



Minet Junior School Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

28th October-1st November –Half Term –SCHOOL CLOSED

4th-15th November –Y6 Swimming

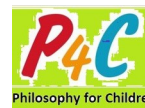
5th November –School Photos

7th November –Year 5 to Winchester Planetarium

11th-15th November –Book Fair

14th November –Parents Afternoon (details to follow)

15th November –Peter Pan Pantomime



'What impact can music have on our lives?'

Please discuss this question with your child. They can then share their family's ideas with the class. There are no right or wrong answers.

Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gurmat Sangeet Academy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument? Would you like to?
- > What type of music do you like listening to? Ask others at home what they like to listen to. Is it the same as or different from what you like?
- > Can you think of times when we listen to music or make music with others?



Thank you for your support and donations. We raised **£650** from our non-uniform day and coffee afternoon. Proceeds raised will be going to Macmillan to help people living with cancer and we will also be purchasing a school bench in memory of our fantastic teacher, Mrs Frances who we sadly lost to this horrible illness.

UNCRC Articles of the Month: October



GRT sewing sessions develop life skills. From this the girls also learn about skill development, creativity, confidence building, team work and problem solving.

On Friday 18th October, Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in a 'Skills Builder Career Workshop'. This exciting session gave children the chance to explore a variety of careers through direct interaction with employee volunteers from different industries. The children were encouraged to ask questions about the volunteers' roles, skills, education, and their life experiences. Topics included the volunteers' daily responsibilities, career journeys, and how they apply the 'Skills Builders' essential skills in their jobs.



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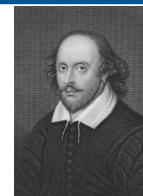
House Points

Winners are:

10/10/24– **Shakespeare** with 2285 housepoints

17/10/24– **Shakespeare** with 3285 housepoints

Well Done!



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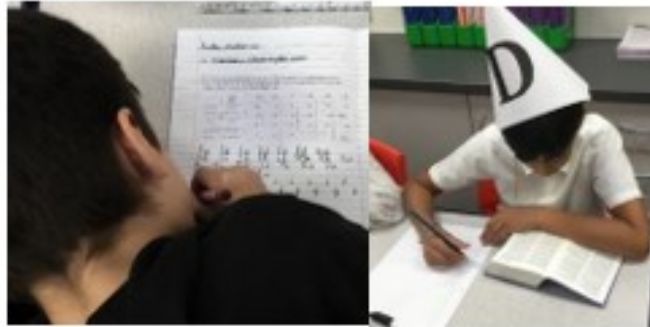
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Year 6 Victorian Day

The children and the teachers had a fantastic day being in a Victorian school for the day. Every effort was made to look as Victorian as possible and some children even managed to come in with 'dirt' on their faces!



The children had lessons as Victorian children: English grammar and handwriting, maths chanting and calculations and writing lines and finding definitions in the dictionary. Sitting in rows, wearing the dunce's hat and having strict, authoritarian teachers was an experience far different from what the children are usually used to.



Lessons were followed by a 'lunch' of thick porridge. For many, this was the very first time they had porridge and for some, they were very glad that they were not around during the Victorian era to eat this every day!



The day ended with children completing very mundane tasks like making knots, untangling thread, sorting buttons, crayons and other materials. It is safe to say; the children were very glad that their Victorian day was over and they can revert back to their normal selves!



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On Thursday 10th October, the Multi-skills Panathlon took place at Oakwood School, providing an excellent opportunity for children to engage in a variety of exciting sporting activities. Each station, which included football dribbling, target practice, and bowling, lasted 7 minutes, with demonstrations and clear instructions provided by Oakwood's students. We are thrilled to announce that Minet's Team achieved 2nd place, reflecting their hard work and dedication! The event effectively promoted teamwork and confidence, leaving the children eager for future competitions. Congratulations to all children for their remarkable efforts! We look forward to more exciting events ahead.



Reminder: Uniform at Minet Junior School is as follows:

Boys Uniform:

- White shirt
- School tie
- School jumper
- Black trousers
- Black/grey socks
- Black shoes (no trainers/named brands)
- Black Parka (if required)

Girls Uniform:

- White shirt
- School tie
- School cardigan/jumper
- Black skirt/trousers
- Black tights/white socks
- Black, flat shoes (no trainers/named brands)
- White Hijab (if required)
- Summer dress: blue gingham (white tights if needed)

Please make sure your child is coming to school in the correct uniform and has their PE kit with them.



Harvest Festival Donations by Year Group



Thank you for all your kind donations towards our harvest celebration. All donations have been taken to St Anselm's Food Bank to support local residents in our community.



Reminder: The school gates **open at 8:35am** and the day starts promptly at 8:45am School **finishes at 3:15pm**. It is important that you drop off and collect your child on time. We operate a breakfast club and a soft start in the mornings to support with the start of the day. We offer a range of clubs after school and Minet Infant School collect children to attend their after school provision. If you know you are going to be late to collect your child, please ring the school office and let them know.



Remember to check your emails regularly and let the school know if you change any of your contact information. Keep an eye out for the winter wellness directory, which contains useful information for the coming winter months.



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Will your child be starting Reception in September 2025?

If so, we warmly invite you to visit our school!

Meet our team

22.10.24 (10-11am)

Visit classrooms

05.11.24 (10-11am)

Ask us questions

03.12.24 (10-11am)

Avondale Drive, Hayes,
UB3 3NR

Contact us on
0208 573 5177 or
office@minetinfants.org.uk

Scan to book
your place:



Do you have a child under 3?
Come to our free..

Stay & Play Sessions

11.11.24 (10-11am)

'The Train Ride'



02.12.24 (10-11am)

'Walking through
the Jungle'



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To register,
scan code below



Year 6 Secondary School

Applications for secondary school, for children starting year 7 in 2025, are now open. Please apply online via the Hillingdon website. The **closing date is the 31st October** and it is recommended that you make your application by the end of this half term. Further information about the process can be found on secondary school transition part of the school website.



Introduced in 2011, the Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers. Often, children who are entitled to Pupil Premium face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and punctuality. The Pupil Premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.



How do I know if my child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You are eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you are receiving the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit **and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.**
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit (with a NET of £7400 or less)



Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to Pupil Premium.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish their primary phase of schooling .

Are you entitled?

Pupil Premium contact at Minet Junior School

Mrs Dobson and Mrs Costello are here to help support you and your family with any questions or queries about Pupil Premium or Free School Meals. Please feel free to contact them on 01895 462 362

