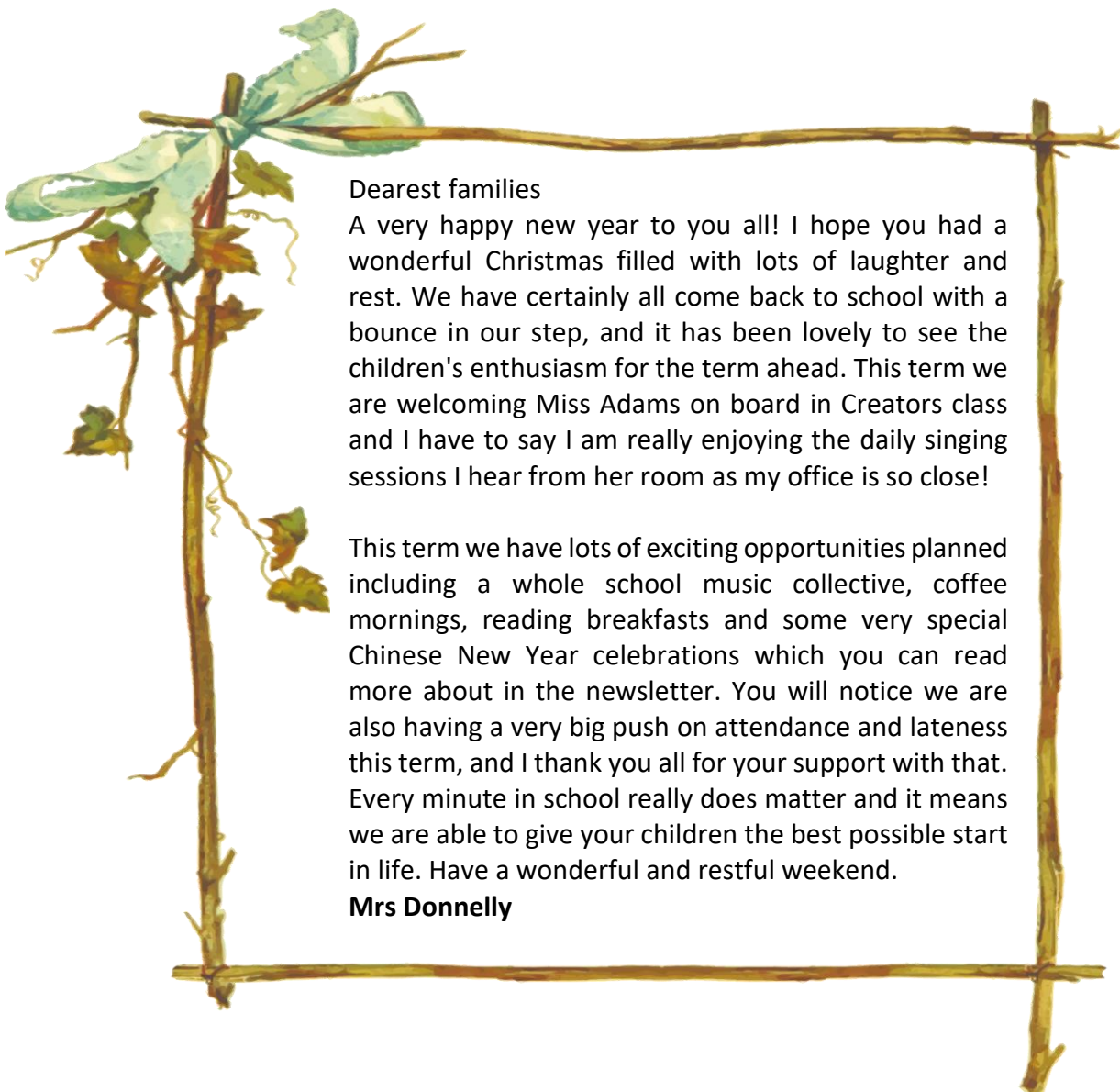


Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023



Dearest families

A very happy new year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas filled with lots of laughter and rest. We have certainly all come back to school with a bounce in our step, and it has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm for the term ahead. This term we are welcoming Miss Adams on board in Creators class and I have to say I am really enjoying the daily singing sessions I hear from her room as my office is so close!

