



October 2018

We are well into the autumn term now and the children are working extremely hard.

Dates For Your Diary

Black History Month – The school will be celebrating diversity with many events and workshops happening across the school. More information will follow.

1st October

Year 5 will be visiting the British Museum today as part of their history topic.

3rd October

As part of their science topic on plants, Year 2 will be visiting Oxleas Wood.

5th October

Today the children will be having individual photos taken. As always there will be an opportunity for siblings to be photographed together, including younger siblings that are not of school age. If you let the School Office Team know, we will arrange this for you. Please could you make sure that your child is in full school uniform, thank you.

12th October

To support their history topic this term, Year 3 will be taking part in a workshop, The Early Ages of Humans, here at Haimo.

29th October

Nasal flu vaccinations will take place on this day.

Harvest Festival

This annual event will take place this month on 16th October. As always, donations will be given to the Greenwich Food Bank. This supports our work on the Sustainable Global Goal #2, No Hunger.

Haimo After School Club

Our after school club, HASC, is proving extremely popular. It gives an opportunity for working parents to ensure their child is looked after in a safe and caring environment. Ms McIntosh, our HASC Co-ordinator, said: "It has been a pleasure seeing the children taking part in the many activities we offer at HASC and having fun. We have had lots of positive feedback from children, parents and carers and we look forward to welcoming more children over the next few weeks." If you would like more information regarding our after school provision please see a member of the School Office Team.

Free School Meals And Other Grants

Is your child eligible for free school meals and other related grants? Registering with Royal Borough of Greenwich means not only will your family benefit, but also Haimo will receive much needed extra funding from the Government. Please go to the website:

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or come in and see the school office team. The quicker you register the more we will all benefit. Thank you for your support.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are part of the Fast Track to Attendance scheme run by The Royal Borough of Greenwich and all attendance issues will be addressed by the local authority. Our school

day starts at 8.50am and children must be in their classes ready to learn by 8.55am. If children arrive after the school gate closes, they will have to come through the office and will be marked as late. As with attendance, persistent lateness will be addressed by the local authority.

Staff Changes

We have said goodbye to Mick after 37 years of service. He really appreciates all your kind gifts and cards and has asked us to pass on his thanks to everyone. We would like to welcome Mr Graves as our new premises manager.

The Wall Exhibition – Eltham Arts

Haimo children recently took part in this community project and their work will be on display at SE9 Container Gallery at St Thomas More School on Saturdays between 22nd September and 13th October from 10am until 4pm. It would be wonderful if as many people could visit as possible.

A Message From Haimo PTA

We would just like to thank parents/carers for their generosity in contributing to our collection for Mick's retirement gift. Together we managed to raise £180 and were able to present him with a lovely card, gift and money on behalf of you all.

Due to the success of last year's Halloween discos, we will be running them again this year. They will be held on Friday 2nd November and you should have received a letter with all the information regarding this. Please could you return your permission slips to the school office as soon as possible so that we are able to have a better idea of the number of children planning to attend. We look forward to seeing lots of you there; the children had a great time last year!

During the course of the last school year, we managed to raise in the region of £3000! We have already purchased new playground equipment for the children and have been discussing further projects where we could help around the school. All of our continuing fundraising efforts will go towards supporting our children and we thank you again for your continued support. If you would like to be involved in future fundraising, we welcome all parents and carers to help out on the PTA. Our next PTA meeting will be on Monday 29th October at 9am. Please come along, we would love to see some new faces.

Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Roald Dahl Dress Up Day and contributed to raising £146.50 for this worthwhile cause.

School Meals Payments

Our school meals policy states that payment must be made in advance on Monday mornings for the week. If this is not paid then your child will not receive a meal. Please come and see the School Office Team for more information.

Training Available

Our school is part of METRO Charity's Anti-Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic Bullying Project. METRO Charity provide health, community and youth services across London and the South East, and their Anti-Bullying Project works with staff, students and parents in over 300 schools like ours. They have been working closely with us to help celebrate diversity; eradicate homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, and raise awareness. As part of our involvement in the project, parents/carers from our school community are invited to a free day of workshops, discussions and talks on supporting young people with their gender identity and sexual orientation. The day will: provide a supportive environment where you can seek advice; offer workshops on gender identity, sexual orientation, and how to support young people; be an opportunity to meet other parents/carers and share experiences;

include the chance to meet with young LGBT+ people from METRO's Youth Groups and hear about their experiences and give more information on METRO Charity, the work they do in schools, and how they can offer further support to families and young people. As a result of taking part in the conference, you will receive a certificate that, should you wish, can be shown to employers as proof of Continued Professional Development. This will take place on Friday 16th November from 10.30am to 1.30pm at METRO Charity, Equitable House, Woolwich, SE18 6FH. To find out more look at the website:

<https://metroparents.eventbrite.co.uk> or email niazy@metrocharity.org.uk

Year 6 Double G Ambassadors

Four Year 6 children recently accompanied Ms Arnold on a visit to the House of Lords and were brilliant Ambassadors for Haimo whilst there. Ms Arnold said, "We are proud to announce we won a gold medal for our contributions on promoting Children's Rights and a silver medal for our scientific accuracy during the Roundtable event". Ms Arnold was also given an award in recognition of her valuable contribution in education on Sustainable Development Goals and inspiring current and future generations. Well done to the children, and Ms Arnold too.

Earn As You Learn

As you are aware, regular attendance at school is extremely important for a child's academic progress and is vital to help children get the best possible start in life. At Haimo we encourage children to attend regularly and, with this in mind, will be continuing with our campaign called, "Earn as you Learn". Each week our class attendance is calculated and the class with the best attendance receives a mention in achievement assembly on Friday. Now as an added incentive classes will receive 50p for each day they achieve 100% attendance to put into their piggy bank. At the end of the year the children will decide how the money earned will be used; for example, purchasing new games for their classroom. Please support us by ensuring your child attends school every day, thank you.

Secondary School Admission Deadline

Just a reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is **31st October 2018**

Haimo Road

Our campaign to make Haimo Road safer is coming to a close. The Royal Borough of Greenwich is trialling an experimental pilot scheme called 'School Streets' which aims to implement time-limited street closures to allow children to arrive and leave school in a safe and pleasant environment. During the period of the experimental scheme parents, residents and local businesses will have the opportunity to feedback on the scheme before we seek to make the trial permanent. The objective is to implement the time-limited street closures on a permanent basis following the trial period. More information will be forthcoming.

And Finally...

We break up for half term on **Friday 19th October and return on Monday 29th October.**

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