Pinner Wood School

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Friday Update

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Dear families,

As we come to the end of our first half term of the year, I would like to say thank you to all our families for your continued support. It has been a very happy and productive start to the year. Thank you too for coming to your parent and carer consultations to hear about your children's progress, learning and wellbeing; it was great to see you in school.

This week, a group of our children had the exciting opportunity to visit Nower Hill High School to take part in an art project called *I Belong.* We were delighted to receive a lovely email from the Headteacher there, praising our children for their 'immaculate' learning and behaviour- a wonderful reflection of our children and our school community!

Today, we bring our *Step Up half* term to a joyful close with **Bee You Day**! It is a time to celebrate being truly ourselves, embracing what makes each of us unique, and remembering that PW is a better place because **EVERYONE** is part of it.

I hope you all have a fun-filled, happy and relaxing half term with your children.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November**, ready for another exciting half term of growing and learning together.

Jo Bretayne

Acting Headteacher

Messages:

Royal British Legion
For Remembrance Day, PW will be selling poppies, etc from the school office. The following items will be available at the suggested prices shown:
Paper Poppies 50p
Wrist ribbons 50p
Pencils 50p
Plastic Poppies £1.00
Slap Bands £1.00
Please help us raise funds for this charity!

Keeping Our Children Safe
A polite reminder that the school car park is reserved for staff, visitors and authorised users only. To help keep all children, families and staff safe, we ask parents and carers not to enter or use the car park during drop-off and collection times.

The areas around the school can become very busy, and limiting vehicle movement within the car park helps to reduce risks to pedestrians. We also ask families not to park on pavements, as this can create hazards for children and other pedestrians.

We encourage families to walk, scoot, cycle, or park considerately in the surrounding roads where appropriate.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

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Key dates and information this week

	Upcoming dates	Additional information
Whole School	Fri 6th Nov Spooky Disco Wed 11th Nov Flu Vaccinations – follow up Fri 4th Dec Christmas Fair	Tickets available – see website/email for link Information sent to parents Information sent to parents
Nursery	Fri 13th Nov Falconry UK Owl visit	Information sent to parents
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2	Fri 13th Nov Falconry UK Owl visit	Information sent to parents
Year 3		
Year 4	Tues 24th Nov Author visit – Gita Ralleigh	Information sent to parents – books can be bought on Arbor under 'School shop'
Year 5	Tues 24th Nov Author visit – Gita Ralleigh Fri 4th Dec Science Museum Wed 19th-Fri 21st May 2027 Phasels Wood Residential	Information sent to parents – books can be bought on Arbor under 'School shop' Information sent to parents Lunch form closes Fri 20th Nov Information sent to parents. Sign up closes on Mon 19th Oct
Year 6	Tues 10th Nov Imperial War Museum Tues 24th Nov Author visit – Gita Ralleigh Mon 5th-Fri 9th July 2027 Isle of Wight Residential	Information sent to parents Lunch order closes Mon 2nd Nov Information sent to parents – books can be bought on Arbor under 'School shop' Next payment due Wed 30th Oct
School Council		

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AUTHOR VISIT – Gita Ralleigh

Pinner Wood are delighted to welcome local author Gita Ralleigh to our school on Tuesday 24th November. Gita will be hosting an assembly and book signing for children in Y4,Y5 and Y6. She will also be conducting writing workshops across the Y6 classes.

Pinner Wood children can purchase her books (*The Destiny of Minou Moonshine* and *The Voyage of Sam Singh)* at a special rate of £6 each or two for £10. Please purchase on Arbor/School Shop.

Gita grew up reading fantasy adventures that took her to faraway lands. The closest she came was on family holidays to India, where old palaces, ice-capped mountains, monkeys and elephants were part of everyday life. After an estbalished career as a medical doctor, she wrote short stories and two poetry books, winning the *Wasafiri* prize for fiction in 2013. Her children's novels, *The Destiny of Minou Moonshine* and *The Voyage of Sam Singh* are published by Bloomsbury.

Putting Residents First

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Support for Parents/Carers of Children experiencing Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

Harrow Educational Psychology Service (EPS)



Harrow EPS is developing a borough-wide, preventative and early-intervention approach to Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA). As part of this work, parents will be able to access support.

Before this starts, an online parent/carer group discussion will be held to gather your views on what support would be helpful, and how this could be delivered.

Who can join the discussion

Parents/carers of children who attend a Harrow school and have found it challenging to attend school for emotionally based reasons.

Two Educational Psychologists will facilitate the discussion.

When and where the discussion group will be held

Monday 16th November, 10.00am – 11.30am online via Microsoft Teams.
A link will be emailed to you once you have completed the sign-up form below.

How to sign up

We appreciate your interest in this event.
Please confirm your attendance using the following link or QR code:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Fu9cDBHPMV

For any questions, please contact EBSNA@harrow.gov.uk

Support for Parents/Carers

Harrow Educational Psychology Service (EPS) is inviting parents and carers of children who experience emotionally based school non-attendance (EBSNA) to an online discussion group. This is an opportunity to share experiences and help shape future support for families across Harrow. The session will take place online on Monday 16th **November, 10.00-11.30am, and will be led by Educational Psychologists.**