

Hanover Newsletter

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Hanover wins science award

Over the past 12 months, everyone at Hanover has been working very hard to improve our science learning. An action plan was created in order to achieve this, hoping that we might gain a Primary Science Quality Mark. Staff and children have particularly focussed on investigation during this time and encouraging lots of questioning along with practical science. There have been science trips, and whole phase science days which the children have really enjoyed. It has been great to see them moving from viewing science as "something that clever people do" towards "I'm a scientist; EVERYONE is!". There has certainly been a buzz around the school relating to our learning in this area.

Last week we were given the news that Hanover has been awarded a Silver Primary Science Quality Mark! Well done and thank you to Science Manager, Kathryn and to all the children and staff who have made this possible.

Our trip to London Zoo

When I woke up on the morning, I felt super excited. Today we were going to the amazing ZSL London zoo and I could not wait. When we finally arrived at Hanover Primary School, a lot of children had already arrived.

When everyone had been to the toilet, collected their coats and bags and sat down, Kate took the register and counted all the parents that had decided to come along on the trip. After a good few minutes of walking, we took an immense, cramped bus to Regents Park.

When we finally arrived at the zoo, Blue class trudged 'Into Africa' and there we saw two Pigmy Hippos; one called Nicky and one called Thug. When we had been looking at them for a long time, I wandered over to a sign which read 'Pigmy Hippo vs. Common Hippo: a common hippo weighs around 10 sumo wrestlers but a Pigmy Hippo only weighs 1'.

When everyone in my group had finished goggling at the Pigmy Hippos, we slouched over to the giraffes. There was something about them that made my mouth fall open. Their tongues! They were grey! Did you know that?

After goggling at the zebras for a while we walked out of 'Into Africa' and guess what we saw? The attendance monkey's family! Imagine what he would say if he saw this?

Kate had told us to meet at the zoo theatre so that's where we went. When we arrived, we sat down on the bench. After a few minutes, Kate put me into the poop zone. Oh no... However, I did not get pooped on 'Phew!' and the show was marvellous. When it was over, we ran like the wind towards the lunch hall.

After a very rushed lunch, my group headed to 'Animal Adventure', to have a quick adventure, It was time for most of Blue class (not me) to go home. We had a class photo and then, after a glorious day, we finally went back to school. By Cosima



Farewell to Holly

As many of you will now know, Holly's baby is expected in July and she will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Holly and her husband are relocating out of London and so, very sadly, Holly will not be returning to Hanover after her maternity leave. Holly has been one of the Hanover team for nearly 8 years having started here as a volunteer teaching assistant and going on to train as a teacher shortly afterwards. She has been a fantastic teacher and staff member and we will miss her very much. Best of luck with the baby and your new life in the country, Holly!

Dates for your diary

Fabulous Dragons

Well done to all the children who designed, drew, painted or constructed a dragon for St. George's Day. These are all displayed in the school foyer and look wonderful!



Hanover's Got Talent 2016

A fantastic line-up of eight very different acts entertained us brilliantly on Friday night. Congratulations to all this year's finalists and to The Revolting Children who the audience voted as the 2016 winners. Many thanks as ever go to Nicky and Jade for their fantastic organisation of this event, to Kate for being an excellent compere and to the HSA and other parent volunteers who cooked, served and cleared up after this wonderful evening. Your hard work and dedication make these events possible and great fun for us all.

Roof Playground

In the Governors' Premises Committee meeting last week, we discussed the roof playground and the difficulties that the space presents for quality play activities apart from football. We would welcome any ideas that families might have to improve opportunities on the roof (bearing in mind budget limitations!) - Many thanks

30th May—3rd June	Half Term Week
6th June—5th July	Ramadan
Wednesday 8th June	Class photos
Monday 13th June	Nursery and Reception Sports Day in Rosemary Gardens
Tuesday 14th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day on Highbury Fields
Wednesday 15th June 3.40pm	Secondary Transfer meeting for year 5 parents
Thursday 16th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Day in Rosemary Gardens
21st, 22nd June	Sponsored Bounce
Saturday 2nd July 1-4pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 6th July	Years 3 and 4 to Kew Gardens
Friday 8th July	Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park
July 8th -14th	Enterprise Week
Thursday July 14th 3-4.30pm	Enterprise Fair
Monday July 18th	Year 6 show performed to Year 6 parents/carers
Tuesday July 19th 4-5.30pm	Opportunity for parents to discuss end of year reports with teachers
Wednesday July 20th	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday July 20th	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

Purple Class	93.6	Attendance figures Since September. 96% is considered "good".
Pink Class	93.1	
Red Class	94.6	
Orange Class	96.1	
Green Class	96.3	
Yellow Class	95.6	
Blue Class	95.8	
Indigo Class	94.7	
Bronze Class	96.1	
Silver Class	94.4	
Gold Class	95.9	
Total	95.2	

Term time leave

As you are all aware, we are not able to authorise term time leave except in exceptional circumstances. Not being aware of school holiday dates or last minute or cheaper bookings outside of holiday times do not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria. Please also try to keep children's appointments, such as to the doctor or the dentist, to out of school hours. As you can see by the attendance table here, current attendance at Hanover is falling far from 'good' and this really does need to improve.

Well done and thank you to all the children and their families who make sure that they are good or better attenders. All evidence shows that children's good attendance at school has a significant impact on their future success!