This term we have lots of exciting opportunities planned including a whole school music collective, coffee mornings, reading breakfasts and some very special Chinese New Year celebrations which you can read more about in the newsletter. You will notice we are also having a very big push on attendance and lateness this term, and I thank you all for your support with that. Every minute in school really does matter and it means we are able to give your children the best possible start in life. Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Mrs Donnelly



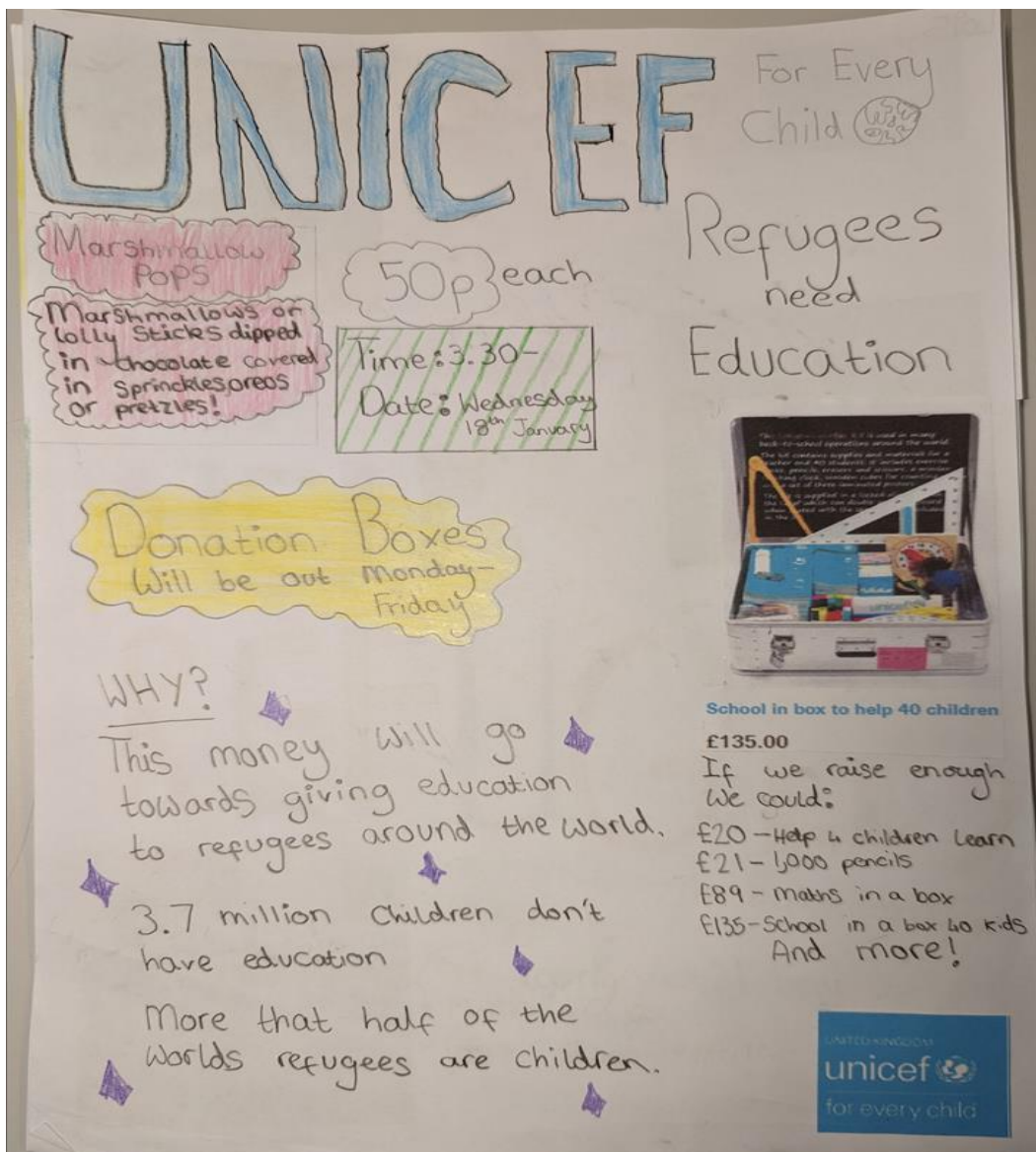
Chinese New Year Celebrations


On **Wednesday 25th January**, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and the Orpington School of Chinese will be helping us with this. There will be a whole school collective in the morning followed by creative sessions, where the children will have the opportunity to make Chinese lanterns, try Chinese foods and learn about Chinese traditions. All children are invited to wear red clothes as it is considered the colour of luck and prosperity in China (no football kits please). This year is it the year of the rabbit - and we all look forward to learning lots about it!



The **Pathfinders** are reading a book called The Boy at the Back of the Class. It's about a class that has a new boy join them. They later learn he is a refugee. We have been learning about the refugee crisis and have decided to help the children who are victims of this crisis to stay in school, wherever they may be displaced.

We will be raising money all next week to buy school supplies for refugee children through UNICEF. We will be collecting money on the gate before and after school. Wednesday, we will have marshmallow pops for sale after school for 50p each. Please support our class as we try to make a difference for these children.



UNICEF For Every Child 

Refugees need Education

Marshmallow Pops
Marshmallows on lolly sticks dipped in chocolate covered in sprinkles or pretzles!

50p each

Time: 3.30 -
Date: Wednesday
18th January


Donation Boxes
Will be out Monday - Friday

WHY?

