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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to announce that we have hit the next milestone on our Music Hub totaliser and we have now raised £55,000 towards the project. We are now entering a new phase of the project and I would like to invite parents to join The Music Hub planning team. We are looking for parents who have skills or expertise in the following areas:

1. Project managers
2. Architects
3. Builders/ Developers
4. Landscapers
5. Bid writers/ fundraisers
6. Communications specialists

This team, together with the local committee, will support the development of the project through planning and finally completion. We will meet once a half term with our first task of developing and reviewing the final design of the building and costed project plan. If you have expertise in this area, please get in touch with me via the admin@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk by Monday 16th December 2019.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on Sunday.

Best wishes
Mr Vitarana
Headteacher

Bromley Foodbank

On Tuesday this week, the school council visited Bromley foodbank with donations from the school's reverse advent calendar. We had the opportunity to look at all of the different things that have been given in and were surprised by how large the warehouse was! This made us think that there clearly is a need for the foodbank to support many families in our local area.



We weighed the food that we had brought in and then helped to put it into categories so that it could be sent out as soon as possible. We had a fantastic time and learnt a lot – it also helped to remind us how lucky we are and showed us the clear generosity of the children and parents here at Hayes Primary.

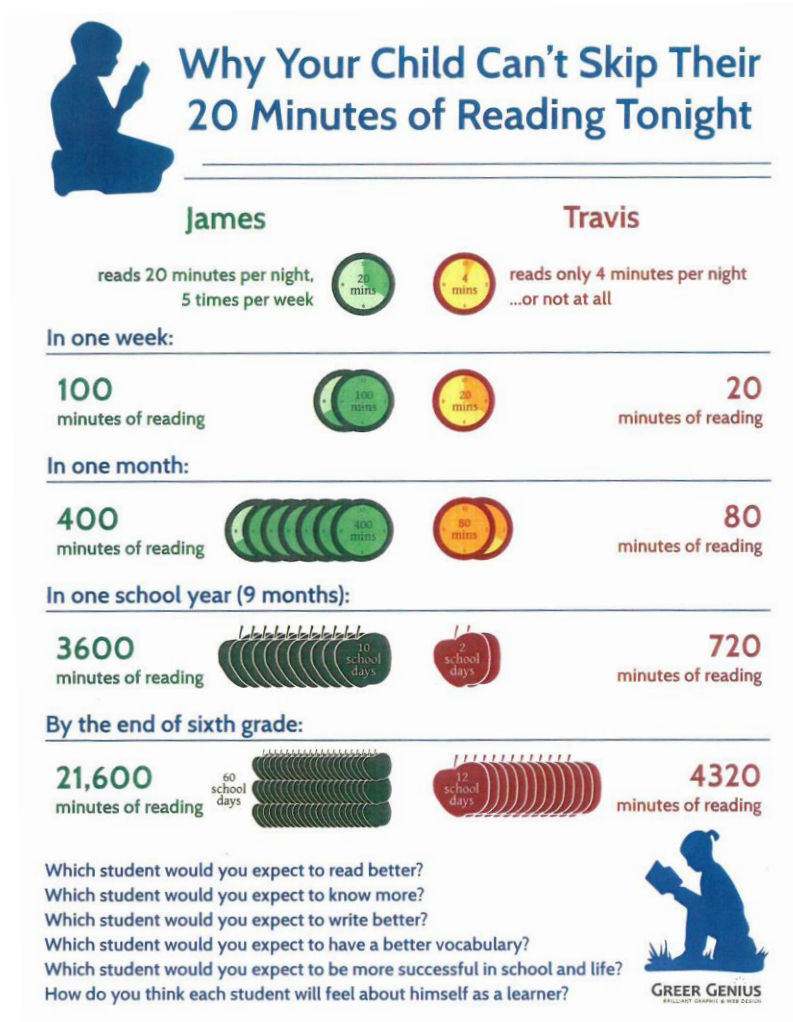
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Did you know....

Please see the statistics below showing how important reading at home is.



How do you talk to your Child?

Please see the attached link to an interesting article about a new study which has revealed that it's not necessarily what you say but *how* you talk to your child that matters for their brain growth.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/02/how-you-talk-to-your-child-changes-their-brain/>

Hayes Community Christmas Concert

Please join us on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at St Mary's Church in Hayes for the Hayes Community Christmas Concert and enjoy performances from our wonderful school choir and orchestra. The concert starts at 6 p.m. and there will also be mulled wine and mince pies available. All donations from this event will go towards the Hayes Primary School music hub.

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Eco Council

We are the new Eco Council and we are here to help the school Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! We are firstly hoping to use compostable bins so we don't have to use plastic bags for break-time snacks: apples, pears, banana peels and lots more compostable fruits.

