



# HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As always it has been another packed week at Handsworth! 6SM had their chance to create their performance of the Tempest with Anthony Glen and Year 5 continued their Bikeability training.

We are continuing to settle into the routine of being back in school and beginning to look to the future to ensure that the transition to the next year group in as smooth as possible.

With this in mind, we have made the decision to change how we approach transition. We will be letting you and the children know who their new class teacher will be early (you can find this information on the next page). As you know, circumstances could mean that changes need to be made, but we will continue to keep you fully informed.

As well as this, after Easter we will be beginning **Future Fridays**. During the summer term, children will be taught by their new teacher every Friday. This will allow for children to start to build a relationship with their new teacher. By starting this relationship early, children will feel more settled when they start the next academic year in September. The Year 6 classes will be taught by Mr Oakley and Miss Jordaan and will continue the exciting summer programme that their teachers have planned for them which includes rehearsals for their production, genius hour projects and sports competitions.

Our new intake and current Reception children will have a separate transition programme which we will inform parents of separately.

We understand that the move from one class to another can cause anxiety for both our children and their adults, but we have a wonderful staff at Handsworth and each and every one of them are committed to ensuring that during their time at our school each child feels happy, cared for and safe.

If you have any concerns or questions about next year I encourage you to come and see me to talk them through.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Nairne

# FUTURE FRIDAYS

## Why are we changing transition?

### 1. To build relationships

Teachers and children get to build relationship without the pressure of the new academic year.

### 1. To provide context for handovers

Teachers will be able to have more helpful and better informed conversations around needs and support for their new classes.

### 1. To alleviate anxiety

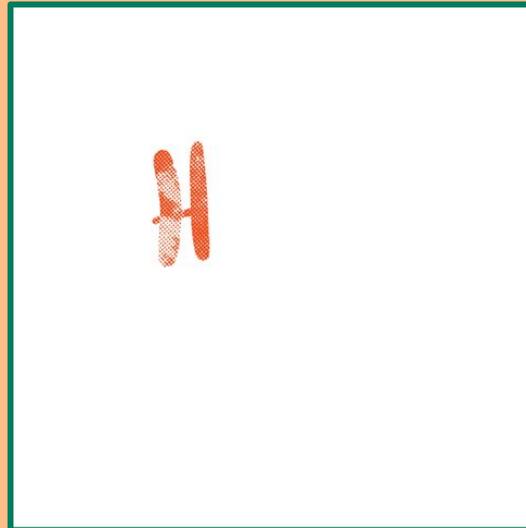
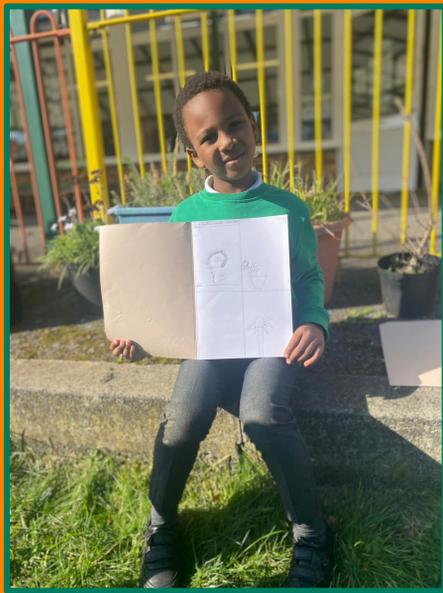
Children who are feeling anxious about their new teacher get the chance to adjust gradually.

### 1. To build consistency

This will help build consistency of expectation from one year group to another.

## Classes from September

<p><b>RAO to Mrs Lucas</b> <b>RHH to Miss Jordaan</b></p>	<p><b>3FB to Mr Dawes</b> <b>3LB to Ms Nadeem</b></p>
<p><b>1MJ to Mrs Chetty</b> <b>1IL to Ms Woodcraft</b></p>	<p><b>4BD to Mrs Glanvill</b> <b>4SN to Mr Charles</b></p>
<p><b>2MW to Mrs Buckley</b> <b>2KC to Miss Bossman</b></p>	<p><b>5JG to Mr Mussell</b> <b>5TC to Mr Tromans</b></p>



# Shaking up Shakespeare!



Once again Anthony Glen has joined for Shaking Up Shakespeare! Anthony has been working with the children at Handsworth for almost a decade and it is always so impressive to see what they are able to achieve in a week.



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The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!