This money will go towards giving education to refugees around the world.


3.7 million children don't have education

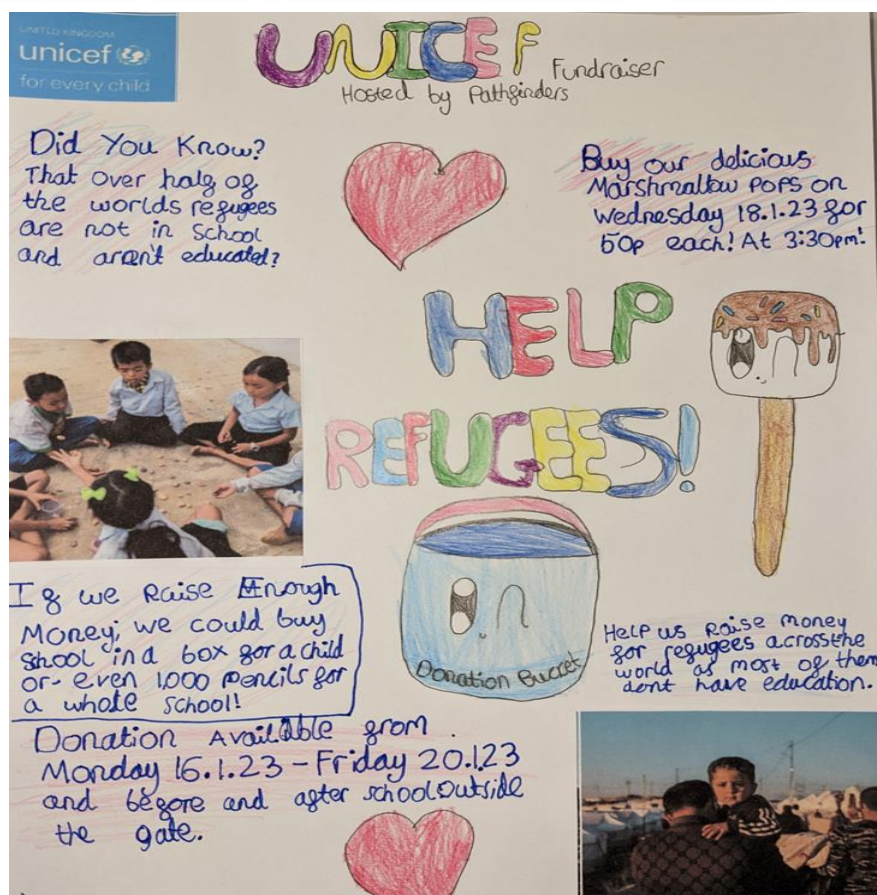
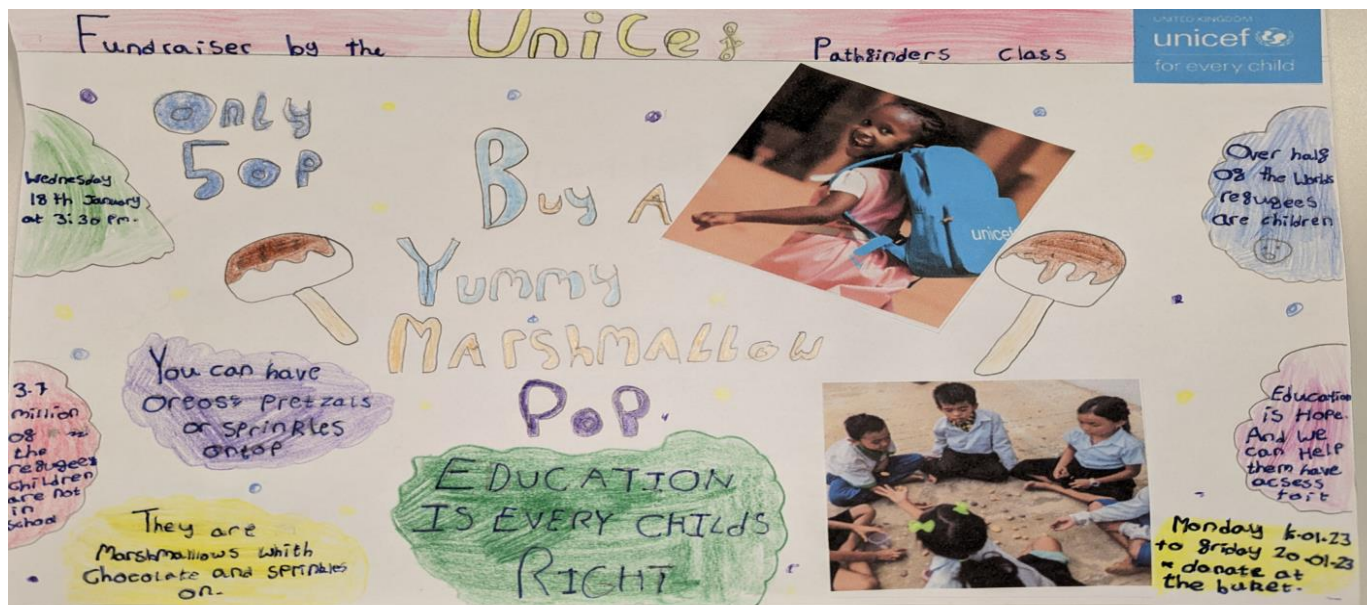
More than half of the world's refugees are children.



