



Welcome

What an exceptional and eventful school year we have had. It is wonderful to feel a sense of achievement after a year of hard work. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your unyielding efforts to motivate your children's learning and development, and the commendable hard work to support the school in so many different ways. Our heartfelt **THANK YOU!**

In May 2024, we saw our Yr 6 pupils undertake the KS 2 2024 SATs and the tremendous hard work that went with it over the years. The governors and I share our gratitude and thanks to all the teachers and staff at Hampden Gurney for their steadfast dedication, commitment and diligence.

Once again, we can proudly inform parents of the amazing results accomplished this year. The pupils' *'thirst for knowledge and high level of challenge'* was truly demonstrated in the outcomes achieved by our school leavers and is to be celebrated and commended. Congratulations to our Yr 6 pupils and all the Yr 6 staff involved in the preparation and teaching of these statutory assessments.

2024 School Leavers Destinations

College Francais Bilingue de Londres
North London Collegiate
JFS
St Marylebone Girls
St Paul's Boys
St Paul's Girls
Fulham Boys
Dulwich
Latymer Upper
University College School
Highgate
The London Oratory
City of London Boys
Grey Coat Hospital
Godolphin and Latymer
Holland Park School
Wilson's School for Boys
North Bridge House School

KS 2 SATS Results

SUBJECTS	Not Meeting Standards	Expected Standards	Greater Depth
Reading	0%	100%	70%
Writing	0%	100%	56%
Spelling & Grammar	0%	100%	85%
Mathematics	0%	100%	100%

Staffing

We say a fond farewell to Mr Ben Johnstone at the end of this term. Mr Johnstone is returning to his hometown in Yorkshire, and has secured a teaching position in a 3-form entry school as a Year 5 Teacher. All staff, pupils and parents will miss this inspirational teacher but I'm sure you will all join us to wish him our very best for a happy and most successful teaching practice.

Miss Megan Cave, will take over Yr 3, starting her first year of her ECT (Early Career Teacher), having graduated from Oxford University with a major in French and completed her PGCE at the University of Sussex. We hope that Miss Cave will enjoy our wonderful school community and achieve a successful career at Hampden Gurney.

Miss Elizabeth Hagerty, from County Durham, joins the school as the new Yr 6 classteacher. Miss Hagerty begins her first ECT year in September following her PGCE training at York University. We welcome Miss Hagerty to the school and hope that she will also enjoy the spirit of collegiality and unity here.

STAFFING STRUCTURE FOR 2024-2025		
Classes	Classteachers	Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Rachael Brown	Callie Mendoca Debbie Mulloy
Reception	Stefani Tsoli	Marian Lyons and Selma Fitwi
Year 1	Robyn Broaders	Joy Cobacha
Year 2	Liam Perkins-Edge	Jenny Cabarillos
Year 3	Megan Cave	Theresa Kennedy
Year 4	Hannah Shin (2 ½ days) Danelle Wessels (2 ½ days till December 2024) Irina Panas (2 ½ days from Jan 2025)	Juan Eden-Brown
Year 5	Andrew McIntyre	Randa Chafi
Year 6	Elizabeth Hagerty	Jane Lee
Support teachers	Evelyn Chua Eva Valverde Pravesh Sangha	

Beauty and the Beast

6 June 2024

Musical performances and opportunities are now playing a leading role in helping pupils to improve their knowledge and confidence in the performing arts. Musical activities encourage pupils to explore their emotions, expand their imagination and help them develop their own unique voices and acting potential. These performances are such a validation of our school's exceptional standards in drama, music and creativity, but also provides such great entertainment and pleasure for parents, friends and the whole school community to enjoy.

