.
- Loved and trusted by thousands of schools, lessons are taught by experienced professional musicians who make
 music education fun. Your child's band leader will support and **inaptre** them, while making sure they
 progress at their own pace.
- Your child will become either a Mini Rocker (Reception to Year 2), Rock Hero (Year 3 and Year 4) or a Rock Icon (Year 5 and Year 6).
- Rocksteady lessons are hasele free with a money back guarantee for the first month. What's more you can cancel at any time.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place.

For more details on availability and cost, visit tocksteadymusicschool.com_click 'sign-up', and search for your school or cell 0390 113 0330.

Best wishes.

Rachel Hewker | Director of Education



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Rocksteady has really helped my child believe in himself and find something he is good at. It has helped to boost his confidence.

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My daughter loves her lessons and her band leader. It is the reason she dances into school on a Monday.

Catherine

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My son's confidence has changed so much since being in his band. He now loves singing in front of people and even speaking to people when he used to be so shy.

Charlle

As a musician myself, I was emotional and proud to see the progress my son has made after only a short amount of time on the drums.

Melanie

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My son is autistic and has anxiety and low confidence. Rocksteady has done such a fantastic job of reassuring him and increasing his confidence.

Sereh

We are so proud of how far she has come since starting lessons.

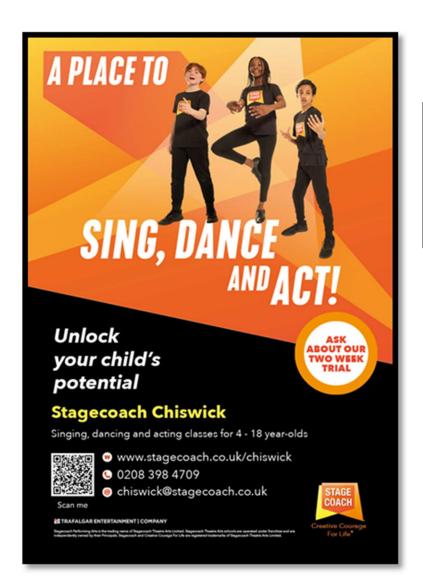
Mandy



Enrol online for September today at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-5pm Monday to Friday

*From a survey of 105 primary schools and over 1,100 parents



PianoFunClub – Please contact PianoFunClub if you would like to book your child a place for piano or guitar lessons. This is currently available from Year 1 to Year 6.

Contacts: www.pianofunclub.co.uk /

admin@pianofunclub.co.uk / Tel: 07575 530 304

Let's Leap - After School Care Provider

If you would like to make a booking for breakfast club or after school care, please visit the Let's Leap booking system (https://letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk/) to register and book the days required. Payments need to be made directly with them. Let's Leap timings and prices listed below are per child per day:

BC Session - 7.45am - 8.45am - £5.00

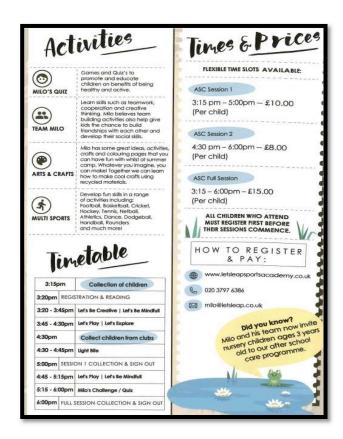
ASC Session 1 - 3.15pm - 5.00pm - £10.00

ASC Session 2 - 4.30pm - 6.00pm - £8.00

ASC Full Session - 3.15pm - 6.00pm - £15.00

For all other enquiries please contact Let's Leap Sports Academy on 02037976386 or email milo@letsleap.co.uk





Financial Help

Free Money for Childcare and After-School Clubs and Holiday Camps

It is a really difficult time at the moment with bills, rent and food prices all soaring. At The William Hogarth School, we are continually looking at ways to help out our community and try to alleviate some of the pressures families are facing.

Tax -Free Childcare which is a government scheme to help working families with the costs of childcare is something that could help you with current costs. It is not only for 15/30 hours free childcare for nursery aged children (if entitled) but also includes wrap around provision such as **breakfast and after-school care** as well as **after-school clubs** for children up to the age of 11.

