

Looking back we've had a great start to 2022. Read on for all the good news.

In our New Year Assemblies on the 5th of January at each school, we turned back time to the 31st December. We pretended to wait for the midnight bells and cheer in the New Year, 1st January 2022.



Our 'first footers' brought us candles to keep us warm, give us light and love with food and drink. 'First Footing' is a Scottish tradition going way back that is fun to share with everyone.



We also enjoyed Hague's Spanish custom of eating 12 grapes at midnight for good luck. They are fun to eat at speed and wish everyone a very Happy New Year with good health for all.



We want everyone to have a peaceful, healthy and happy new year.
Judy Knappett Executive Headteacher.

IN JANUARY WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT GOALS AND DREAMS in our ASSEMBLIES and PSHE JIGSAW LESSONS.

January is traditionally the month when we think about how we can get better at things we'd like to improve. Be faster, fitter, healthier and make positive choices setting targets and goals to feel proud of progress and achievements.

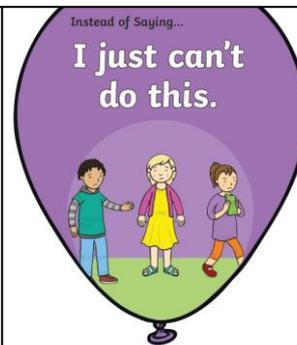


We are developing our '**Growth Mindset**' so that we focus on the things we can do to develop our knowledge and skills whether we are 3 or 11 years old. Everyone can have-a-go, persevere, get some feedback and act on it.

We're talking about having the right attitudes for learning and developing a growth mind-set instead of a fixed mind-set.

Fixed-Mindset

Growth-Mindset



I have a dream... equality and no segregation in America.



What's your goal or dream?

In assembly we learned that in 1963 Dr Martin Luther King made a famous speech about his dream. At Hague and Stewart Headlam we aim for zero tolerance of bullying or racism and 100% focus on friendship and kindness for all. Let's keep it that way in 2022.

At Hague we're so excited and just can't hide it! Nursery and Reception Classes have the best ever new playground.



The smiles and happy faces tell it all and that's just the teachers!

See the children in action as Hague's new playground has more interesting and challenging features than the old slide and tarmac playground. We're loving the grass and river which makes it a safe place to play, run, roll and play ball.

The new climbing frame with jungle bars, clamber net and balance ropes is hugely popular. Already we can see children are being more adventurous and physical which is good for their core strength, balance, co-ordination and muscle development.

Children are climbing, being braver, crossing the jungle bars using muscles in their arms to carry their body weight. This is brilliant and we want all children to be able to do this by the end of Reception.



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It's taken a few years to save to make this playground transformation happen and it was a bit held up by Covid. We got it done over the winter and saved a bit of money by not having a summer holiday project when all schools want works done. It cost £45,000.



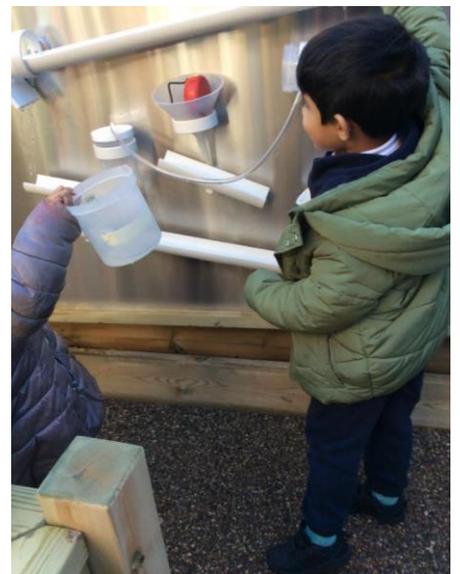
We've used school capital funding, EYFS and sports premium grants to contribute to costs. These are great improvements for all to enjoy.

We've now transformed all 3 playgrounds at Hague.

- The main playground, £40,000 including Sport England Grant.
- The Rooftop playground £96,000 Fixed the leaks and resurfaced and now the EYFS playground.



The benefits of this play equipment are so much better for the children's personal development, well-being and social skills.



The mud kitchen, story chair, chalk board and water play, and construction areas support imaginative role play, friendship and collaborations skills. We've got space to plant seeds, grow fruit and vegetables, hunt for mini beasts in the mud pit, create dens to hide and play in.

