



# Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.

## **Happy New Year!**

We have had a great week back at school. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year has started well for you all. The teachers have many exciting lessons and events planned for this term, please look out for their newsletter and curriculum overview.

# **Staffing Update**

I am delighted to welcome some new members of staff to the team. Miss Cracknell has joined the Early Years Team as a Learning Support Assistant. Miss Hassan has changed role, working as a Learning Support Assistant, also in the early years team. Mrs Mateus Da Silva and Mrs Kannan have both joined the School Midday Supervision team. Miss Hardy-Stewart has joined the school in a temporary Teaching Assistant role, working mainly with the Infant classes.

# Extra-Curricular clubs - Spring term 2024

Many of our extra-curricular clubs are now full. There are a few spaces in the cooking club (Y3,4), Streetdance (Y3,4,5,6) and Multi-skills (YR,1). If you would like to enrol your child in one of these clubs, please sign up through Parentpay.

# **Mobile Phones and Internet Enabled Technology**

As I set out in previous Friday Roundups, Mobile phones, smartwatches and any other internet enabled devices are now completely banned for pupils in school. These devices must not be brought to school. This week we have reminded pupils where we have seen a phone or device. From next week, we shall confiscate any device. Confiscated items will only be returned to a parent at the school office.

We have banned these devices as they present a number of significant risks in respect of bullying, potential grooming and other areas of safeguarding risk. We have had experience of a growing number of very worrying problems arising out of the use of internet enabled technology outside of school at the end of the day. I appreciate that there may be concerns for parents whose children go home alone. Pupils in upper key stage 2 making the journey home alone should go home promptly after school to an adult, rather than lingering in the local area and communicating with an adult on a mobile phone.

#### **ALEXANDRA ROAD CLOSURE**

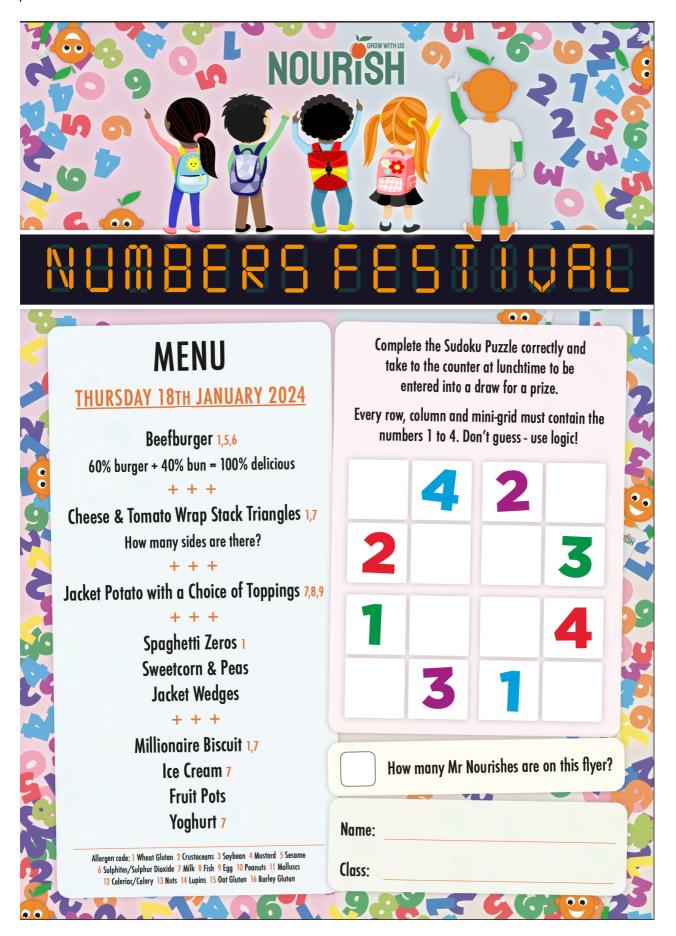
Due to road works in the locality, Alexandra Road (off London Road) is due to be closed next week for a week. Please be aware of this and give yourselves additional time to get to school during this road closure, which is likely to cause congestion.

