



PPINS NEWS

April 2019



This has been a great last term for Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School. The children have had a variety of experiences over the term and have developed their skills, knowledge and understanding across a wide range of topics. I am always impressed with how enthusiastically the children engage in their learning, and how eager they are to share their developments, successes and opinions with me when they see me around school. I also enjoy talking to you, the parents, about what your children have been doing and their progress, and seeing the pride you take in your child's development is great.

Thank you for all the support and kind words you have given me over my first term as Acting Headteacher, I look forward to continuing and expanding the role across the whole age range, in collaboration with Mr English, over the next term.

I hope you all have a great holiday, whatever you are doing, and enjoy some relaxing times with your children. I look forward to seeing the children come back after Easter refreshed and ready for some challenges and some exciting experiences over the next term.

Margaret Tait
Acting Headteacher

Skipping

The Skipping Workshops this term were a huge success and the children are now enjoying skipping at playtime, either on their own or with other children using a longer rope. They learnt skills rapidly on the day and are eager to improve these skills further through regular practise. There are many reasons to encourage the children to skip more including: getting out in the fresh air; strengthening their muscles; controlling their breathing; developing perseverance.

Comic Relief

It was lovely to see everyone wearing red on the 15th March and even better to find out that **£371** was raised.

Recent events in school

The Reception children took great pride in, and thoroughly enjoyed, performing a selection of songs for their parents in their Spring Assembly, and especially sharing the food they had made for Postman Pat's Birthday.

The Year 2 area was invaded by child sized animals on Wednesday. The children spent the day carrying out a selection of activities in different habitats—Arctic, a jungle, the ocean and Australia.

Year 1 children became explorers for the day and went on an expedition around the school grounds then wrote blogs about their experience.



The Nursery children had a visit from the police, don't panic they weren't under arrest!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 23rd Apr—Staff training day, no children in school
- 24th Apr—Children return to school
- 29th Apr—PPPTA Bag2school collection
- 1st & 2nd May—Drama4all workshops
- 6th May—Bank Holiday, school closed
- 10th May—Class photographs
- 27th–31st May—Half term, school closed

*On occasions, dates have to be altered—if for any reason this happens, we will give as much advance warning as possible.
Check dates on our website*

www.pinnerparkinfant.harrow.sch.uk

Pinner Park Primary School

On the first day back after Easter, Wednesday 24th April for the children, we will be opening as **Pinner Park Primary School**. We are planning some events within school to mark the occasion but will wait until September, when Mr Waldron starts as the new Headteacher, to have a Grand Opening ceremony.

Mr English and I will be working closely together over the Summer Term, as we have already started doing this term, to ensure the schools come together successfully as one. We each want to ensure that the best practices from our current schools are maintained, shared and spread across the whole school. Therefore I am always pleased to get your opinions about what works well from the families' point of view so please let me know by either coming for a chat or sending an e-mail to the school office.

There will be a new Pinner Park Primary School website launching very soon with the address <https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk> so please look out for the changes. For a short time, you will be redirected to this site if you put in the old address. We will do our very best to keep the website completely up-to-date and hope that you will use it more regularly to get information.

Over the coming term, we will be setting up stronger communication systems to enable us to share information more efficiently using texts and messaging services.

For the time being, please continue to follow the current routines and procedures for day-to-day matters e.g. report absences and requesting leave etc. Each site will retain its current phone numbers and the children will be using the same access routes.

New Parent Governors

Following our recent request for Parent Governors to join the reconstituted Governing Body for Pinner Park Primary School, we are pleased to welcome the following parents: Bijal Ahmed

Samir Dhalla

Renna Shah

Rehna Tanna

REMINDERS

- Children must be brought into their playground in the morning by an adult, who must stay in the playground until the bell rings at 8.50 and the class teacher comes out to collect the class.
- Children must keep off the climbing equipment and their bikes/scooters before and after school to ensure their own and others' safety.
- Keep checking your child's hair, headlice spread between children very easily and any child can pick them up. Look for evidence, the tiny nits (eggs) and use special shampoo and a fine comb to get them out.
- After school clubs continue to run regardless of weather conditions, if required, they use space within school for theoretical learning. You will be called if they are cancelled for any reason.

TRAFFIC ISSUES!

We are having an increasing number of incidents and near misses involving cars at drop-off and pick-up time. To keep OUR children safe we ask you to please:

- Walk to school if at all possible, or at least park further away, the exercise will be very beneficial to your child;
- Car share / give other families lifts to cut down the number of cars outside school;
- Use the voluntary one way system to enable a constant flow of traffic past the school;
- Park in the legal, allocated areas NOT on the white zig-zag lines so blocking views of the zebra crossing or the yellow zig-zag lines so blocking the road right outside school;
- Park safely THEN let your children out of the car and escort them into their playground.

If everyone follows these requests, the roadways outside school will be clearer and safer for YOUR children.