The musical performance of *Beauty and the Beast* also displayed great depth of learning achieved by the children involved. The Curriculum Intent were to:

- Improve attention, focus and ability to concentrate
- Build self-esteem, confidence, creativity and resilience
- Support developing language, communication and self-expression
- Encourage social and emotional development, through team work and collaboration
- Raise empathy and emotional intelligence
- Boost learning in many other areas of the curriculum

Our Music Soiree production this year was the most ambitious music project I have worked on to date. All our work and effort paid off enormously on the night however - the children put on a marvellous show and I was so proud to lead them all to such success. As well as showcasing a

broad range of talents, we raised approximately £6500 with a single donation of £2000, to replace our aged PCs in the ITC Suite. We expect the new PCs to arrive in time for the start of the school year in September.

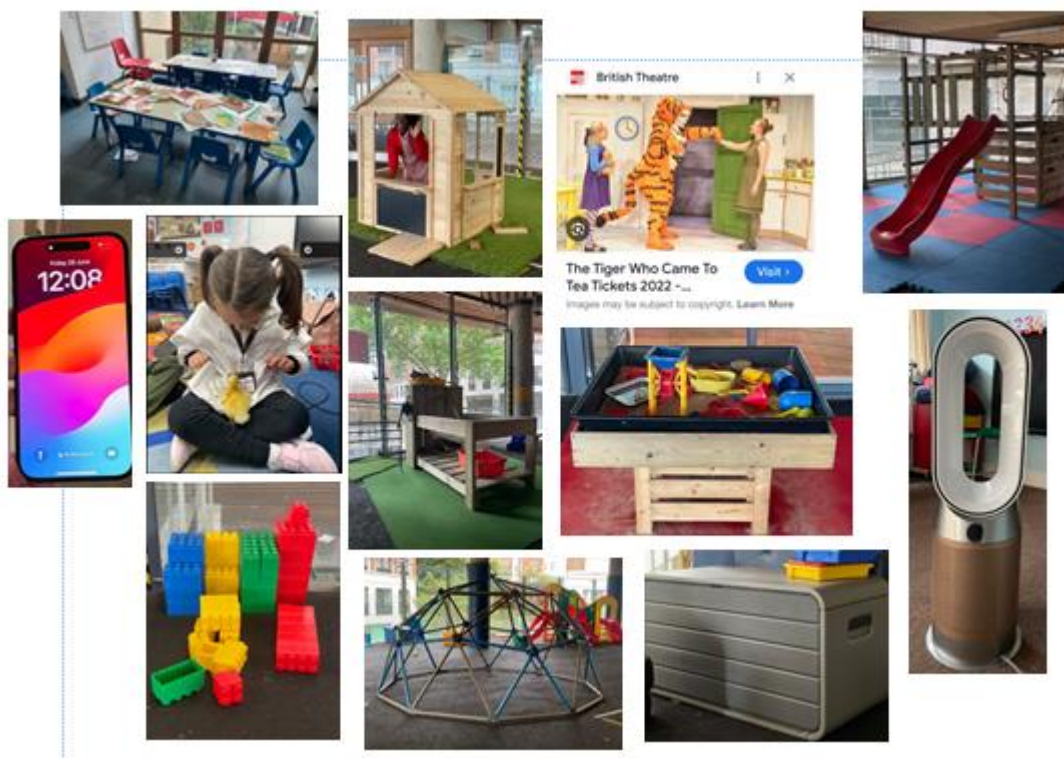




PTA fundraising

Our fundraising efforts have been well complemented by all the tireless work done by the PTA. The cakes sales, uniform sales, movie nights, Christmas clubs and of course the amazing Rooftop Auction would not be possible without the work of Mrs Rice, Ms Buckmaster and the whole parent body supporting the school. All proceeds from these fundraising events will be directed to support teaching, learning resources and funding the three specialist teachers in Art/DT, Music and P.E. With parents' generous financial gifting, we can continue to fund these Teachers and enhance our curriculum provisions.

How your money has helped this year:



PGL

14 – 17 June 2024

Our Year 6 Class enjoyed a memorable residential trip to PGL in Sussex with many amazing activities: archery, rock climbing, orienteering, abseiling, puzzle solving, raft building, team building, finding time for their meals and a little bit of sleeping to keep going! The weather was not particularly kind but it did not prevent the children from making the most of this wonderful experience, bonding and cherishing happy memories of their weekend away together.