# Curriculum Enrichment Day - Thursday 18th January 2024

We shall be having our annual curriculum enrichment day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. On this day we come off the normal school timetable to focus on a wider aspect of the curriculum. Each class has a specialist workshop during the school day and delves deeper into the subject during the school day. We also have a special menu on Curriculum Enrichment Day. There is a special menu flier and competition attached below. If your child normally has packed lunch and you would like them to have the special Curriculum Enrichment Day school meal, please contact the school office by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January to sign up.

# **Curriculum Enrichment Menu & Competition**

Completed competition entries should be returned to school by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, to enter the prize draw.



### **Weekly menu (not including Curriculum Enrichment Day)**

Please see next week's menu below.

WCCF Z	Beef & Onion Pie 1	Chicken Noodles 1,3,16 Vegetable Nuggets	Roast Pork & Gravy Roast Vegetable	Mild Chilli 4	Sausages 1,6
6th Nov 4th Dec 15th Jan 19th Feb	New Potatoes asonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 r Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas  Toffee Apple Pudding 1,9 & Custard 7  Mr Nourish Biscuit 1  Fruit Pots	Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage, Sweetcorn Popcorn & Raisin Pot Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 3,7	Cheesy Pasta Bake 1,7 v  Rice, Carrots, Green Beans  Sunshine Bar 1,6,15,16  Mr Nourish Biscuit 1  Yoghurt 3,7  Fruit Pots	Quorn Sausage 1 v6 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks Jaffa Biscuit 1 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots

#### **Universal Free School Meals for Junior Children**

This academic year, the Universal Free School meals programme was extended from the Infants to cover junior children too. This additional support was funded by the Mayor of London, initially for one academic year. Earlier this week I was informed that the Mayor has secured funding to extend this programme for another academic year. This means that pupils in Years 3-6 from September 2024 will continue to receive Universal Free School Meals.

# **Cost of Living – Turn to Us**

The cost of living crisis has hit us all hard, but for some families the crisis is critical. <u>Turn to Us</u> is a charity that helps to ensure that families are receiving all the state benefits that they may be eligible for, as well as having a grants calculator tool that can identify other sources of support. On the Turn to Us website there is a 'benefits calculator'. After adding some basic information, the calculator will identify any benefit support that you may be eligible for. If your family is struggling financially with housing, food or other essentials, do use the calculator to ensure that you are receiving all the support available to you.

# **Benefits Eligible Free School Meals**

Pupils in families receiving state benefits are often eligible for *Benefits Eligible Free School Meals*. As well as a free school meal, these families currently receive supermarket vouchers during school holidays and free access to holiday activity clubs during school holidays. In order to get BEFSM, families must complete an application form. For more information, to check eligibility and to apply, please click <a href="here">here</a>.

# Childcare support for working families with two-year-olds

Starting in January 2024, eligible working parents in Hounslow can apply for 15 hours childcare support a week for their two-year-old children. Parents have until 31 March to apply for a code, with the best timing being mid-January to the end of February in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

Check the eligibility: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working">https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working</a>

#### **EXTERNAL PARTNERS**

#### **Perform Drama**

On Thursday the 'Perform' drama club visited the school to run a free workshop for the pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Details of the workshop and a reduced offer to join the Perform club are set out below:





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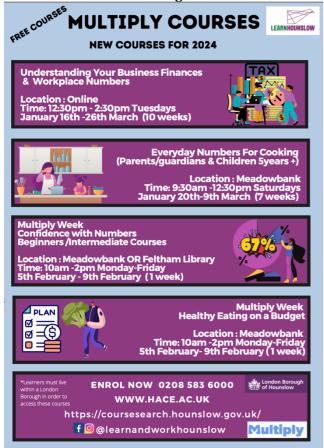
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# **Hounslow Adult Learning**



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