Tax-Free Childcare is a bank account that is set up in your child's name and for every £8 you put in, the government will top up with another £2 - up to a maximum of £2000 a year. You must pay out to an organisation that is Ofsted registered - (schools and lots of sports clubs are) and then you pay for your provision through the scheme. If you earn under £100,000, it is likely that you are eligible to claim.

Check out the other eligibility criteria and sign up at https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare - it's very easy!

This can therefore be used towards our after school clubs and with Let's Leap breakfast and after school care provision.

Additional Information

Childhood Immunisation – Hounslow Public Health Team

Hounslow Public Health Team have created; Hounslow Vaccination High - the school that 'beat the bugs', a fun and friendly animation that explains in simple terms, why it is important for children to get immunised. The animation introduces the topic of herd immunity to share the importance of high overall uptake of vaccination to prevent infections spreading and explains the science behind vaccinations and their role in preventing diseases.

The video is designed to be accessible and educational, making it a valuable tool for both teachers and parents to understand the importance of immunisation.

You can watch Hounslow Vaccination High School by copying the following link in your web browser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bftSs7cIFK4







Home-Start

If you have some free time after the Christmas holidays, and you are a parent or grandparent (or have similar experience), you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hounslow 9.45am-2.30pm, on Tuesdays from 30 January to 12 March (not half-term 13 Feb). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie or Erin info@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.

Hounslow School Nursing Service



National Grief Awareness Week



2nd - 8th December 2023

National Grief Awareness Week is about bringing people together and raising awareness of support that is available to those that are grieving.

Bereavement (losing someone important to us) affects everyone in different ways, and it's possible to experience any range of emotions.

After a loss, people may feel all, some or none of these emotions:

- Sadness & depression
 - Shock or disbelief
- Numbness & denial
- Panic & confusion
- Anger or hostility
- Feeling overwhelmed
 - Relief
 - Mixed feelings

There is no right or wrong way to feel following a loss. Some people seek help immediately by showing their emotions and talking to people, others prefer to deal with things slowly, quietly or by themselves (www.mind.org)

Support Available:

www.halochildrensfoundation.org.uk
Halo Children's Foundation is a charity supporting children and their families with bereavement. They are based at the HALO play cafe in The Chimes shopping Centre, Uxbridge UB8 1GB. Many of the children they support have lost a parent, but this can be a sibling, grandparent or any loved one that has sadly died, and they support children and young people up to 18 and their family.

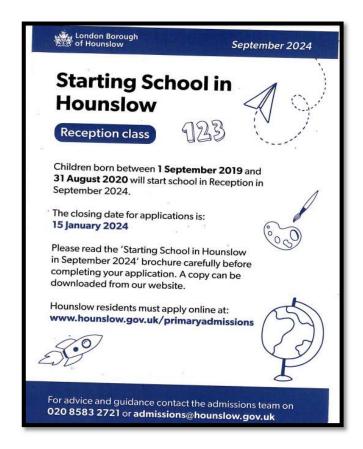
www.winstonswish.org Winston's Wish provides specialist child bereavement support services across the UK. Winston's Wish provides emotional and practical bereavement support to children, young people and those who care for them. Their expert teams offer one off and ongoing bereavement support and also provide online resources, specialist publications and training for professionals.

www.thegoodgrieftrust.org The Good Grief Trust is run by the bereaved for the bereaved. It offers support and advice, as well as further information regarding where to find support.

<u>www.thenbs.org/</u> The National Bereavement Service provides free practical and emotional assistance after a death.

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Reception Class and Secondary School Information





William Hogarth School Term Dates 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Term ends for pupils: Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm

Half term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023

INSET DAYS: Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 24th November 2023

Christmas holiday - Friday 22nd December to Friday 5th January 2024

SPRING TERM 2024

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 9th January 2024

Term ends for pupils: Thursday 28th March 2024

Half term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

INSET DAY: Monday 8th January 2024

Easter holiday - Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term starts for pupils: Monday 15th April

Term ends for pupils: Wednesday 24th July at 1.30pm

Half term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

INSET DAY: Monday 3rd June 2024

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

INSET DAYS: 2023 - 2024

School is closed to pupils for staff training: Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023 Friday 24th November 2023 Monday 8th January 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024