

# The Pinner Park Post



Learning • Character • Community

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## We are Community

When we first started thinking about the sort of school we wanted to be following our amalgamation, one word kept coming back to us – community. It's now a big part of our school vision: Learning • Character • Community.



Community is really important to us all – understanding that we are part of something bigger, something special, something that brings us together.

In Africa, there is the philosophy of 'Ubuntu'. This is all about community. Ubuntu is all about being a person – but realising that we can't be fully human all by ourselves. We are made to be with others, to be a family.

We are so grateful for the support of our parents and families, as an integral part of our school community. This past nine months has been challenging for us all, but we have always relied on your support throughout.

Today, we especially want to give our warmest wishes to those members of our community who are celebrating Hannukah. May your families and homes be filled with light and life!

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*  
Headteacher

## Staff News



At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Akhtar and Mrs Neminathan. Both are members of our lunchtime supervisory team.

We want to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school, and we wish them well as they move on.

**THE LAST DAY OF TERM WILL NOW BE THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER.  
PLEASE READ ON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

## Pinner Points – Congratulations Piccadilly!

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The final results for the half-termly House Point count are in, and while it was very close indeed, we congratulate all the members of **Piccadilly** on taking first place and winning the House Mufti Day.

This means that next **Thursday, 17 December**, all children in **Piccadilly** may wear their own clothes to school, in the colour of their house (**Blue**). They need not completely wear their house colour – so no shopping trips for new clothes needed – but it should be clear they are representing their house!

Well done to all children for earning so many House Points and for making the result so close!

The scores will all reset to zero as of today, so keep on earning House Points – there will be another mufti day for the next winners!

Piccadilly	1272
District	1247
Central	1195
Circle	1193
Jubilee	1189

## Flu Vaccine Catch-Up Clinics

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Tuesday was a very good day for vaccines. Margaret Keenan became the first person to have the Covid-19 vaccine - the first of 800,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine that will be dispensed in the coming weeks, with up to four million more expected by the end of the month.

Additionally, many Pinner Park children have had the flu vaccine on Tuesday as part of the school immunisation programme.

There are some children who have not yet had the flu vaccine. This will be for a number of reasons including being absent from school, or because parents do not want children to have the nasal spray because it contains animal products.

There is good news for those families. Harrow is running catch-up clinics at the Alexandra Avenue Health and Social Care Centre. They are offering an alternative to the nasal spray, provided in the form of an injection. This alternative, known as the attenuated vaccine, is free of all animal products.

The clinic is open weekdays 3.30 to 5pm for the next two weeks. Some Saturday slots are also available.

**The clinic does not offer a walk in service – places must be booked.**

You can book by calling 020 8102 6333 or 07557 15810 or by emailing [clcht.harrowimmunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:clcht.harrowimmunisationteam@nhs.net).



## Come and Join our Lunchtime Team!

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**WE ARE  
RECRUITING**

We are recruiting kind, caring, and hard-working people to join our lunchtime supervisory team. Our lunchtime supervisors help our children to have safe, happy, healthy and active lunchtimes at school

If you are interested in the role, or know someone who might be, please visit <https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/job-vacancies.html> for more information.

## Change to Diary Dates – End of term

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We received notification this week that the Department for Education has asked schools to consider ending the term on Thursday 17 December, and designating Friday 18 December as a staff training day.



We sent a letter to parents, via SchoolPing, on Wednesday to confirm **that the last day of term will now be Thursday 17 December 2020 with the school day finishing at the normal staggered times.** Next Friday will now be a staff training day.

We fully understand that the timing of this announcement will create some challenges and difficult decisions for us all, not least you as parents. We have responded as quickly and as decisively as we can in order that you can have the maximum notice possible.

This decision has not been made lightly, but it is to provide the opportunity for families to isolate for an additional day prior to meeting loved ones over the Christmas period (in line with government guidelines).

## Thank you Hasbro!

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We are delighted that Hasbro have gifted some games to the school for the children to use.

This has come as a lovely Christmas gift to the school and each class now has a classic game such as 'Guess Who', 'Battleship' or 'Jenga' to use during breaktimes.

Let the games commence!

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## Virtual Gymnastics Inter-School Competition

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The Covid-19 restrictions have sparked some ingenuity and a technical revolution. I am sure we have all become used to virtual meetings, virtual presentations and virtual birthday parties!

Yesterday, we participated in our first ever inter-school sports competition.

Our gymnasts performed in our school hall, in a social-distanced fashion, to a panel of judges who were elsewhere in Harrow – all through Microsoft Teams.

The team did superbly, finishing second overall and with some strong individual performances. Well done team!

Thanks also to Mrs Lewis and Miss Lewis for helping to prepare the children for the competition and to Mr English for his technical skills!



## Covid-19 communications during the Christmas break

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The government has also asked that the school is available for the first 6 days of the holidays (including the weekend) to assist with contact tracing and informing families of the need to self-isolate where necessary.

Please read the following information carefully so that we can help everyone to remain safe:

If your child develops COVID symptoms on either **Friday 18 or Saturday 19 December** and subsequently **tests positive** (even if the test result comes at a later date), please contact the school immediately using the office email address ([office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)).

When you send your email, please inform us of the date of the positive test result and the date when symptoms started. This will allow us to consult with DfE / PHE and then inform any children or staff who have been identified as contacts.

If your child develops symptoms after Saturday 19 December, you should get a test and respond to the advice from NHS Track and Trace if the test result is positive.

## Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education

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As a part of your child's educational experience at Pinner Park, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.



The Department for Education has made some changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation which came into effect from this September and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. This year, relationships, along with Health Education, is statutory.

We have reviewed our relationships and sex education policy so we can be sure our teaching matches the guidance and also represents high-quality learning opportunities for the children.

As we develop our policy further, we want to work with a small group of parents to share our thoughts and to review our planned communications. If you would be interested in being part of that small focus group, please do let us know by sending an email to [office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

Once we have worked with a small focus group, and amended our communications accordingly, we will share our policy and schemes of learning more widely with parents. This will take place next half term.

## Warm clothing for PE and for class!

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We will continue to deliver our outdoor PE curriculum throughout the winter months.

During the colder weather, please ensure that your child has a black tracksuit (or black jogging pants and sweatshirt) so that they don't get too cold during these sessions.

We are following the Government's guidance by keeping our classrooms well-ventilated to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission. This means that our classrooms are a lot cooler than they would usually be! Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for these unusual conditions – a vest or long sleeved 'base layer' can provide added warmth.



## What to do if someone in your house has Covid symptoms

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Please inform the school immediately.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If anyone in your household has symptoms, please dial 119 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book a test as soon as possible. Once you have a test result (positive or negative), please inform the school and we will be able to advise you on the next steps

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Remember, if you, or any member of your household, has any of the symptoms above you must:

- stay at home (do not leave the house except to get a test)
- arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19
- co-operate with NHS test, track and trace
- inform the school straight away

Your child does **not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.



**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY ALERT TO**  
**THE SYMPTOMS**

