



NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last two weeks, the teaching staff and members of the SLT have had their performance management meetings. During this time, we've all had the opportunity to reflect on the successes and next steps from the last academic year.

Following the completion of these meetings, there was an overwhelming sense of pride shared by both the staff and myself. When we look back at the journey we have all been part of, it's incredible to see how far we've come. Two years ago, many of us took the brave step of leaving the comfort of our previous schools to join the Trust and Mr Duff at a time when Hogarth was, at the lower end of the *Requires Improvement* standard.

The school's progress, however, is not solely down to the efforts of the staff. It is also a reflection of the support we have received from you, your families, and most importantly, the children—who come in every day with the biggest smiles on their faces.

This half term, we have seen a significant uplift in attendance, which I wanted to share and celebrate with you. We are currently sitting at 95% attendance, which is *in line with the national average*. Two years ago, this figure was just below 89%. The more time your children spend in school, the greater the progress they make—something that aligns perfectly with the improved assessment scores we have seen.

Even more impressively, persistent absenteeism (children with less than 90% attendance) has dropped from 38% two years ago to just 12% this term. While this is still too high, it represents a clear shift in attitudes and mindsets towards education here at Hogarth.

In slightly less positive news, I need to share that Mrs. Connor, who has been instrumental in driving whole-school improvement at Hogarth over the last two years, will be leaving us for the foreseeable future. She has been seconded by the Trust to take on the role of Deputy Headteacher at Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School.

I have no doubt that Mrs. Connor will embrace this new opportunity and offer Kelvedon the same wisdom and enthusiasm that we have benefited from during her time with us. From the heart, Hogarth wishes her every success in her new adventure—we know we'll see her again soon.

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Welly Walk this week! The feedback from the (very tired!) children, parents, and staff was that it was a wonderful opportunity to get out in the fresh air as a whole school and see our older pupils acting as fantastic role models.

This week, we also welcomed back Dancing Don for our KS2 children, who performed some incredible routines linked to Black History Month. Our Reception children also joined in and were absolutely fabulous!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful **two-week half-term break**. I look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday, 3rd November.



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Stars of the Week

RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y
Frankie-Bleu	Reign	Amalia	Aila
3H	4C	5H	6C
Florence	Vince	Emily	Jayna



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Emmanuel 5H – For being a credit to the school both inside and outside of the classroom.



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	4	2	3	5	1	11	65%	46%	15%
1/2KC	1	0	0	4	1	12	94%	72%	6%
1/2F	1	1	5	3	1	9	65%	50%	5%
2Y	3	0	3	9	5	9	79%	50%	11%
3H	0	0	2	13	7	8	97%	52%	0%
4C	2	4	0	7	4	10	75%	50%	7%
5H	2	0	1	12	2	12	90%	48%	7%
6C	2	0	0	11	7	10	97%	59%	10%



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	91.9%	89%	91.1%	93.1%	
					93.6%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	94.3%	94.6%	97.7%	94.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5H	4C	3H 6C



Yearly Attendance

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Class	RB	1/2F	1/2KC	2Y	Whole school
Attendance	92.1%	95%	94.1%	96.6%	
					94.9%
Class	3H	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	94.9%	94.9%	97.1%	95.2%	

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

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	Autumn	memory	determined
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
endless	producer	prevent	plaintively

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	compare	total	symmetry
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
addend	multiplicative	prime number	divisibility



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Diary Dates

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

Admissions Arrangements Consultation Academic Year 2027/28

We are currently consulting on a PAN reduction and a change to our in-year admissions form for 2027/28, full details of which can be found on our website [here](#).

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