



Friday 23rd February 2024

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

Spring Term Parents' Evening Meetings – 26th & 27th February

The appointment times for next half term's parents' evening and our annual parents' survey have been sent home this week. Please complete the survey and bring it with you to parents' evening. If you want to catch up with the outcomes of last year's survey, please follow this link.

All parents' evening appointments take place on the **Alexandra House** site. If your child is based on the AH site, their appointment will be held in their classroom. If your child is based on the St Paul's site, their appointment will be held in the AH hall.

Aftercare club will move on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th to the St Paul's site. If you are collecting a child from aftercare on these days, please go the the St Paul's site office entrance to collect your child.

All appointments with teachers must be held at the appointed times on Monday 26th and 27th February. Please do not request an appointment on an alternative day in the week before, week of or week after the parents' evenings. Our staff work exceptionally hard after school marking, planning and preparing lessons and do not have sufficient time in the weeks around parents' evening to accommodate further parent meetings.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

On Tuesday 7th March, we shall be marking World Book Day. More details of the events for this year will be shared next half term. As part of the celebrations, we invite children to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. You might want to think about a costume over the half term break. During the day we shall have a costume parade.

Weekly menu

Please see next week's menu below.



EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Spring Activities for Families at Boston Manor Park

Boston Manor Park's 3rd Arts and Crafts Market – Saturday 27 April 2024, 11-5pm.

Under the M4 flyover, local artists will be selling their beautiful crafts. Operated by Fashion Meets Music.

Our annual Nature Festival: save the date - Saturday 1 June, 12-4pm.

Exhibitors will all be nature, craft and conservation related, with our very popular Bedfont Lakes Team Zoo back again. You wouldn't want to miss it!

Toddler activities:

Toddler Woodland Adventure Club, Tuesdays 30 April, 7, 14, 21 May 10.30am-11.45am:

Come and explore the Park habitats and wildlife with Tash. Sheltered/indoor spaces available and activities will take place both inside and outside. Meet by Hub. £20 per child over 2yrs (accompanying younger siblings are free) for 4 sessions. Limited numbers. Please email bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk to book on to the club (payment is for 4 sessions in advance).

Nature, Wellbeing and Art activities (ALL FREE):

Monthly Bird Walk and Survey, Saturdays 2 March, 6 April, 4 May, 08.30-10am, meet on the lake platform. Take a leisurely walk around the park to record numbers and species of birds in the park. No experience necessary but bring binoculars if you have them.

Amphibian Rescue event, Sat 2 March, 1-2.30pm: come and discover how a Chiswick based community group of volunteers have saved thousands of frogs, toads and newts from certain death over the last few years. Expect to hear information about the project, amphibian life cycles, how you can help and to be able to get up close to live amphibians. Meet outside walled garden. All ages welcome.

Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick with local award-winning community organisation LAGER CAN, Sat 16 March 10.30-12.30pm: meet by Hub, we will provide all the resources you need and there will be rewards from our café for those that participate!

Evening Bat Walks, Tues 2 Apr at 7.40pm and Thurs 9 May at 8.40pm: come and spot our resident bats using bat detectors! Meet by picnic tables by lake.

Help our Hounslow and Ealing Hedgehogs! Sat 6 April, 2-3.30pm, meet by Hub: Wild

Chiswick (www.wildchiswick.com) and Ealing Wildlife Group (www.ealingwildlifegroup.com) will be providing information all about their projects and how you can help local hedgehogs. Hibernaculum building, storytelling, crafting with clay and even a real native hedgehog- an event for all the family, whether you live in Ealing or Hounslow - let's create one big wildlife corridor!

Plant Sale and Seed Swap, Sat 6 April, 11am-1pm, near walled garden: come and pick up some bargains and swap seeds you don't need. Horticultural advice will be available too. Launch of our New Audio Trail, Sat 13 April, 2-3pm: with help from local artist Giovanna Iorio we have created a beautiful, mindful audio trail around the Park (think poetry, bird song, music...). We will lead you around the route using a speaker so all ages can enjoy and experience it even without a phone/headphones. It will be available to download for personal use too. Starts by Hub.

Clean Up the River Brent with Ben Morris and CURB, Sat 20 April, 10-1pm: come and clear some invasive plants, plant up some reeds or just litter pick our waterways- this event will be based in or near water some come prepared in wellies if possible- all health and safety equipment, and other resources will be provided. Meet by Hub at 10am.

Join our Joys of Spring Walk, Sat 20 April, 2-3pm: meet by Hub, for a tour with the park

manager Vanessa. We'll discover the signs of spring in the park and learn about flowers, trees and wildlife that come into their own in this vibrant season.

Discover Butterflies and Moths in the Wildflower Meadow, Sat 18 May, 2-3pm: meet outside walled garden. Come on a guided walk with experts Barbara Mulligan and friends, to spot, catch, release and identify our precious flying pollinators. All ages welcome.

Mindful & Sensory Event aimed at people with dementia or cognitive decline, Thurs 23 May, 12-1pm: meet by Hub. You'll be using all your senses during this guided activity to experience and enjoy the natural surroundings, along with some gentle, mindful movement.

Play session for SEND children and young adults, Wed 29 May, 2-3pm: the play area will be available exclusively to SEND children and young adults (up to 25 yrs) during this hour. Parents with SEND children are encouraged to visit during this time. Park staff will be available, and indoor facilities will be open as safe breakout spaces (education room and accessible toilet). Other park users are asked to be understanding and welcoming.

Easter Holiday events for children and families:

Street Dance taster session with Nick from The Performing Arts Company for Kids, Tues 2 April 3-3.45pm in Hub, 6-12 yrs: drop in but numbers limited (FREE). Email thepack_dance@outlook.com for information about Nick's musical theatre holiday camp 1- 4 April, 4-6pm in Hub.

Holiday Club (6-12 year olds) with Tash, Wed 3 and Thurs 4 April, 9am-1pm: Email bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk to book a place (limited numbers). Children can expect fun outdoor and indoor physical, forest school, nature based and crafty activities. All park facilities will be available (including table tennis and 1 hour SUPA basketball coaching). Food not included. £30 per child per day (or £25 per child per day if you book multiple days). Payment in advance and completion of registration form is required to secure a place.

Canoeing Club (8yrs up, including adults) with Active 360, Wed 10 April 10-11 and 11-12: email us bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk to book onto 55mins of canoeing up and down the canal at the bottom of the park. We will allocate you a session. Joining instructions to follow (starts and ends at canal bridge). Places limited. £12 per participant in advance to secure place.

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