



The Phoenix Flyer

September 2021

WEMBLEY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Like the phoenix we rise to our challenges, strengthen our learning and shine in our community

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the term. I am impressed with the way in which children are focusing on their learning and enjoying being back in the playground with their year group. We have resumed some pre-covid school routines and activities including year group assemblies in the hall and year groups having lunch together. After school clubs will start again this term although initially with a limited number.

I would like to remind our families that attendance at school is now again mandatory. Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is the need for children to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. We know that lockdowns have impacted on this and it is now so important that children regularly attend school. We ask that any holidays are booked in the school holidays. Leave outside of the holidays will not be authorised. A reminder that the school gates open at 8:30 a.m. and the register is taken at 8:50 a.m. The school gates close at 8.50am

The children are now again following a broad and balanced curriculum. We are fortunate to have specialist teachers for a number of the foundation subjects - Art, Music, PE and Computing (years 1-6). This year we have also appointed a Spanish Teacher - Ms Perez for all classes in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6).

We look forward to working closely with parents again this year. Curriculum information can be found on our website. We have also emailed out to parents year group curriculum letters. In addition the class teacher information clips are on both google classroom and the website. We will resume parent workshops this term at school. We will repeat these to ensure smaller number of parents attend each workshop. The Parent Forum will have its first meeting on Friday 8th October at 10am via Zoom. Details of the meeting will be sent to members of the parent forum via email. This is a group of volunteer parents who meet with Mrs Pindoria and other members of the school team to discuss different aspects of the school and look at how we can improve further. If you are interested in joining this parent group please contact Mrs Pindoria (Assistant Headteacher) at the following email: learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk

We have taken on board the views of parents in relation to Teacher/Parent meetings and for our first one this year (Monday 1st November) we will offer both online meetings through School Cloud and meetings in person at the school. Please ensure you have completed the survey sent to you via text to indicate how you would like to meet your child's class teacher. We hope this meets the needs of all our parents.

Kind regards,
Mrs Taylor-Kent
Headteacher

Key Dates

Week beginning Monday 18th October Nasal Flu Reception-Year 6-details to follow

Thursday 21st October- Target Sheets sent home with children Years 1-6

Friday 22nd October Individual and sibling photographs

Monday 25th-Friday 29th Half Term

Monday 1st November-School Closed to children. Teacher/Parent Meetings

Tuesday 2nd November-Start of half-term

PARKING: Please make sure that our neighbours' pathways are kept clear at the start and end of the day.

EYFS

Pupils in EYFS have settled in beautifully. Nursery and Reception have been busy exploring their environments and making new friends.

We hope parents are enjoying seeing pictures of their children learning in our Early Years environment through the Tapestry app. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unable to log on.



Years 3 & 4

Year 3 Have been enjoying outdoor learning in their Science topic, Our Changing World. We have been observing plants, seeds and leaves. In RE, they have been observing religious buildings around our local area. And in history, children are enjoying learning about the Stone Age.

We have been so pleased with the way the children have started year 4. They have produced some excellent work and have shown a positive attitude to their work. The 6-choice-challenge homework can be found on the school website under News, Year 4. Could you please also ensure that your child is able to log onto their Google Classrooms as work and messages are also put on here. If you have any questions then please ask the class teachers.

Great news! We have achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools!

Dear Parents

We hope you had a restful summer break and welcome you and your children back to school. You will soon receive a parent questionnaire which we kindly ask you to complete. This will give us great insight into how your child has settled back at school, in their new year group with their new teacher.

The wellbeing and mental health of your children is very important to us. We are here to help you and your family and if you have any concerns around your child's wellbeing please feel free to email us on new-parents@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk for EYFS and learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk for KS1 & KS2.

Years 1 & 2

Year 1 have really settled into their classes and have been busy learning all about their senses in Science, consolidating their numbers in Maths, looking at the story of the Stickman in English and learning about childhood in History. They have so much fun bringing in their teddy bears for a teddy bears picnic too!

In Year 2, children have been looking at place value using deines and other resources to support them in our Maths. They have also been looking at greater than and less than. In Literacy we will be writing our own story based on the wonderful book, Lila and the secret of rain. In History we have been looking at significant people from the past with a special focus on Martin Luther King and Mary Seacole which will be covered further during Black History Month.



Years 5 & 6

Year 5 have returned to school with a mature and sensible attitude. They are busy learning about the history of Wembley, which includes how the stadium has changed over time. We hope to visit the stadium at some point in the term. Your teachers will notify you of the dates. Y5 are also enjoying the story 'Journey to Jo'burg'. It has produced some interesting discussions and questions, and pupils are showing great empathy for the once unjust social system in SA.

Year 6 are preparing to take on the challenges they face this year. They have completed practice SATs. Please can we ask parents not to give their children past papers, as we use them in school to assess your child's progress. Teachers are impressed with the quality of learning across the year group and are confident this will continue.

BRENT FOODBANK

The school will again be collecting food for the Brent Foodbank Appeal.

<https://brent.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> gives an updated list of the products they would most like to collect.



Some of you may have seen the sign for the Brent Foodbank in Asda;

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tinned fruit & veg
Tinned fish
Tinned soup
Tinned tomatoes
Pasta sauce
Tinned meat
Rice pudding & custard
Long-life milk & juice
Jams & spreads
Toiletries

I am sure you'll agree that this is a very worthwhile cause.

Items can be brought into the school hall from the week beginning 27th September, until the 5th October.

Arts Timeline

I am sure, by now, that you have seen our wonderful new Arts Timeline outside Year 2. Through discussion with parents, children and staff, we came up with the idea to promote the arts in Wembley Primary School.

The video, as to how the timeline came fruition, can be found on this link;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJr9I_IxVVQ and on our website.

We can't wait for the children to use it in their lessons and develop their love of the arts.

