



Minet Junior School Newsletter

Spring Term: March 2025

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Upcoming Dates

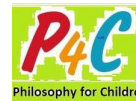
18th March– 4T class assembly 9am
 19th March– 5M class assembly 9am
 24th–28th March– Science week
 25th March– 4Y class assembly 9am
 26th March– 3S class assembly 9am
 1st and 2nd April– Y4 visit River and Rowing Museum
4th April– End of Term, school closes at 1:30pm
22nd April– School Opens for Summer Term

On Tuesday 11th February, nine very excited children had the opportunity to attend the Young Voices 2025 event at Wembley OVO Arena. They were joined by 8,000 children, and their teachers and parents. The children had to learn approximately 15 songs, actions and even sign language, which they performed as a choir alongside some celebrities. Tommy Blaze, the lead singer on Strictly performed “Lean on Me” and some Bob Marley songs while MC Grammar sang “Readers are Leaders”. It was a very long day,

however the children really enjoyed **“the experience of performing in a real concert at Wembley.”**



On Tuesday 25th February, Rehana Shah from the Hayes Muslim Centre visited our school to lead an assembly about the holy month of Ramadan. She explained why and how Ramadan is celebrated, highlighting important values such as charity, reflection, patience, and gratitude. She also drew links to similar values found in other religions, showing how different faiths share common themes of kindness, self-discipline, and community. We wish all those celebrating, a happy and peaceful Ramadan.



‘Is it important to have a morning routine?’

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.

750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools. Starting in April, the schools will provide breakfast and activities for children. Schools are encouraged to offer healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts, such as wheat cereals, porridge, fresh fruit and yoghurt, as well as activities, including educational puzzles, reading and crafts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you attended a breakfast club? Would you like to?
- What do you like to have for breakfast? What about others at home?
- Share your morning routine with someone and ask about theirs. Do you feel it’s important to have a routine? Why?



Rule of Law

Rules help support fairness and wellbeing. Schools, that take part in the breakfast scheme initiative, must follow the government’s guidelines, to ensure children receive a healthy start to the day.

All children have the right to healthy food. By providing support for schools to offer all children a healthy and nutritious breakfast, the UK government is showing support for this right.



UNCRC Articles of the Month: March

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On Wednesday 26th February, the year 6 Brilliant club children attended their graduation at Royal Holloway, University of London. In September, the children started a project on Rights and Law. They were involved in researching about the topic, having one-to-one meetings with their university tutor, who would guide their thinking, and finally writing up all of their research in a 1000 word essay. The standard was very high as they were expected to reference, use academic language and be resilient in their writing.

On graduation day, they were given a full campus tour of the university, spoke to student ambassadors, explored different university societies and ultimately, celebrated their success! Well done, Year 6, you are now Alumni of the scholar's programme 2025!



On Tuesday 11th February, a group of Year 3 and 4 writing superstars had the opportunity to attend a workshop with one of Minet Junior School's favourite authors, Cliff McNish, at Heathrow Primary School. The children listened to stories of the puppies and dogs that McNish and his wife had adopted over the years from shelters and about his book, "Going Home", which is about dogs who are struggling to find new homes. The children then created their own dog to write about, having opportunities to share their writing with children from other schools and Cliff McNish. The children had a wonderful day and did some fantastic writing!



House Points

Winners are:

06/03/25– **Shakespeare** with 2,505 housepoints

13/03/25– **Newton** with 2,740 housepoints

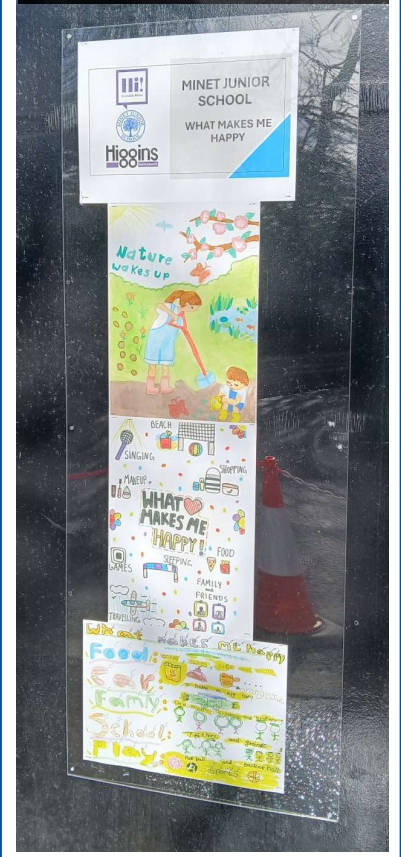
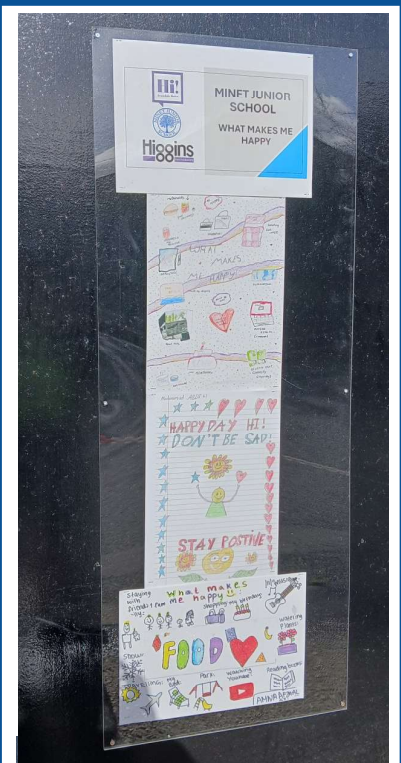
Well Done!



Pedestrian Training
Year 3 have completed Pedestrian Training this week. They have spent time with Pedestrian Trainers from the London Borough of Hillingdon learning and practicing how to cross the road safely.



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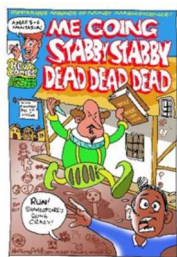
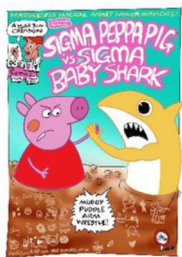
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Key Sutherland

This year for World Book Day, the children were lucky enough to have Key Sutherland, a comic book artist who has worked for Beano, come in to school to visit. He was amazing! The children were enthralled as he captivated them with his engaging assembly and proved that if you can draw the alphabet, you can draw anything using those shapes! He then worked with 60 children across the school to create their own comic books. During the assembly, he also created a personalised comic book cover for us at Minet Junior School! The children loved working with him and hopefully are excited for their own comic book competition!



The Secret Garden

M&M Theatrical Productions visited the school to perform their version of the classic novel The Secret Garden this week. The hall was transformed into a magical stage and the whole school were mesmerised by the wonderful costumes and props. The show was fantastic and everyone enjoyed it.



World Book Day 2025

On Thursday 6th March 2025, we celebrated World Book Day. Children were given the opportunity to dress up to be in for the chance of winning 'best costume'. We had some excellent entries: Malala, Oompa-Loompa, Matilda, Dog Man and many other wonderful costumes. All children also received their World Book Day token which allows them to get one free book or £1 off a book in the offer.



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