THIS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTS the Characteristics of Learning, independence and having FUN!!

Year 5's Young Coney Schools Programme

Year 5 pupils at Hague and Stewart Headlam Schools are working collaboratively with BAFTA Award-winning interactive theatre-makers [Coney](#).

The *workshop programme and 4 week after school club* for year 5's focuses on, **youth empowerment** – having a voice and creating the possibility of social changes.

SHH Federation Year 5's are joining in partnership with primary schools across Tower Hamlets this academic year.



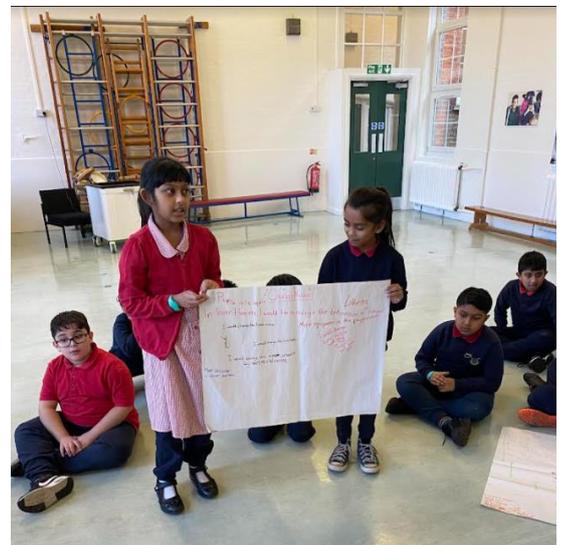
Jo Sedley who used to be Year 5 Teacher at Stewart Headlam and is now Hague's Year 5 teacher is leading the project across both schools. This is great because Jo loves teaching debate and oracy skills, she wants children in both schools to enjoy the club.

The SHH Fed pupils in Year 5 to work with two Coney artists exploring their own interests and passions for change. So whether it is about big issues like the impact of racism on children and families or not liking anti-social behaviour near your home or wanting more after school clubs, by taking part pupils learn how to use their talents, skills and voice to have an impact.

The Level 2 after school club brings the Y5's from both schools to work in partnership which is fantastic. They will learn about change-making plans and putting them into action using play.

- They will be developing their sense of Identity, Agency, Imagination, Compassion and Resilience.

This is a very exciting project. It fits with our Rights Respecting Schools ethos so that pupils learn to have a voice for positive change.



BIG THANK YOU to all Year 5 parents who are supporting their children's attendance at the after school workshops. Other E1 Partnership Schools like Thomas Buxton and William Davis took part in the Autumn Term. They worked together to make a fantastic audio trail about life in the local community that they are proud of and things they would like to change.

Let's wait and see what our Young Coney Change Makers want to celebrate or change!

How are we spending the 2021-2022 Schools' Recovery Premium Funding for the National Tuition Programmes?

All schools have received Recovery Premium Funding based on the number of pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. Hague gets £10,030 and Stewart Headlam gets £13,195. Below is an explanation of the 1:1 tuition programmes that are happening in our schools. This government funding has to be mainly targeted at pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium and NTP Funding. (If you are on income support or other benefits please let the school office know asap, your child may be eligible for additional school funding.)



Third Space Maths is a 1:1 online tuition programme for children in Years 5 & 6.

Children take a diagnostic assessment which identifies their gaps in knowledge. We call this 'find and fill the gap'. Children have headsets, a Chromebook and a tutor.

This 1:1 time gives children confidence to progress quickly because they can talk through the difficult bits. 20 children are taking part in this programme.

Third Space visited our school to speak to pupils and staff about the tuition programme and film a Third Space Learning session in action. [Hague school is now the star of the Third Space website!](#) Click to watch it. They absolutely loved hearing such positive comments from our pupils. We are very proud of their positive attitudes and progress.



Lightening Squad. This is a 10 week reading support programme with a tutor so that children in Years 2-5 become fluent readers. We are trialling this to see how good it is by sharing the

tutor for 30 children across the two schools. 15 from Hague and 15 from Stewart Headlam.

They will get 10 weeks of 3 x 30min sessions per week. So far the children say its' great.