The Eco Council are going to try as hard as they can and will listen to any great ideas that you have to make this environment a better place for everyone!



We will also update everyone with our new ideas and tips to help the environment. If you would like to give any of us any suggestions please contact Mrs Savvides (our Eco Council leader) via the school office.



By Hope Burbridge, Isla Burbridge and Aaron Gregory



Minecraft Club News

What an exciting and busy term we have had so far in Minecraft Club!

It has been wonderful to have so many new members this term and many returning club members. Minecraft club members are always very keen and enthusiastic which makes hosting these clubs a pleasure.

During this term our weekly builds have included everything from whales to igloos! Every week our members are becoming more and more creative and presently we are 13th and 25th on leader board out of the 135 clubs. Please remember to vote for our school at www.milittlepad.com voting Hayes Primary School. A big shout out to Bruce Barker (3B) as his whale was voted as one of the best in the country – well done Bruce!

We have a new club assistant this term – James McCay (5N). James is a very diligent club assistant giving up his break times to organise the iPads, checking for faults, clearing up after the club and being a tremendous help to the younger members. A big thank you to James from all of the club members and myself – we really do appreciate all of your efforts to ensure our club runs smoothly.

Bookings for the spring term are now open – we are limited to 16 places and places are issued on a first come, first served basis. To book please go to www.milittlepad.com –

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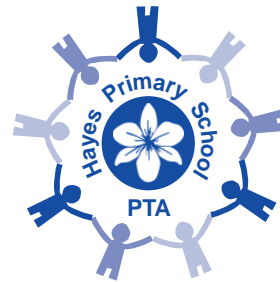
clubs will continue to run on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes and will recommence on 13th January 2020.

Best wishes
Mrs Browne

PTA

Christmas Fair

The Hayes Primary School Christmas Fair is on Sunday 1 December 2019 starting at 12 p.m. There will be games for the children ranging from Hook a Reindeer to Knock Santa Off the Chimney. There is a Snow Globe, a Secret's Room and you will also have the chance to listen to a performance by the wonderful school choir. Raffle tickets will be on sale for a chance to win a holiday with ATO Tours Ltd, £200 Bluewater vouchers, a Christmas hamper and many more prizes!



Santa will also be visiting us at the Christmas Fair on Sunday. This is a wonderful experience for your children and not only do they meet Santa and engage with him, they get a lovely present as well. Tickets are selling fast with some slots already sold out - get your tickets now!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hayesprimaryschool/321577>

The popular local restaurant Tugra is sponsoring our Christmas Fair and they will be serving a delicious hot and cold buffet on Sunday and all profits go to the PTA. We are very grateful for their support



If you wish to volunteer at the Christmas Fair please do so by following the below link. We are desperate for the support and thank everyone who has already signed up

<https://volunteersignup.org/BKQ4M>

New Chair

I shall be stepping down as Chair and I am so pleased to say we have Caroline Lewis replacing me as our new Chair. Her son started reception this year and she is already an integral and much loved PTA member. Amy Goldsmith and Alex Keates shall be her Vice Chairs and together they make a dynamic team! Vanessa Purr is our new secretary, welcome Vanessa! Sam Fahy is our Green Lead which we are so pleased she is heading, while Claire McKeogh remains our Treasurer and Susy Bramer remains our new Publicity Lead. I am so excited for what this wonderful team will bring to the PTA!

I want to say a huge thank you to Denise Walker for being my Vice Chair. She's kept me sane and grounded and has been a loyal friend. I wouldn't have lasted as Chair if it

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wasn't for the support from Christina Henry, Kathryn Fishlock, Terry Collman, Zoe Nokes, Helen Appleton and Cathy Brookes – thank you all very much.

Updates

We hosted the EYFS Disco back in September and it was a great way to meet other new parents. We also had a stall at the Hayes Lights last weekend and the idea of the stall was to knock Santa Off the Chimney – it was a huge success and we hoped everyone enjoyed it

Thank you to all parents who have supported the PTA.



Merry Christmas to you all

Zoe Germain

Chair, Hayes Primary School PTA
hpspta@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk

Absence and Attendance

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office before 9 a.m. on 0208 462 1769 or send an email to admin@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.co.uk to report their absence.

If we have not heard from you by 9.30 a.m., we will telephone the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we will make a home visit. However, if we still haven't been able to get a response, then we will report it to the police as your child will then be classed as a 'missing child'.

This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe, so it is essential that you let us know in good time why your child is absent from school.

An absence MUST be reported every day until your child returns to school, even if this is a continued absence. When reporting the absence, please provide full details including symptoms of illness so it can be correctly recorded in our records. This ensures we can follow our Safeguarding procedures.

If you are experiencing difficulties with attendance or punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Mrs East

