

Parent Information

Key Stage Two Results

		School	National
Reading	Expected standard	89%	75%
	Greater depth	32%	28%
Writing	Expected standard	86%	78%
	Greater depth	23%	20%
Mathematics	Expected standard	91%	76%
	Greater depth	40%	24%
Combined (R,W & M)	Expected standard	85%	64%
Science	Expected standard	88%	82%

Canning Town Library Visit

At Hallsville, reading is at the heart of the curriculum and we hope that all of our children will go on to become lifelong readers. With this in mind, we have decided to make our annual library visits a termly event so that the children will visit with the library with their class teacher three times a year instead of one. Our first visits this year are:

November: Monday 6th: Year 6, Monday 12th: Year 4, Monday 19th: Year 5, Monday 26th: 3H

December: Monday 3rd: 3C



Social Media and Gaming



We have had a few bullying incidents to deal with involving children being unkind to each other on gaming consoles and social media sites. Can I please remind you that children can talk to each other and strangers on games consoles. Also Facebook is a social networking site for children over the age of 13 years. To prevent bullying and your child communicating with inappropriate adults please monitor your child's use of the computer carefully. If you would like any advice on this please don't hesitate to contact Ann Jordan

E-Safety Parent Workshop

Mr Mark and a consultant from the London Borough of Newham will be running an E-Safety workshop. This will focus on how to keep your child safe online. This will be at 9am on the 21st November in the Key Stage 1 hall. If you cannot attend this meeting but wish for some support and guidance about online safety please book a meeting with Ann Jordan through the main office.

Times Table Rock Stars

In our experience, short burst practise of times tables on a daily basis is more effective than spending hours once a week. This is where we would like your help and support. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy is important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds!

The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!

Children from Reception to Year 6 will receive their logins this week.



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The Hallsville NEWSLETTER

In 2018 our Key Stage 2 SATs results were significantly higher than national results again! I would like to extend a large thank you to: our parents, the dedication of our staff who work incredibly hard year on year and most importantly the children of Hallsville.

Lorraine Johnson
Head of School

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Notices

Changes to the school/playtimes and lunches

Wellbeing of children and staff is incredibly important at Hallsville. As a result, we decided to reallocate our playtimes so that we have a longer morning break. We have also recognised that as the morning is 15 minutes longer the children will need a healthy snack at playtimes to see them through the morning lessons.

Teachers' Training

Friday 30th November.
The school will be closed for pupils.

Congratulations

Well done to all of the children voted to or chosen to represent their classes as school council representatives or class ambassadors.

Your voices are very important to the school to bring about change or to explain what you are learning in a clear confident way.

Nursery and Reception Workshops

Nursery Stay and Celebrate:
Friday 23rd November:
Special Books

I would like to say a special thank you to all the parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children who have ensured their children walk across the playground to line up on their own. This is really helping your children build their independence and confidence.

Parent Governor

I would like to introduce you to our Hallsville primary School Parent Governor- Ms Sophie Court. If you wish to meet or speak with Sophie please let Ann, in the main office, know so that we can help arrange

Mrs Tindling

After 20 years of serving the local community Mrs Tindling has decided to share the outstanding practise that she has gained at Hallsville with another school. She would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, children and staff for making her time at Hallsville a truly wonderful experience. She will always treasure her time here and would like to wish everyone and the school much success for the future.

Anti-Bullying Week

Our anti-bullying week begins on the 12th November and to celebrate the end of this very important week where children will be finding out even more about preventing bullying we will have a **Friendship Friday**. On this day Children will be asked to dress in yellow on friendship Thursday which falls on the 16th November. Please make a 50p donation which will go to Children In Need.

Curriculum

Curriculum Topics for Term 1

This term we will be learning all about these exciting new units of work:

Nursery– Fireworks, Light and Dark, Cultural Celebrations, Festivals

Reception– My Family and I, My Home

Year 1– Wishing Stories, Animals (Humans), My School and where I live

Year 2– Finding stories, Living things in their environment, The great fire of London

Year 3– Finding stories. Rocks and Soils, Stone Age to the Iron Age

Year 4– Portal stories, Electricity, Ancient Egyptians

Year 5– Wanting Stories, Earth and Space, Ancient Greece

Year 6– Journey Stories, Evolution and Inheritance, The Battle of Britain and the changing Docks



Please support your child's learning in school by finding out all about the class topic and by taking your child to a museum or library.

