



# Minet Junior School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- 4th February– 6P, 6S, 6E evolution workshop
- 6th February– 6Y evolution workshop
- 6th February– Parents Afternoon, school closes at 1:15pm
- 7th February– Golden Day to celebrate RRS Gold Award
- 11th February– Class Assembly 4M
- 11th February– Choir at Young Voices
- 12th February– Class Assembly 5R
- 17th-21st February– Half Term, School Closed**
- 26th February– Brilliant Club graduation

## Year 6 Bikeability

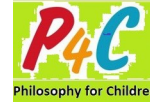
Last week, our year 6 children completed The Hillingdon Safer Cycling Course, also known as Bikeability. Throughout the week, the children learnt how to be safe on the roads and were able to have a guided experience. Many have now completed their level 1 and 2 and now have a good understanding of what it means to cycle safely on the road.



To begin children's mental health week, each year group had a workshop run by Empower Arts. The session began with a discussion on what mental health is and how we all feel different emotions. The children then played emotional musical statues: showing different body language for each emotion. Next, they learned actions to go with positive affirmations and said, "I am brave, I am strong and my feelings matter!"

In groups, the children made freeze frames of different scenarios they may come across in the playground and spoke about their thoughts.

The children will continue to be complete mental health activities throughout the week.



'Do you need to feel under pressure to achieve great things?'

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.

## In the news this week

Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Littler, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

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

- How do you think Luke Littler felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home. Can they recall a similar time?



UN Rights of the Child



British Values



We all have the right to an education that develops our abilities and prepares us for life's challenges. Adults should teach us how perseverance, support, and managing pressure can help us achieve great things and reach our potential.



### Individual Liberty

We all have the freedom to set our own personal goals and work towards them. We can each choose how to approach challenges, whether we thrive under pressure or prefer a calmer path.

## UNCRC Articles of the Month: February



FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION



ACCESS TO INFORMATION



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP

## House Points

Winners are:

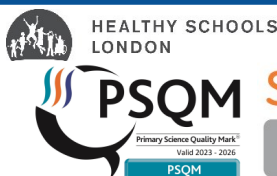
23/01/25– **Newton** with 4,025 housepoints

30/01/25– **Nightingale** with 4,055 housepoints

**Well Done!**



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## Year 3 Cultural Week

Year 3 have had a fantastic week celebrating Cultural Week. Our focus was Pakistan, Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates. The children have completed a range of different activities across their subjects. In art, the children were looking at the intricate designs of the Pakistani trucks. After, they created Pakistani truck designs using traditional Pakistani art patterns. In geography, the



children took a trip to Pakistan and learnt about some of the famous landmarks. They then wrote postcards home to family members telling them about all the wonderful things they had seen. We also read a book called the "The Arabic Quilt." This book is about being proud of your culture and celebrating differences. The children also all learnt to write in Arabic. Finally, the children had the opportunity to experience an Arabic drums workshop in which they listened to music, experienced the culture and learned how to play the drums!

## Year 5 Cultural Week

To begin culture week and our study of India, the year 5's were immersed in a Bhangra dance workshop. It began with a quick introduction to the history of the dance and where it originated from: Punjab, India. Before beginning the dancing, the teacher shared three key points to remember when dancing: 1. Smiling is vital, 2. Bounce your shoulders, 3. 97% of moves start with the left foot. The children then learned an 8 step Bhangra dance which they did in time with music and performed. The teacher then introduced a 'saap' -a wooden instrument that claps together to make a sound that represents showing power. The alternative to this is shouting 'Hoi!' The next step the children learnt was the 'fasla' which represents harvesting the crops which was done by farmers. The children then performed their final piece and were excellent.



Throughout the week, the children also had fun learning all about India. They made maps which identified the capital cities, key states and seas surrounding India and Sri Lanka. In Guided Reading, the children learnt about Princess Sophia Duleep Singh and made informative posters about her life and struggles to achieve equal rights for women. During Art lessons, the children made some fabulous Rangoli patterns as well as used their skills to replicate drawings of the Taj Mahal. Some of the children even made fact files about India. Well done to Year 5, for producing such fantastic work and learning so much about India!

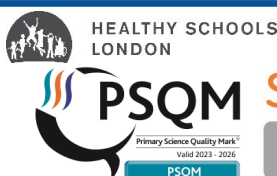


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## Year 4 Cultural Week – Africa

During Culture Week, Year 4 explored the rich and diverse continent of Africa, immersing ourselves in its vibrant cultures and traditions. One of the highlights was our traditional African drumming workshop, where we learned rhythmic patterns and sang traditional African songs. We were also fortunate to welcome parent helpers, who shared fascinating insights into African culture, including Somali clothing and traditional food. They even led a



fantastic performance of dance and music, which we were excited to join in with. Throughout the week, we got creative and engaged in a range of activities: we painted stunning African animal silhouettes and decorated traditional Somali attire. In computing, we researched famous African figures and created informative fact sheets. In geography, we explored the similarities and differences between children's lives in Africa and our own lives.

## Year 6 – Cultural Week

Last week, our school celebrated cultural week and our focus culture was 'The Countries from the Commonwealth.' During our guided reading lessons, we looked at the 2023 Commonwealth short story winner and Jamaican born writer, Kwame Mcpherson's, 'Occee' – a story about racism and discrimination as an immigrant.



In addition, the children also participated in a carnival dance workshop where they were able to explore the dance style of a carnival. They were remarkable! Keeping with the active theme, as a year group, we played a traditional commonwealth game from India called 'Kabaddi' – despite the windy weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We were also very fortunate to have a parent come and share about the culture in Uganda.

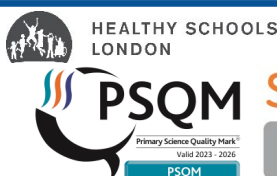


Children had a chance to learn about the food, fashion and famous sights as well as have their questions answered. It was such a personal experience for the children!

To finish off our celebration of culture, the children created beautiful art pieces from different countries around the commonwealth, ranging from Aboriginal art to national flowers and flags of the commonwealth.



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## Children's Multi-Activity HALF TERM Holiday Camps

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17th-21st  
February 2025  
7.45am-6pm  
& 9am-5pm



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January:

1. 3O 97.24%
2. 3S 96.27%
3. 6Y 95.93%
4. 5C 94.20%

Great attendance!



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Holiday Science Activity Camp  
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**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2025 Information**

In this fantastic 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children will enjoy lots of premium fun, educational, hands-on, science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below) - across Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

- Dates: Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb 2025 (5 days)
- Open to Children: Ages 5-12 Years (only)
- Venues: Across London (look right)
- Times: 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs).
- Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- Day Places: Limited day-places available to book online

**Science Investigators! - New for 2025**

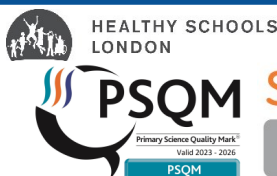
Day 1> Fabulous Forces!  
Fizz, Bang, Boom!  
Ready, Steady, Go!  
Cool Car Friction!  
Day 2> Living It Up  
Brilliant Bodies!  
Super Slime!  
Heart Beat!  
Day 3> Super Structures  
Strong House!  
Marble Maze Run!  
Tallest Tower Investigation!

Day 4> Magic Materials  
Tough Ropes!  
Clean Water!  
Insulation Inquisition!  
Day 5> Journeys!  
Neuron Networks!  
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Air Journey!  
Ready, Set, Stretch!

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See online for full list...

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