



The Phoenix Flyer

WEMBLEY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support since the start of term. It has been wonderful to see our children back in school, in classrooms with their friends learning. The staff have been so impressed with the way in which children have managed the transition back into school.

There may be times that children will have to continue their learning at home-if they are self isolating or their class bubbles are sent home. We have continued to develop our online provision so that it matches school provision. We are currently launching google classroom. I know some families may be familiar with this platform since secondary schools often use it. This platform will not only allow teachers to set online learning and upload teaching videos, but also the ability to respond to work completed in a timely manner. At the moment, our computing lead Miss Haines is supporting children in class with accessing google classroom and teaching them how to navigate the virtual classrooms. Information will be sent out to parents next week. We aim to have google classroom set up and being used by the October half term.

It is important that if children are self-isolating then they must complete the online learning (unless of course they are unwell). If families are unable to access the learning for any reason, then please contact the school immediately-either through the learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk or by telephoning the school. We will support families in ensuring that they can access the class learning.

This term we have had to continue adapting the ways in which we would normally keep in contact with our families. We have continued to use the email address learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk for any concerns or queries regarding children's learning and welfare. Rather than 'Meet the Teacher' mornings, all teams posted information videos on the website-please take a look on the year group news pages. We are now planning our parent & teacher meetings. This year these can not obviously take place face to face. However, we feel it is important that our families have contact with teachers to discuss a child's attainment and the targets set. Therefore we are organising 10 minute telephone conversations to take place on Monday 2nd November. We will be sending home children's target sheet before the end of term. These target sheets will form the basis of teacher/parent conversations.

If you have any questions or queries, I am on the gate most days and senior members of staff are on duty in the Quad or front of school. Parents can also email or telephone the school and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

Keep safe,

Mrs Taylor-Kent

Key Dates Autumn Term 2020

October 22nd Wear it Green for Felix (see information under 'Events' on the website)

October 23rd Individual Photographs
(Please see message on the website)

Half Term 26th—30th October

Parent Day—Monday 2nd November. Children not in school

December 2nd Flu Vaccinations— Consent letters will go out after half-term

Google Classroom

We are launching Google Classrooms for Years 1-6.

Your child will have received a letter and a user guide with their username and password earlier this week.

Please ensure that your child follows the instructions on the letter to log into their Google classroom.

All homework will be set on Google Classroom every Friday after half term.

EYFS

The children in Nursery and Reception have settled in well into their classes. They have all been busy making friends and exploring their learning environment.

In Reception the children have had fun in the Nature Garden, hunting for bugs, climbing over logs, making mud pies and frog spotting!

They have also been busy learning about different artists and creating pictures in their style.



Years 3 & 4

Year 4 have settled in very well to the new term, with staff being impressed with their behaviour and attitude to learning. Please look at the Year 4 section on the website (under News) to see the Meet the Teacher videos and other information about what is going on in the year group.

As soon as we know more about the swimming sessions we will let you know.

Year 3 have settled in well in their classes. In History, they have learned lots of new facts about the Stone Age. Children have also enjoyed their computing classes with Miss Haines and some have even logged into their Google Classroom ready for the whole school launch next week.

Wembley News

Music—we hope you are enjoying the music that is being played as you come into school in the mornings. We are now getting requests from children to play some of their favourite music.

Last year, the **Felix Project** supported our families at Wembley Primary School and helped avoid food waste. They brought food every Friday that would have otherwise gone to waste.

On **Thursday 22nd October 2020**, Wembley Primary School will be holding a '**Go Green for Felix**' Day.

You need to wear any green item of clothing! It could be green socks, a green t-shirt, jumper, a green hairband.... In fact, anything **green** at all! It can be worn with your normal school uniform. Please bring in a donation of £1 which will go to the Project.

Congratulations to Mr Thomas for being the Brent winner of the Active Hero Award, for primary school P.E. teachers. A film crew will be in school after half-term to video him in action. Please return the consent form to allow for the possibility of your child being in the film.

Wellbeing at Wembley Primary

The wellbeing and mental health of our pupils and parents is very important to us. We are here to help you and your family get through challenging times you may be experiencing. If you have any concerns around your child's wellbeing please feel free to email us on:

learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk
You may also use this email to send us your ideas and views around this matter.

This term we have launched Ways to Well-being. These are nationally recognised strategies that can be used to improve everybody's wellbeing on a daily basis. All of us need to remember to— **be active, keep learning, give, connect, create, take notice.**



As you know we are currently working towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools. We appreciate your support in this process.

Years 1 & 2

Year 1 have been learning about autumn by looking at the wonderful changes in their outdoor environment. The trees around the school are beginning to shed their leaves and the school is looking very autumnal!



Year 2 have started the year by learning about Martin Luther King and Mary Seacole in their History Topic—Significant People in history. This has coincided with Black History Month so they have also been watching videos and reading about other black historical figures. Next term, children in Year 2 will sit their Phonics Screening test that children were supposed

Years 5 & 6

Year 5 returned to school with a mature and sensible attitude; they are ready to learn. They have been busy learning about the history of Wembley, which included how the stadium has changed over time. Some students have redesigned the stadium into a model version of their own, as part of their home learning. Look out for these stars in the next newsletter.

Year 6 are preparing to take on the challenges they face this year. They have completed practice SATs tests already, and we are very pleased with their results so far. Also, teachers are impressed with the quality of writing across the year group. Pupils are creating imaginative pieces, selecting language to interest and engage their readers.