

The Pinner Park Post



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Healthy Living and Physical Activity

We've had a great week with a focus on healthy lifestyles and physical activity. It has been good to see the children engaging in a range of activities throughout the week.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the week by completing food diaries, and by sending in donations for Sport Relief.

We really appreciate the support of our families in all the activities we undertake at Pinner Park. Your partnership is highly valued.

We hope everyone has a great weekend!

Nick Waldron

Headteacher



School Book Fair – Next Week!

A Book Fair is a fun, pop-up event held right here at Pinner Park school.

Our next Book Fair will be in school for the week, starting on Monday 16 March. The book Fair is a great chance for you to browse books with your child.

With over 200 of the newest and the best children's books available, there will be something to catch the eye of every child. You'll find a wide range of books suitable for your child's age-range and the school can earn free books for every book that's bought.



Our Book Fair will be open each day during the week beginning Monday 16 March from 3.30pm to 4.00pm in the Upper School Hall. We'll have books suitable for children across the entire primary school, so please do come along and visit. Remember that we can earn free books for our school library and classroom reading areas when you buy books from the fair!

Coronavirus



We know that a number of parents are, naturally, concerned about COVID-19. This is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways, and we know that it is becoming more widespread across the UK. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.

You may know that the government updated its advice yesterday. The new advice is to stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms.

You, or your child, should stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

You do not need to go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital, and you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, if your condition gets worse, or if your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, use the [online 111 coronavirus service](#).

As a school, we will continue to review our processes and procedures – including hand washing, cleaning, school activities, supervision levels, and support for staff and families – and follow all guidelines available from Public Health England, the Department for Education, and the local authority. Our thinking and decision making are always guided by what is in the best interests of the students.

We echo the advice from Public Health England that good hygiene and the regular washing of hands, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and running water are the best precautions to avoid contracting the illness. You should also avoid touching any part of your face which raises the chance of infection.

The latest guidance can be viewed at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and www.gov.uk/coronavirus. Please remember that the advice is regularly updated.

If any parent has a question regarding this issue, please do contact the school directly. Please remember that the use of WhatsApp, Facebook and other forms of social media to communicate on this issue can be really unhelpful.

These are challenging, and fast-changing times. We really appreciate your support.

Lent, Kindness and '28 Days'

During the 28 school days of Lent we're inviting our children, staff and families to take part in simple acts of kindness. We're 'giving something back' instead of 'giving something up'.

Small acts of kindness, performed by everyone in our school and community, has the power to make a big change to our school, community and, ultimately, to our world.

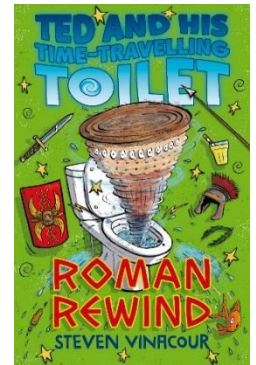


Author Visit

On Monday, Steven Vinacour – author of ‘Ted and his time-travelling toilet: Roman Rewind’ – visited the school and talked to our Year 3 and 4 children.

Steven read some chapters from the book – which caused great hilarity for our children! He also answered the children’s questions about his life as an author, his motivation for writing, and about his inspiration.

Following the visit, Steven signed copies of the book. We hope you are enjoying reading it!



Key Stage 2 Sports Trials



We love sport at Pinner Park. Last week our cricketers won a very close match – it went down to the last ball! Well done to them.

Over the coming weeks we will be holding trials for some of our sports teams. If any child is interested in attending, please collect a letter from the entrance to the upper school building (entering through the playground).

The details for the trials are:

Sport and Year Group	Day	Time	Location
Y 5/6 Quad kids athletics	Tuesday 24th March	8.00 am	Playground (Hall if wet)
Y 5/6 Rounders	Wednesday 25th March	8.00 am	Playground (Hall if wet)
Y 4/5 Netball	Wednesday 25th March	3.25 pm	Playground
Y 3/4 Quad kids athletics	Thursday 26th March	3.25 pm	Playground
Y4/5 Football	Monday 30th March	3.25 pm	Field (playground if wet)

School Meals Feedback

We are delighted that children from Reception through to Year 6 continue to enjoy hot lunches, served in partnership with Chartwells. It has been great to see lunches being served in the upper school hall for the first time this year.

We work closely with Chartwells to continually monitor and improve the school meal provision. The team are very keen to work in partnership with the school and our families.

We have set up a short online survey regarding our provision of school meals. Please complete this and we will share every response with the team at Chartwells:

http://bit.ly/PP_School_Meals

Thank you for your support.



Sport News

On Tuesday, a group of 16 students from Pinner Park attended the Harrow Schools Swimming Gala at Harrow Leisure Centre. It was an exciting day, with children competing in individual and relay races.

18 schools took part in the gala, with Pinner Park finishing a very creditable 8th place.

On Thursday, 4 Pinner Park children took part in the Harrow Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a lovely afternoon and ideal conditions for running! The children performed really well and we had a second place finish for Cara – fantastic!



Well done to all the children who represented the school with pride, and to all the staff and families who support them.

Headlice – an irritating pest – please keep checking!



Headlice is a problem that affects all of us. This troublesome pest is a widespread and unpleasant infection, especially among school age children. A common misconception is that they are a symptom of poor hair hygiene - rest assured this is not true. Lice are equally likely to be found on clean or dirty hair!

Head lice cannot jump, hop or fly. Children can get head lice from sustained head to head contact when playing together, whispering, hugging or when they are in close contact. At any one time, most schools will have a few children with active living head lice. This can be between 2 - 5%. It is rarely higher than this.

The only way to eradicate the problem is if every single one of us is vigilant. Please check your children's hair this weekend with a fine toothed inspection comb. The recommended method is to 'wet-comb' conditioned hair. If you are concerned, please contact your local pharmacist who will offer advice.

Please check your children's hair regularly (at least weekly) and ensure that all long hair is tied back. You may also wish to brush your child's hair each afternoon when he or she returns from school – this will prevent any louse which has wandered onto your child's head during the day from laying eggs and becoming a more significant problem.

Lotions and Potions

Our welfare team do a wonderful job of looking after children during the school day. If your child needs medication, our welfare and admin team will be able to give advice on the process for this.

Please note that we do not allow children to bring in or use any type of over-the-counter remedy, including lip balms or cough sweets. Please ensure that your child does not bring these items into school.

Thank you for your support with this.