Hague and Stewart Headlam have termly pupil progress meetings. The teachers, Exec Head and Heads of School look at who is on track for learning or falling behind.

We identify the gaps in knowledge and strategies to support led by teachers, HLTAs and TAs.

- We ensure children have targeted in school learning support to catch up or home learning practice using,
- In school we use PiXL - Primary Excellence in Learning resources for English and Maths.
- At home we need parents to support regular practice for Times Table Rock Stars and Bug Club Reading.

We support all children to succeed working in partnership with parents.

- **Year 6** - our aim is always to make sure children are academically 'secondary ready'. Some children need a bit of extra time with teachers and HLTAs who take small group sessions for maths, reading or writing as they make a big difference. Some of this happens in school time and some after school.
- **Reception to Year 2.** Our TAs or Teachers run a range of early morning pre-teach and catch up sessions. If invited please bring your children in a little bit earlier.

The 8:45am Soft Start: Coming into school and going straight to class is having an impact.

- Thank you to parents who regularly drop children off at 8:45am.
- The regular 10 minutes every day for Maths, handwriting, spellings, reading whatever your child's target makes a big difference for your child.

Please don't miss out by coming to school at 9:00am. Drop-and-go at 8:45am

Police Horses in the EYFS playground at Hague - they were huge!

The police officers on horses look after the community to keep everyone safe. Riding a horse means they can see more and people like to talk to them. They go on the streets where there are large crowds of people.



Police officers drive cars and some ride huge police horses.

Reception Class have created a police station in their class. There are young Hague police officers being trained by an experienced real Police Officer in how to make finger prints.

The children prepared so many fantastic questions for our police visitors like, 'How do police officers drive so fast and stay safe?'

- Check out the 'Wanted' pictures of law breakers at Hague. Did you know.....Gold teeth have gone missing, friends kidnapped and the 'baddies' have to be found.
- The young Hague police officers are asking questions and taking notes about all the crimes that have suddenly been happening at Hague.

I really hope the young police officers at Hague can solve the mystery problems using their detective skills.



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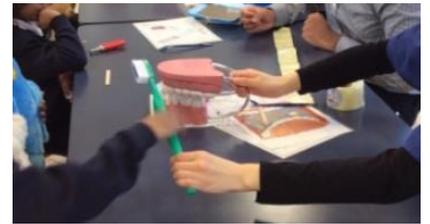
The Hague children's teddies and cuddlies from Reception Class and Year 1 were all taken to Teddy Bear Hospital.

They had check-ups and reminders about how to stay healthy, fit and well.

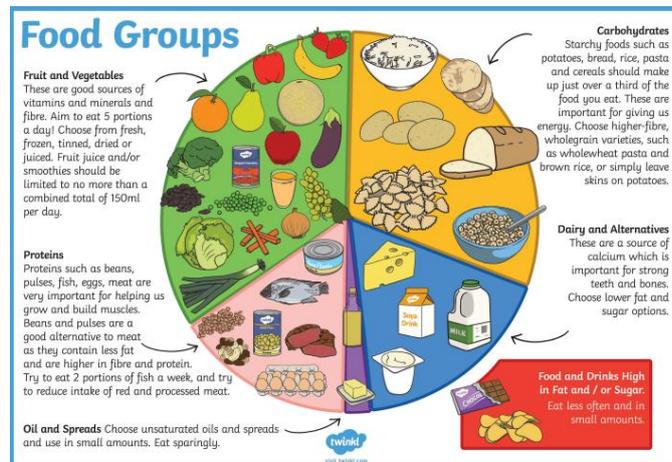
We love having the trainee medics from the London Hospital come into school.

The children in Reception and Year 1 classes for both schools listened to the important information about staying healthy. The children asked the trainee doctors great questions about the heart, lungs, teeth and diet.

They also had a dental check so children and teddies know the importance of brushing teeth regularly, how to do it AND what happens if you eat too much sugar!



All children know what a healthy diet looks like and what to choose. Plenty of fruit and vegetables instead of crisps, biscuits and sugary treats.



The Year 2's took their teddies to visit them last term because we didn't want anyone to miss out because of lockdowns and no visitors to school.