School in box to help 40 children
£135.00
If we raise enough we could:

- £20 - Help 4 children learn
- £21 - 1000 pencils
- £89 - Maths in a box
- £135 - School in a box for 40 kids And more!





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Mental Health

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Hope Community School, we are committed to taking a whole school approach to mental health.

What is a Whole School Approach?

'A whole school approach to mental health is a culture that is built upon empathy, relationships and evidence-based practice. The practices are embedded within the curriculum, policies and procedures across the whole school. They are inclusive and flexible to support and respond to the school community's mental health needs.'

- Dr Asha Patel, Clinical Psychologist and CEO at Innovating Minds (2020).

We are well on our way to implementing a whole-school approach. We think carefully about our school policies and procedures and what affect they will have on children. We foster good relationships between staff and pupils, teach our Hope Values weekly, which focus on empathy and inclusivity, and we offer support to those who need intervention.

But we want to make sure we are always striving to be more supportive to our families and students. As part of this process, we need to take an honest look at where we are now, so we know what our next steps should be.

Would you please take this anonymous survey to help us gain insight and understanding as we continue this process. Thank you.

<https://app.myedupod.com/survey/4302496a-97f2-42f2-920c-f29b099b913d/care-givers>

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A huge thank you once again to our wonderful community link 'Morrisons' for supporting our school and especially to Charity Champion, Jennifer for organising and delivering – we really appreciate it !!



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Blackfen Community Library

BOOK BUDDIES

We are running reading support at Blackfen community Library every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.45pm-4.45pm during term time which has already started. We aim to help children struggling to learn to read or who need extra practice.

Please contact the library directly to book your child's place:

hello@blackfencommunitylibrary.org





KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

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| Sunday 15 th | Deadline for New Intake Applications: 15/01/23 |
| Monday 16 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |
| Tuesday 17 th | Phonics screening check for Parents/Carers of Year 1 (Yr 1's in both Changemakers & Waymakers) |
| Thursday 19 th | Coffee Morning with Mrs Donnelly |
| Friday 20 th | Waymakers Reading Breakfast for parents/children |
| Monday 23 rd | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am Attendance Surgery with Bexley Educational Welfare Officer & Mrs Donnelly (invitation only) |
| Wednesday 25 th | Whole school celebration: 'Chinese New Year' Children to come to school dressed in something 'red' (no football kits) |
| Friday 27 th | Creators Reading Breakfast for Parents/children |
| Monday 30 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |

February

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|-------------------------|--|
| Friday 3 rd | Pathfinders Reading Breakfast for parents/children |
| Monday 6 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |
| Friday 24 th | Yr6 Trip, Natural History Museum: 24/02/23 |
| Monday 27 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |

March

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|-------------------------|--|
| Monday 6 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |
| Friday 10 th | Discoverers Reading Breakfast for parents/children |
| Monday 13 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |
| Monday 20 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |
| Monday 27 th | 'Little Sparks of Hope' Toddler club 09.00-10.30am |

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Musical Showcase Collective

I am delighted to let you know that on **Tuesday 7th February at 9am**, we will be hosting a whole school musical showcase collective.

Each class will be performing a song that they have learned in their music lessons this half term. It would be lovely if you could join us to watch their performances.

Miss Matthews





We are very sad to let you know that our dear friend and neighbour

Joan Reeves

sadly passed away on Sunday 18th December 2022

As you may know, Joan has been a huge support to our school over the last 10 years and was fondly known by staff, pupils, and parents of the school. We will miss her popping in to see us to watch the Collectives, Coffee mornings, helping the PTA, and often to simply have a chat ☺. To quote a member of staff, Joan will also be remembered for being

“Hope’s 4th emergency service”



In fond memory

Joan Reeves

14th April 1943 to 18th December 2022

Photographed here at Hope on Friday 16th December

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After School Club (Multi Sports)
at
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Attendance ...

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IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PARENTS/CARERS TO REPORT THEIR CHILD
ABSENT BY EITHER LEAVING A MESSAGE ON THE DAY ON THE SCHOOL'S
ANSWERPHONE OR BY EMAILING:

enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org

Please do not email Jill and Della directly as neither work full-time.
Many thanks for your cooperation.

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