



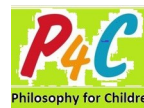
# Minet Junior School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- 9<sup>th</sup> October -Nasal flu vaccinations
- 10<sup>th</sup> October –Multi-skills Panathlon for invited children
- 14<sup>th</sup> October –Year 6 Victorian Experience Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> October –STEM day at Thorpe Park for invited children
- 18<sup>th</sup> October –Non-Uniform Day -Harvest Donations
- 28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November –Half Term –SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November –Y6 Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup> November –School Photos
- 7<sup>th</sup> November –Year 5 to Winchester Planetarium
- 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November –Book Fair
- 14<sup>th</sup> November –Parents Afternoon (details to follow)
- 15<sup>th</sup> November –Peter Pan Pantomime



‘Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?’

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.

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both AI platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality) headsets.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you imagine it would be like to learn without a teacher? What difficulties do you think might arise? What do you believe the benefits could be?
- What qualities do you think make a good teacher? Ask others at home. Do you agree on all of the qualities?

## Hayes Muslim centre

As part of our learning in RE about Islam, Year 6 went to the local Hayes Muslim Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. The children watched the Imam demonstrate the various calls to prayer and learnt more in depth the meaning of the 5 pillars of Islam. During the visit, volunteers from the centre also gave tours and the children were able to see the different parts of the centre: The sisters' hall, the washing area and the different resources available about Islam. Before leaving Hayes Muslim Centre, the children received a goody bag of fruit as an act of kindness.



## Our FAB FOUR for September:

1. 5R 98.31%
2. 3R 97.85%
3. 3O 96.71%
4. 3S 96.11%



**Great attendance!**

## House Points

Winners are:

26/09/24– **Nightingale** with 2050 housepoints

03/10/24– **Shakespeare** with 2155 housepoints

**Well Done!**



This week, Year 5 were given the opportunity to complete pedestrian training with a team from Hillingdon. Each pupil was given a high-vis jacket and we ventured out onto the street after discussing 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think'. The children then, in pairs, practised crossing the road safely and assessing their surroundings. Although something most children can do, it was an important activity to emphasise the importance that if they don't follow the steps just once, it could end badly. We also spoke about checking for reversing lights, wearing helmets on bikes and wearing seatbelts in cars.

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*Our GROW programme is going to be resuming after half term. If you would like to attend please contact the office with your name and number and we will be in contact with you.*

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## 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

