



# HWPP Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to welcome you all back to a new spring term with a foreboding of wonderful and exciting learning opportunities for your children to engage with. We hope you and your children have had a chance to enjoy all the recent festivities and return to reflect and share their stories with their peers and teachers. We will be encouraging each child to build on their confidence as the Butterflies get set to prepare further for their transition to school in September, whilst the Caterpillars will be engaging with new vocabulary as they extend their language skills and improve concentration.

Our staff are re-energised and raring to motivate, challenge and inspire our little learners throughout the next two terms.



**Angie Roberts**  
Supervisor & Editor

Are you enjoying the newsletter? Do feed back and let us know.



**Winner for the 2nd consecutive year!!  
Best Preschool in North London**

Star of the Week

This will commence week beginning 15th January 2024.

Taking home Ollie for Caterpillars will also commence 15th January 2024.

January Birthdays

Louis - 8th January

Sophie - 21st January



*Theme of the week*

*Week 1*

*Settling in Week & All about Winter*



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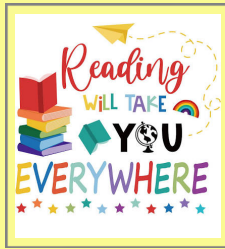
*Week 1*

*Settling back into routine & All about Winter*

Book bags for Butterflies to go out on Wednesday 10th January. Thank you



Library



## Literacy

This week we shall be emphasising the importance of listening to stories and using books to gather information either through illustration or words. Books have a multitude of sources and starting now will only set your child in good stead as they move through their youth and into adulthood. We also ask you as parents to ensure you read to your child as often as possible and preferably before bed time. Research depicts that reading to your child not only allows them to absorb new vocabulary but strengthens bonds with parents. It's a time to share stories, events and also perhaps to question if anything is wrong or makes your child unhappy. Letters of the week will continue next week but for now we shall be reflecting on those visited in the autumn term.

### Recommended Books for reading:

#### Book of the week for Caterpillars:

Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg

#### Book of the week for Butterflies:

The Dot by Peter H Reynolds (Highly Recommended)

## Numeracy

A reflection of numbers counting in order 1-10 and backwards.

## Expressive Arts & Understanding of the World

Your child will be encouraged to use different media to create a winter scene be it a collage or with paints etc. We shall read the book The Dot which encourages any child who says 'they can't' to express themselves and to inspire a 'can do attitude'.

## Physical

Whilst we support all types of movement be it gross or fine motor skills - we shall be driving our healthy lifestyle motto to a new level. ALL children we be participating in our daily mile challenge and although the weather is somewhat inclement currently we will be looking to engage in running, jogging daily inside or out.

With the onus of learning about our bodies set to take centre stage next week. This will start us off.

## Welcome to HWPPL

This January we welcome into our HWPPL community 5 new children; 3 into Caterpillars, Jahan Karafistan, Georgie Josif and Eliana Kyriacou, whilst in Butterflies we have 2 new little girls, Elina Papoutsos and Isla Ulfet.

Some of you will recognise a sibling's surname whilst others are new to us. However, no matter, as we extend our welcome to all our new families old and new and hope they will enjoy being involved with our all our social and fundraising events for the next two terms.

## Christmas Raffle & Prizes

Many of you were present at our raffle on the last day of term where we had on tap a broad spectrum of wonderful prizes kindly donated by many of our families and friends. On behalf of HWPPL, we are all extremely grateful for your extended generosity. This said, we managed to raise £364.10 - fantastic achievement in a very short space of time, which will be put forward to outings this spring.

We still have 4 prizes to distribute as the following people were absent at the raffle:

Marco Orsi	-	FIIT Membership
J Orsi	-	2 Week Pass @ Ignite gym
Paul McCann	-	Massage
Kenghui Lim	-	x 2 Yoga Classes

Please claim or we will post to the relevant address.



## EYFS 2024

With the new Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS) 2024 effective from 4th January 2024, there is a noticeable drive in supporting children to lead healthy lifestyles.

Please see the link below to view the new EYFS 2024.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6596dc9fc23a10000d8d0ba8/EYFS\\_statutory\\_framework\\_for\\_group\\_and\\_school\\_based\\_providers.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6596dc9fc23a10000d8d0ba8/EYFS_statutory_framework_for_group_and_school_based_providers.pdf)

At HWPPL, we feel that we already implement this in a rigorous manner, however, this said, this invites us to revise how we support children and families in this regard and we hope to share our thoughts over the coming weeks. Hence why we will be focusing on our bodies, nutrition and oral health up to February half term. We have tried in the past to implement parent workshops which with work commitments for many has proven to be difficult. If you would like to participate in a nutrition or healthy lifestyle workshop please let me know.

There will be plenty of opportunity for parents who may practice in health care, dentistry etc who are warmly invited to pop into the nursery and present to the children. Do let me know asap if you are able to do so. Children learn and absorb from real life experiences and therefore we try to encompass these in role play activities and/or learning from professionals.

Other changes in the EYFS are more specifically drawn towards ratios of practitioners to children with suitable qualifications. At HWPPL we fulfil the requirements already and we often provide ample staffing beyond what is stipulated. We shall be maintaining the ratio of 1:4 rather 1:5 in Caterpillars and 1:6 rather than 1:8 in Butterflies. Undoubtedly, the children reap the rewards from having greater support in 1:1 scenarios either in a focus activity or when sharing an interest.

## Reception Admissions to Schools

Deadline for entries made to Enfield and Barnet schools is  
January 15th 2024.

This can be done online:

The online eAdmissions system is open for applications  
in Enfield.

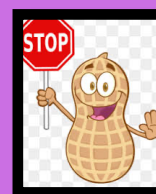
<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-primary-school/starting-reception-september-2023#title-1>

## **\*\*New list of foods to avoid for Allergies\*\***

Please note lunch boxes or snacks should **NOT** contain boiled eggs, or any tree nuts, nuts or traces of nuts, **FISH**, peas, avocado, lentils, chickpea, haricot beans and kiwis.

**No Popcorn - choking hazard**

*Please cut grapes in half length ways*



**NO fruit juices or fizzy drinks**

Water or milk only please

## Dates for the Diary

**Return to HWPPL**  
Monday 8th January

**Wednesday 10th January**  
Deadline for Funding Declaration Forms

**Thursday 18th January**  
Winnie the Pooh Day  
Dress up or bring a themed related book  
and/or a Winnie the Pooh character to share  
at HWPP

**24th January - 4th February**  
National Reading Week

**Thursday 25th January**  
Coffee morning 9.15-10.15am

**26th January - Australia Day**  
Bring an animal/book that represents  
Australia