Sayers Croft

24 – 25 June 2024

After a spell of wet weather, the sun shone just in time for Year 4 and Year 5 as they headed off to Sayers Croft. In fact they did most of their fun activities in very hot weather indeed. Fortunately, there was an outdoor swimming pool which they all enjoyed after the axe-throwing, high-ropes, ballista shooting, small ropes, 5km trek (Year 4) and 10 km trek (Year 5). The campfire and evening scavenger hunt were a fun way to end an action-packed day and there was even a little bit of sleeping at Sayers Croft too.



Sports Day

21 June 2024

Sports Day held at Paddington Recreation Grounds provided a backdrop of how the whole school community gathered together to encourage and cheer one another on, focusing on effort, participation and fun, rather than on winning and losing. We were very impressed with the high level of sportsmanship displayed by all the children and the supportive spirit of team work they all displayed. All pupils left the recreation grounds with winning smiles, sense of achievement and covered in stickers for every attempt and effort they had made.



Annunciation Heritage Project

The school supported our parish Church of the Annunciation by conducting a Lottery Heritage Fund pilot study in aid of its mission to save this historic place of worship at the heart of Central London. The study involved activities and projects to commemorate the sacrifices made by many as a result of the conflicts of war. Pupils explored, created and performed different historical projects to honour the 69 soldiers named on the Calvary War Memorial.



On the 19th June, the school was able to present the culmination of a wide range of activities undertaken over the Spring and Summer term at the Annunciation. Whilst the event honoured and remembered the fallen heroes of war, crucially, pupils had developed skills to sequence the historical events, contextualise them and explored topics of significance during the war. All class projects of the Great War between 1914-1918 had heightened knowledge and understanding of the causes, events and consequences of WW1. As educators, we play a crucial role in shaping pupils' understanding of wars and conflicts, emphasising their critical thinking and empathy within their studies, and providing

opportunities to explore and examine conflicts, emotional impact or anxieties pupils may harbour with the current global atrocities.

On Sunday 30th June the Church marked the 100th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Calvary War Memorial with a short service of blessing and giving thanks to Westminster Council and Heritage Lottery Fund for their funding to repair and conserve this heritage monument.

Confirmation - Bishop of London

It is always a tremendous honour to host the Bishop of London in the school. It was wonderful to witness Rose and Janice confirmed by the Bishop Sarah Mullaly, on the 4th July after a series of confirmation classes with Father Lincoln.



Confirmation confirms the promises that were made when these pupils were baptized and that they will continue to commit their lives to following Jesus Christ. Parents, friends and the whole school community were present to participate in this special occasion, praying, singing and reading, while the Bishop confirms and anoints the candidates with holy chrism oil of salvation.

Inter-school Competitions

Eight of our Yr 5 pupils participated in the Queen's College UK Maths Challenge on July 1st. The UKMT Primary Team Maths Challenge is a competition giving primary school pupils the opportunity to experience competitive application of the mathematical proficiency, development of teamwork and sharing success and enjoyment. Hampden Gurney took second place and missed the top spot by 2 points. 10 schools took part in this tournament and our pupils (two groups of 4), represented the school with beaming pride and enthusiasm. Pupils had a wonderful experience and returned to school, proudly flashing their winning medals! We will aim to bring the trophy home next year!

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Upcoming dates

Thursday 11 July	Y4 & Y5 Ninja Warrior trip
Friday 12 July	PTA Summer Bop
Monday 17 July	Nursery Class Zoo trip
Wednesday 17 July	Year 3 Ragged School trip
Thursday 18 July	Transition Morning
Friday 19 July	Nursery Class Rooftop picnic, 1 – 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 July	Well Done Assembly, 9.15 – 10.30am Year 6 Leavers Play, 1.30pm
Wednesday 24 July	Last day of term – 3pm finish School Mass at the Annunciation – 9.30am
Tuesday 3 September	First day of school year!

We look forward to seeing you all for the first day of school, on Tuesday 3 September

Please visit the school website for Hampden Gurney Term Dates 2024