



# HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Handsworth  
Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are looking forward to you coming to visit our classrooms on **Wednesday 2nd February**. You do not need to book slots for this. Open Classrooms is an opportunity for you to come into class anytime between **3.45pm and 5pm**. If you are concerned about it being busy in class, then it would be a good idea to come into school a little later rather than at pick up time. You will be able to sit with your child and look through their work together. Please make sure you keep the children with you while they share their work. Firstly, it is nice to hear the children talking about what they are proud of and secondly, we will not have staff supervising playgrounds and communal areas. Nursery and Reception will have a range of activities available that show the skills the children are learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Please do not allow children to play on the equipment during pick up time. Children are playing unsupervised and we don't want any injuries!

Our Year 1 children enjoyed **Forest School** this week, even if some of them did get a little cold! The children explored the forest, established Forest School rules and found a special Fairy stick! All this whilst stomping in the mud and learning about some of the trees and animals.

We have Bikeability for 5TC to look forward to next week. It feels so good to be getting back to trips and inviting visitors into school. As always, we continue to follow Covid-19 guidance, but we want to make sure we still give our children some wonderful opportunities. Our next School Nurse Drop in Session will be on **Monday 31st January**, please get in touch if you would like to arrange a session with her. In February we will be enjoying the Year 3 class assembly, we are planning for parents and carers to attend this. Also, Year 2 will be visiting the Tower of London and Year 5 will also be going swimming!

Please remember we have our nearly new school uniform outside the office. Parents and Carers are welcome to take items, or make a small donation to the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs Nairne





# Forest School

"I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees."  
- Henry David Thoreau





# Helpful Handsworth Hints

## I feel amazing today

It is always great when my day starts calmly. I  
am more able to work and learn.



**Punctuality  
Matters!**



# OPEN CLASSROOMS



This will be an opportunity for you to come into class with your child after school. Your child will be able to show you their work and celebrate what they are proud of! It will not be an opportunity for you to have an in depth conversation with your child's class teacher. However, we will be happy to discuss anything with you after the open classroom session. You would just need to inform the office that you would like to meet the class teacher or a member of SLT.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**


**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

## Big Garden Birdwatch

Click on the link to the left to find out more about the Big Garden Birdwatch.

It would be great if you could bring in your findings to share with your class!

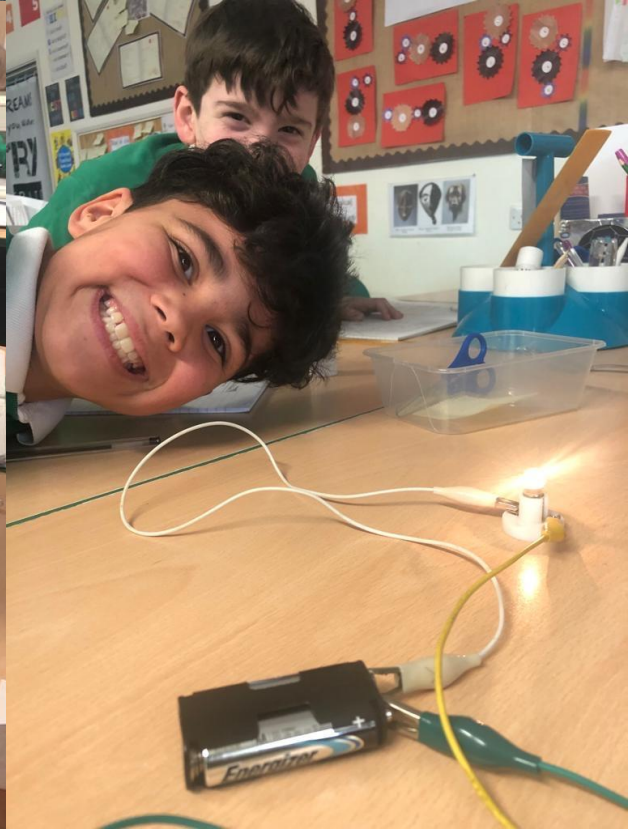
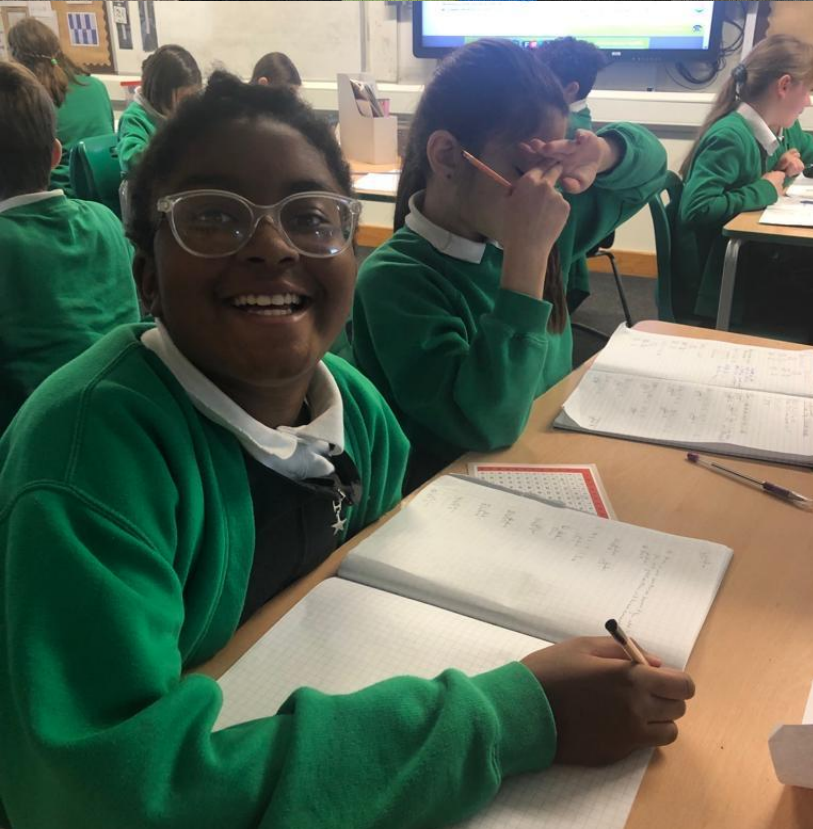
Miss Jordaan would love to hear about it too!



It's easy to do Big Garden Birdwatch. Simply choose an hour between 28 and 30 January and count the birds that you see land in your garden, local park or from your balcony. Then tell us what you saw.



We are sure you are aware of the budget pressures schools are facing. The pandemic has had a huge impact on our budget and we really appreciate any support you can give. If you are able, please donate to our voluntary fund. Please click on the image to the right to donate. Thank you.



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COURTNEY	<b>NHW</b>	HAKIM	<b>1IL</b>	JAMES B	<b>3FB</b>
ISABEL	<b>RAO</b>	ZARA	<b>1MJ</b>	IMOGEN	<b>3LB</b>
LOUIS	<b>RHH</b>	ARCHIE	<b>2KC</b>	LUKE	<b>4BD</b>
		MATTHEW	<b>2MW</b>	LILY	<b>4SN</b>
				YUSUF	<b>5TC</b>
				JEREMIAH	<b>5JG</b>
				BRANDON	<b>6RT</b>
				AVA	<b>6SM</b>



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. The stars also have the opportunity to have a tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

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!