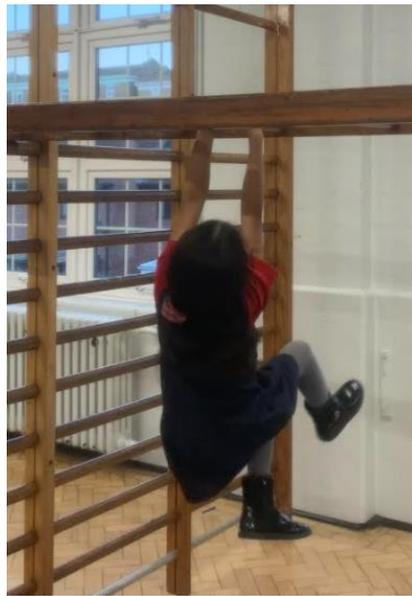


Year 1 - Off to the Tower of London

The children were so excited because they have learned about William the Conqueror from France who invaded England in 1066. He built his fortress in London by the River Thames 950 years ago. The children know about the Normans and how castles kept people safe from attack.

Year 1 went in peace to see for themselves the impressive, famous tower and armour. They also saw Queen Elizabeth's crown and jewels which are kept very safe. She has been the Queen for 70 years. It's her Platinum Jubilee this year which we will celebrate in June.

AFTER SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS CLUB WITH NAIM OUR SPORTS COACH for Year 1's and Year 4's.



Fun and physical challenges to develop upper body strength, balance, coordination, timing and team work. Just like reception but with extra challenge. Being physical, fit and strong continues throughout school.

Naim's Top Challenges

- How can you all get through the swinging ropes without touching them as a team?
- Can you cross the ladder and not touch the floor or
- How do you use the ropes to twist upside down?

These are all great activities for our health and well-being.
Come to club and join the fun.

Borough Pentagonal for Deaf Children

The KS2 Deaf children took part in the Swimming and Water Sports competition at the Olympic Aquatic Centre - Stratford.

The Hague Swimmers came 7th out of 10 Schools. **It is the first time some children have ever been swimming at Hague.** They absolutely loved it and have great medals and fun rubber ducks to remember the fantastic day.

The KS1 Bowling group did really well as some children came 2nd. Thanks to Kyrie our teacher of the deaf for taking them.

Safer Streets for Schools -

Thank you to all parents, staff, governors and residents for signing petitions and especially to our School Councillors who for several years have been writing to the council, making banners and having conversations with council members. Children's and community voice has been heard. **Our School Travel Plan, goals and dreams are finally happening.**

Traffic congestion and parking has been a problem for many years which everyone complained about.

The solution was to make Finnis Street one way with a safer crossing for children and families. The changes are happening over 2 weeks. The workmen are talking to me to keep it as safe as possible.

- The One Way signs are up and pavement crossing areas being widened.
- Some of the parking bays in this area will be removed for better vision when crossing the road.
- It will be made to look greener with trees and plants which will make it feel nicer for all.
- In future there will be time restrictions for drivers with cameras so that fewer cars can use the street between 8-9am and 3-4pm.
 - This is good news for the school pedestrians as it reduces congestion.
 - It also reduces car pollution which helps children and families with asthma.

Please **TAKE GREAT CARE** in this area **USE THE PAVEMENTS** and cross in a safe space after the yellow bollards.

Please **DO NOT WALK DOWN THE ROAD** as cars may not see you.

We want children in school not hospital, this is a danger zone until finished.

Lots of parents have told me they are very pleased the school has helped to make this a safer route. Thank you for your support it is really appreciated. Judy



HAGUE DIARY DATES 2022

School Closed on these dates

February Half Term Monday 14th – Friday 18th

INSET DAY Friday 1st April

Easter Holidays Monday 4th – 15th April

May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Eid-al-fitr Tuesday 3rd May

Local Elections Thursday 4th May

May Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

It includes the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday for the Queen's 70th anniversary of being the Queen.

Summer Holiday School finishes on Thursday 21st July at 2pm.



BEIJING 2022

WINTER OLYMPICS – WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
Please watch either on TV or You Tube to see the great events over February Half Term and be prepared to tell your teacher and friends what you found out.
Look on CBBC Newsround.

1. Which country is hosting the winter olympics?
2. What are the winter sports?
3. Do you have a favourite?

Winter sports silhouettes



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