

The Pinner Park Poet

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A New Half Term, A New Phase

The past ten weeks have certainly been most challenging. School staff, parents and children have all had to adapt to new ways of doing things. We've had to 'reinvent' school and, between us all, we've done our very best to be our very best.



This week we are reinventing school once again. It is confirmed that we are welcoming back a small number of children into our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes. Although much will be the same, school will be a very different experience for those children and for the adults who work with them.

For others, home learning will continue and we will do everything we can to support you. We really do appreciate your support at this difficult time.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher

Home Learning – Week 8 Learning Project – 'Around the World'



We're so pleased that everyone is making such a good effort with the home learning.

We know that it is not easy to teach children at home – many members of our staff team are discovering this too!

The weekly projects have a good range of activities which can be used flexibly during the week. Our latest 'Learning Projects' (Week 8) are now [available online](#). The theme for this week is 'Around the World'. You'll notice that there is a slight change of format for this half term. In response to parent feedback, we've suggested daily activities for the core subjects. We've also added some suggested STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities.

[White Rose Maths](#) and [BBC Bitesize](#) have a new set of daily lessons for this week. Many parents are finding these really useful. If your child is in Year 1 or Reception, the [daily phonics sessions](#) continue.

White Rose Maths: The video lessons are still available on White Rose Maths but we are supplying the worksheets directly to you. These have been sent through School Ping. There are also some additional activities linked to the videos on [BBC Bitesize](#).

Pinner Park Online – Monday Assembly Online

Our Monday assembly is now on our video channel to view.

You can see our videos here:

<http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/pinner-park-online>

Don't miss another video! [Subscribe to our YouTube channel here.](#)



Benefit-Related Free School Meals

Free school meal VOUCHERS

We will be placing an order for some new vouchers to be sent out this week. The voucher will cover a three-week period: last week, this week and next week (the government confirmed late last week that vouchers could be sent for half term). The voucher will be for £45 per child.

To find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals, and hence whether the school would receive additional funding, please fill in the details requested on the [Free School Meals Eligibility Checker](#)

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who usually have a free school meal will only receive a voucher if they qualify through the benefits-related eligibility, which can be checked [here](#).

Help us to win £5,000 for the School Library!

We need your help to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school library – and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

Anyone can enter, so please encourage all your family and friends to go online and submit an entry. You've got to be in it to win it!

It only takes a moment to submit an entry, just click here and complete the simple form:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

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Well Done Nikki!



Nikki, a Year 5 student, designed one of the top 4 entries in a competition to create a new logo for Harrow Bike Club. Following an online vote, Nikki's logo (pictured left) has won. The design will now be given a makeover by a professional graphic designer and will be used as the club's logo.

Thanks to everyone who voted for Nikki's design.

Wider Opening from This Week

Over the next week we are beginning to open the school to a wider group of pupils. The wider opening is being managed in a safe and controlled way.

The following table shows how our first two weeks in June are scheduled:

Week beginning 1 June	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6	✘	Group A only	✘	Group B only	Group B only
Reception and Year 1	✘	✘	✘	Group B only	Group B only

Week beginning 8 June	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6	Group A only	Group A only	✘	Group B only	Group B only
Reception and Year 1	Group A only	Group A only	✘	Group B only	Group B only

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been sent details of their group by School Ping.

Arrangements for critical worker and vulnerable children will continue in their present format for all year groups.

We expect the schedule to continue in a similar pattern to the week beginning 8 June in the weeks that follow but we want the opportunity to review this in the light of any new government guidance (and the possibility of further widening to other year groups).

The school will be closed to most pupils each Wednesday to allow for rigorous cleaning and a changeover between groups.

If your child is returning to school, please note the following drop off and collection times for each class:

	Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Willow
Morning drop off	8.40am	8.55am	9.10am	9.25am
Afternoon Collection	2.40pm	2.55pm	3.10pm	3.25pm

All the information, including our 'frequently asked questions' (which are being updated regularly) can be viewed here: <https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/return-to-school.html>

If you have not told us if your child is returning (or if you were unsure when we asked) please email returntoschool@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk as soon as possible to let us know either way.