



NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents/Carers

It's that time of year again when the nights are drawing in, and the children become excited about the prospect of trick-or-treating during the half term. This week, I attended training delivered by Essex Police, and what scared me more than anything was the increasing trend of **edible gummies**. While we might assume this is an issue only relevant to secondary schools, some of the stories and incidents shared really struck a chord with me. One in particular involved **two children aged just 7** who **overdosed** after eating what they believed was simply a bag of sweets. If you are taking your children trick-or-treating this Halloween, **please check the packaging** of anything they are given—especially if older children are going out with friends or extended family members. Some of the packaging for these edibles looks **strikingly similar to well-known sweet brands**, and during our training session, even we found it difficult to spot the difference. One tell-tale sign is the presence of a **cannabis leaf symbol**, often in the bottom corner or subtly placed somewhere on the packet. While I truly hope nothing like this ever happens to any of the children at Hogarth, I wanted to raise your awareness. Trends can change quickly—even in our leafy town of Brentwood.

Please see below for an image of these edible sweet bags so you know what to look out for.



Moving on to far more positive news, our parents' evening was **extremely well attended**. It was lovely to see such productive conversations about how well the children have settled this term and what they need to do next to continue progressing.

I hope you found the report form useful—it's designed to be a key reminder of what steps the school is working on with your child. These reports take time for our staff to complete, so **please do refer to them at home** if you're looking for ways to support your child further.

Attendance continues to improve and, once again this week, **Hogarth is above the national average**—something that felt unthinkable just three years ago. Please continue to do all you can to get your children into school. We will always contact you should they need to go home.

A reminder that **next Friday we break up for our two-week half term holiday**. Tarik, our sports coach, is running a **holiday club at St Martin's** during the **first week** of the break. We have sent out information about this, so please check your emails if you are looking for something for the children to do.

As we walk along the path, especially close to the new nursery, can we ensure we watch our language when around the children. I have been informed of swearing being overheard and poor choice of language. Thank you.

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Stars of the Week

RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y
Lily	Alfie-David	Nigel	Hadad
3H	4C	5H	6C
Oliver	Miguel	Siyon	James



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Olivia C 6C – For a great attitude and hard work at Hogarth Primary School.



Reading at Home –

Class	Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home						% 3 and more	% 4 & 5	% not reading
	Times Read								
	0	1	2	3	4	5			
RB	5	4	2	5	2	8	58%	38%	19%
1/2KC	1	1	0	6	2	9	94%	61%	6%
1/2F	3	2	0	4	0	11	75%	55%	15%
2Y	0	0	2	6	8	13	93%	75%	0%
3H	0	0	0	15	6	8	100%	48%	0%
4C	2	2	1	7	7	9	82%	57%	7%
5H	0	0	0	8	3	15	90%	62%	0%
6C	1	1	0	12	2	13	93%	52%	5%



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	93%	96.5%	88.3%	97.5%	
					95.4%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	96%	96.8%	97.3%	95%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2Y	5H	4C



Yearly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	92.1%	96.2%	91.4%	97.3%	
					95.1%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	95%	95%	97%	95.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2Y	5H	1/2F

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	respect	weather	cruising
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
rapidly	carnivore	conscientious	reminisce

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	collection	fewer than	vertex
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
equal	inverse	multiples	common factor



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 15 October – Don Dance Workshops (Diwali focus)

Wednesday 15 October - Prospective parent tour for 26/27 – 9.30

Thursday 16 October – Whole School Welly Walk

Friday 17 October – End of Half Term

Monday 3 November – Money Week

Thursday 6 November - KS1 'Money Week' shop

Thursday 6 November – Self Defence sessions

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Monday 10 November - Interfaith Week

Tuesday 11 November – Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12 November - Prospective parent tour for 26/27 – 9.30

Thursday 13 November – Flu Immunisations

Friday 14 November – Children in Need

Monday 17 November – Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 19 November - Prospective parent tour for 26/27 – 9.30

Thursday 27 November - Year 4 Science Museum Trip

Friday 28 November – African Drumming Workshop

Friday 28 November – Year 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Monday 1 December – Reception – Height/Weight/Vision checks

Wednesday 3 December – International Disability Day

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