

Cambridge School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted with the response we have had from pupils, parents and staff to the request for donations to Hammersmith Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. Learners have embraced three of the school's core values; respect, nurture and empathy. Thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves is one thing, but acting on it is another. We are very grateful for all the food provided for this worthy cause so a big thank to you all.

Yesterday was International Mental Health Day and I want to assure parents that we are keen to ensure that school is a safe place for everyone, both physically and psychologically. We have an in-school Arts and Drama therapist who works with children requiring support and referrals can be made by parents as well as staff. Please contact the school if you feel that your child would benefit from our therapist's input. As well as Lana Selby (our therapist), we also work with MIND to support other learners experiencing difficulties, and Barnardos. We are a school which takes a holistic approach to education and believe that emotional wellbeing and happiness are as important as academic achievement. We also understand that children need to be taught how to be kind and respectful and they sometimes fall short of our high expectations. If a child is being insulted, hurt or abused by another child, we will take strong and urgent action to address the issue and resolve it.

There are two important events on my radar that I want to alert you to. Firstly, our welcome morning for the parents of our Year 7s on Thursday 17th October and secondly, our Transition Fair for the parents of learners in Years 10 and 11 where colleges will attend to advertise the courses and opportunities on offer for students as they prepare for their journey into adulthood. This event is on Friday 15th November 09:30am -11:30am.

Yours sincerely,

A. Campbell

Alan Campbell, Head Teacher



IMPORTANT DATES

28th Oct—1st Nov: HALF TERM W/C 11th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week 13th Nov: World Kindness Day 15th Nov: Children In Need W/C 18th Nov: Book Fair Week

3rd Dec: International Day of Disabled Persons

5th Dec: World Science Day **17th Dec:** Talent Show

18th Dec: Christmas Jumper and Christmas

Lunch Day

20th Dec: Last day of term, finish at 1pm



Your Harvest Festival Donations will be going to the Hammersmith & Fulham Food Bank.



Attendance: Week Ending 4th October



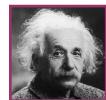
Akala Class 76%



Angelou Class 96%



Bevan Class 80%



Einstein Class









Franklin Class 76%



Hawking Class

100%



Hockney Class 56%



Obama Class 98%



Seacole Class

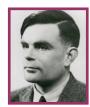
87%



Rashford Class 97%



Rowling Class 87%



Turing Class 92%



Wiltshire Class 83%



Hawking Class!

House Competition: Week Ending 11th October

Points are awarded for good work and good behaviour, and can be earned for winning competitions



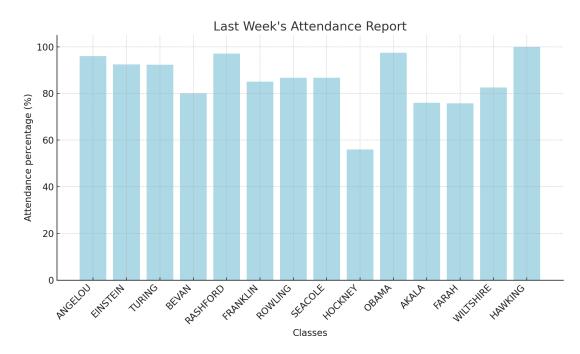
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Our school attendance target is: 92%

Last week's attendance: **86.01%**Year-to-date attendance is: **84.72%**





A huge **congratulations** to the classes that have exceeded our school attendance target of 92%! Your commitment and dedication have shone brightly, and we couldn't be prouder.

Hawking class: 100% Obama class: 97.5% Angelou class: 96% Rashford class: 97.14% Turing class: 92.31% Einstein class: 92.5%

Double Praise and **Celebration** for the **Hawking Class!** Achieving an **incredible 100% attendance** for the **second week in a row** is an outstanding accomplishment. Your consistent dedication sets a shining example for everyone!

A heartfelt **thank you** to all the **parents** and **students** of these classes for working together with us and surpassing the school target. Your teamwork has made this success possible, and it shows how much we can achieve together.

Special Congratulations to all the students who achieved **100% attendance** last week. **Well done**, and keep up the fantastic work! Your efforts are deeply appreciated and celebrated!

To all our amazing classes and students who may have been **below the school's target** of 92% attendance last week, I want to offer some words of **encouragement**:

We know everyone can reach this target, and together, we can achieve it! Your education is vital, and every day in school is a step towards **building your future**, unlocking your potential, and growing your knowledge.

Attendance plays a key role in this journey and every single day matters. So, let's set our sights on meeting — and even exceeding — that **92% target!** Remember: **education is the foundation** for all your future

Standing United Against Bullying What is bullying?

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms (for instance, cyber-bullying via text messages, social media or gaming, which can include the use of images and video) and is often motivated by prejudice against particular groups, for example on grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, special educational needs or disabilities, or because a child is adopted, in care or has caring responsibilities. It might be motivated by actual differences between children, or perceived differences.

At Cambridge School, we are deeply committed to providing a **safe**, **supportive**, **and inclusive environment** for all our students. We believe that **every child** has the right to learn in a space where they feel **respected**, **valued**, **and protected**. For this reason, we want to reiterate that our school will **not stand for any form of bullying**, whether it happens in the classroom, on the playground, or online.

Bullying — whether physical, verbal, or emotional — can have a profound impact on a child's well-being, self-esteem, and academic success. It is essential that we, as a school community, work together to **stamp out bullying** in all its forms. This also includes **cyberbullying**, which is becoming increasingly prevalent in today's digital age. Just as we hold high expectations for behaviour in school, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child's **online behaviour** is equally respectful, kind, and responsible.

We plead with you, our parents and guardians, to work with us to ensure that your child's behaviour — both in person and online — is not contributing to any form of bullying. Take time to talk to your child about the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, and the consequences of negative actions on others.

Our school has clear policies and support systems in place to address any incidents of bullying, and we encourage students, parents, and staff to report any concerns immediately. **Together**, we can make sure that every student feels **safe**, **heard**, **and supported** at school and online.

Let's stand united against bullying and continue to build a community where every child thrives.

Mrs Jane Ogunbowale Assistant Head teacher





Sign Up By Wednesday 16th October:

You are invited to THE SPACE - a space to share

The Space is a monthly, online forum for parents and carers launched in February 2024.

- a reflective, informal and non-judgemental space
- a way of coming together to meet and talk with other parents and carers about the challenges and rewards of having a child in a SEN school
- the place to share experiences, ideas and thoughts with others about what you find helpful or challenging
- continue discussions raised in workshops facilitated by the school
- a way to feel part of the school community
- discussions about general issues affecting your children like mental health, socialising and developing independence

Please join us on the following dates this term by accessing the link below.

21 November

19 December

Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 372 782 064 652

Passcode: eRxDM7

Any questions, please call me at the school or email: l.selby@cambridge.lbhf.sch.uk

Lana Selby

Arts Therapist

Cambridge School







Email any of us if you're interested in joining Cambridge School's Parent & Teacher Association:

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