

HAZELBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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I am delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. In recent weeks, Hazelbury has been nationally recognised for our pupils' achievement and the excellent educational practice across the school.



I have received a letter from Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education, congratulating Hazelbury on the achievement of our disadvantaged pupils. In her letter, she states that, "Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally." This is a remarkable achievement and reflects our strong ethos that every child at Hazelbury will succeed.

I am also absolutely thrilled to announce that, following a rigorous selection process with strict criteria, Hazelbury has been officially selected by the Department for Education (DfE) as a RISE (Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence) school. This is a significant honour and a testament to the dedication, expertise, and high-quality practice across our school.

As a RISE school, we will be hosting two bespoke events for education professionals from across London and beyond, sharing our expertise in teaching and learning, with a focus on oracy development and the significant impact on pupil achievement. The DfE will be signposting schools to Hazelbury specifically to learn from our success, confirming that our work is not only transforming outcomes for our pupils but is also being recognised as a national model of excellence.

Laura Pearce, Headteacher

HAZELBURY PARLIAMENT

I recently met with our school MPs so that they could feedback the school's views on theme days within our catering menu. Pupils' ideas were at the heart of the discussion, including suggestions for a special menu to celebrate Chinese New Year and World Book Day- look out for these! The MPs will also be meeting with the catering team to explore further ideas taking place throughout the coming months, helping to make mealtimes even more exciting and delicious for everyone!



Reminder →

HALF TERM: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
BACK TO SCHOOL: Monday 23rd February

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Children have been enjoying a range of learning experiences beyond the classroom this month. Year 2 had the best time at the Paddington Experience in London, bringing their learning to life as they explored Paddington's world and spotted famous London landmarks along the way.

Year 4 also enjoyed a local walk as part of their Hazelbury Learning Quest topic this half term, where they explored the area, identified physical and human features, and made brilliant observations.

Our Hazelbury sustainability group, the Echo Champions, had lots of fun taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch and were amazed by how many different birds they could spot. Why not have a go at birdwatching too? Find out more [here](#).

Year 6 also visited the Tower of London last week to deepen their learning on the Tudors and Stuarts. Pupils followed in the footsteps of past monarchs, discovering how the Tower was used and what life in a royal palace was really like.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Are electronic devices before bedtime affecting your child's sleep quality?

Given the importance of sleep for a child's mental and physical health, ensuring that children are consistently getting enough sleep at night is crucial.

If you are concerned about the impact of your child using a device before bedtime and the effect it may be having on your child's sleep, there are a number of steps you and your child can take.



- 1) Set a technology curfew. Establish a nightly routine that involves stopping the use of technology at least one hour before bedtime. Plan in other calming activities like reading or colouring.
- 2) Create technology-free zones. Store phones and other devices outside of the bedroom. It reduces the temptation to use devices before going to sleep and eliminates the possibility of being woken up by messages, calls, and other alerts.
- 3) Alter the settings. Many electronic devices include options for 'night mode' or 'dark mode' that change the screen background to black, reducing blue light exposure.

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