For further details on what your child will be learning this term please look at the school website under the heading- 'Our Learning'.



Enrichment Days

During this term some classes will have the opportunity to take part in an enrichment day. Below is a list of dates for such events:

November

Tuesday 6th Year 5: Kew Gardens

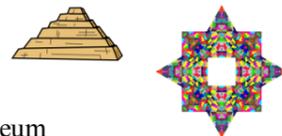
Tuesday 13th Year 6: Docklands Museum

Wednesday 14th Year 1: National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 22nd Year 4: History Off the Page: Egyptians

Tuesday 27th Year 3: Lee Valley Field Trip

Wednesday 28th Year 4: Science Museum



December

Tuesday 4th Year 6: Natural History Museum

Tuesday 4th Year 3: RE Workshop



Dogs Trust Visits

November

Monday 12th: Nursery

Monday 19th: Reception

Monday 26th: Year 4

Wednesday 28th: Year 3

December

Monday 3rd: Year 2

Thursday 6th: Year 1

Monday 10th: Year 6

Tuesday 11th: Year 5



Home Reading

Reading is extremely important for every child in our school. Please make sure your child has some special reading time at least 5 times a week and completes their exciting new Reading Journal. Regular daily practise of reading absolutely makes a difference!

Please make time to not only hear your child read but to read to them. I find the last 5-10 minutes before lights go out to be the best time.



The Importance of Talk

In order for children to develop their speaking skills children need to be spoken and listened to. Please turn off your mobiles and take off your head phones when you collect your child from school and talk to them about their day.

Parent Support

Being a parent is the hardest job in the world. Hallsville is pleased to be able to offer positive parenting sessions to support our parents. This will be run by Ann our Home School Liaison Officer. If you are interested in attending please let Ann know in the office.



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Attendance

Last year our attendance was 95.91% an increase on the previous year. The school target this year is 96%. I would like to thank all parents for the effort made to ensure their children have good attendance. Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of children who are not attending school often enough. Ann (Home School Liaison Officer) will continue to work closely with these families to ensure their children have the same life opportunities as other children in the school. In order for your child to be happy in school, have good friendships and reach their full potential they must attend school regularly. Home visits and meetings will be arranged with those families who have attendance issues.

Punctuality

A number of families are frequently late for school. It is really unsettling for your child to arrive at school after the class has started. I have asked Ann to meet with families who are persistently late so that the school can support you in improving this situation for your child.

School Dinners

I am really pleased with the vast majority of pupils who are benefiting from free school meals offered to all pupils in Newham. I will be asking Ann to contact the few families who have not taken up this opportunity yet. If your child does have a packed lunch please remember healthy options only such as:- savoury sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt, cucumber, carrot sticks, cheese and crackers. Fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps and biscuits are not allowed any day of the week.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those families who donated to our Harvest Festival this year. The produce was gratefully received by Caritas, Anchor House who will arrange the donation to the homeless.



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires (85). The response was extremely positive. We value all of your suggestions. Here is a summary of the outcomes:

- My child enjoys school 97%
- My child is safe at school 100%
- I am kept well informed of my child's progress 100%
- My child is making enough progress at Hallsville 100%
- Hallsville helps me to support my child's learning 97%
- Hallsville helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle 100%
- Hallsville meets my particular child's needs 97%
- Hallsville School prepares my child to be successful at secondary school 100%
- Hallsville deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour 91%
- Hallsville takes account of my suggestions and concerns 74%
- Hallsville is led and managed effectively 97%
- Overall I am happy with my child's experience at Hallsville 100%
- Hallsville values all groups equally (Equality Act) 100%



As a school we value the suggestions and views of parents. If you are interested in joining the PTA parent group please speak to Ann Jordan in the office. Alternatively please write your suggestions/comments down and put them in the suggestion box which is located in the office.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 29th November 2019. **Parents evening will start at 2:30pm so please make sure you collect your child at 2:15pm on this day.**

I will be expecting all parents to make the effort to meet their child's new teacher.

School dinner food tasting, refreshments and stalls will be available as usual in the Key Stage 1 hall.