



HANDSWORTH NEWS

**BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL
HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL**



**Handsworth
Primary School**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fabulous Summer Term; so much has happened and there has been lots to celebrate. The children have worked hard and I hope you enjoyed a snapshot of their achievements in the pupil reports and end of year reflections.

Academically, Handsworth has maintained our high standards and we are proud of the children's achievements during their assessment period. The provisional Key Stage results will be published shortly on the school website.

There have been many fantastic sporting achievements this term. I hope you thoroughly enjoyed both Sports Days, where our pupils showed great sportsmanship and teamwork representing their Houses. We are also delighted with our sporting successes, including the Boys' Football team winning Gold in the Borough; and our Girls' Football team winning Silver. We've represented both Handsworth and Waltham Forest in Gymnastics at the London Youth Games. In Volleyball, our children represented Waltham Forest at the London Youth Games and won bronze medals at this inaugural event.

I would like to say a big thank you to our Year 6 pupils who have led the school so well this year as House Captains, Vice Captains, Digital Leaders and Play Leaders. They have led the fundraising activities and more recently have been organising and leading in excess of twenty activities, including Speed bounce, Lego, Skipping, Chess and daily discos, in order to maximise our pupils healthy and sporty lunchtime experiences. I wish Year 6 all the best of success as they move to their new schools.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Rocket Fund, you helped raise £1113 to buy a SAM Maker and STEAM Classroom Kit. A special thank you to: Mr and Mrs Diaz, Malcolm and Hanna McGhee and Mei and Spencer Guest.

Chess

Last week we hosted an inter-school Chess tournament, where we were joined by eight schools from across the Borough. Thank you also to the parents and carers who attended the Year 4 Chess breakfast in July.

As part of our holistic approach to promoting learning through outdoor experiences, Year 1, 3 and 6 have participated in Forest School this half term. Reception and Year 5 also enjoyed a trip to Epping Forest.

Educational Partnerships

We have been joined this term by a number of organisations as well as pupils attending educational visits. These have included:

- KS1 and KS2 assemblies and workshops run by the NSPCC
- Refugee Awareness training for Year 6
- TFL workshops for Year 6
- Year 4 visited the Lea Bridge Road Mosque to help further their understanding of the Islamic faith and promote cultural and spiritual awareness.
- Year 3 have taken part in the Steve McQueen Photography Project. This Project will be one of the most ambitious visual portraits of citizenship ever undertaken. Year 3 were photographed and this visual art will be brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 school children, celebrating our pupils' cultural diversity, along with other London school children, during a milestone in their development. The exhibition will run at Tate Britain from 12th November 2019 until the 4th May 2020.
- We have enjoyed numerous WOW days and special assemblies including the incredible "Nurseryland Revolution" by Year 3, which was part of The National Youth Theatre Project.



Diary Dates

INSET Days

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd
September 2019

Start of Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September
2019

Year 6 Parent Welcome Meeting

Friday 6th September, 8.30am

Year 5 Parent Welcome Meeting

Monday 9th September, 8.30am

Year 4 Parent Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 10th September, 8.30am

Year 3 Parent Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 11th September, 8.30am

Year 2 Parent Welcome Meeting

Thursday 12th September, 8.30am

Year 1 Parent Welcome Meeting

Friday 13th September, 8.30am

Friends of Handsworth AGM

Friday 13 September 2019, 9am

Half Term

Monday 21st to Friday 25th October
2019

End of Term - School finishes at 2.30pm

Friday 20th December 2019

INSET Day

Monday 6th January 2020

Start of Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Children have met their new class teachers. Please see below the Year group teams. We would like to welcome Miss O'Connor, Mr Dawes, Miss Thomas and Miss Ridaut to our team. Miss Halsey will also be undertaking teacher training with us. Mr Oakley, Mrs Blackborrow and Miss Matthews will be covering PPA across the school. Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will also receive chess tuition.

Year Group	Class Teachers	Classes	LSA	SNA
Nursery	Mrs Giacuzzo / Miss Lewis		TBC Mrs Halpin	
Reception	Miss Walter (Miss Halsey) Miss O'Connor		Mrs Taj Mrs Brown	
Year 1	Mrs Lucas Mrs Green/ Mrs Leftwich	RCG/JL to 1IL RHW to 1AG/JL	Mrs Demirbasa Miss Grant	
Year 2	Mrs Chetty Miss Nadeem	1FB to 2KC 1IL to 2SN	Mrs Hussain Miss Ridaut	Miss Thomas
Year 3	Miss Bossman Mrs Buckley	2LD to 3LB 2LJ to 3FB	Mrs Giles Miss Carson	Mrs Perry Mrs Baxter Mrs Williams
Year 4	Miss Jordaan Mr Dawes	3SN to 4MJ 3LB to 4BD	Mrs Chatterton Mrs Wood Mrs Bromley	Mrs McDermott/ Mrs Gobey Mrs Bromley
Year 5	Mr Tromans Miss Rehberg	4MJ to 5RT 4KC to 5SR	Mrs Grant	
Year 6	Mr Mussell Mrs Glanvill	5LN to 6SM 5SR to 6JG	Mrs McDermott/ Mrs Gobey	

A huge thank you to the Friends of Handsworth volunteers for their fundraising and fantastic activities for our pupils. I'd also like to thank the Governors for their exceptional leadership of the school and to our many parent and carer helpers. Whether it's volunteering to help on school trips, helping with props, or helping children to read, you really do make an important difference.

School closes at 2:30pm on Tuesday 23rd July. Please join us for our leavers' farewell at 2:00pm in the Key Stage Two Playground. You are also warmly welcome to join us for our end of year refreshments and cakes by FOH in the main hall.

Whilst I can't quite believe this is my last newsletter at Handsworth, I am incredibly proud to have been part of a team who have the highest expectations of themselves and others and a real commitment to provide exceptional learning opportunities for our children. As Handsworth Primary commences a new and exciting chapter on its journey to continually improve, I know you will welcome and support Mrs Nairne, who is honoured to be your child's Headteacher in September.

Jill Augustin

**“Make your life
a masterpiece;
imagine no
limitations on what
you can be have or
do”**

Brian Tracy