



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Handsworth
Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends.

Thank you for the wonderful turn out at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, it was such a great day and seeing so many of our children's smiling faces made it even better. Thank you to those of you who volunteered and gave up their time to help. As always, your support is very much appreciated.

This week, year 5 enjoyed their Mexican WOW day, it was a great celebration and the food tasted great! In this newsletter, you will see we are now starting our collection for the Food Bank. You can also see the dates for Open Classrooms, this is when children will be able to share their work with you in class. It will take place after school.

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas songs with you over the next few weeks. Nursery will be performing on Tuesday 14th December at 9am. We will ask parents and carers to go through to the nursery garden via the side gate and watch the children who will be singing from underneath the sheltered area. Remember to wrap up warm! You can see the dates and times for the rest of the school on the images to the right.

A reminder that we have our Friends of Handsworth Quiz night on Friday 10th December. Be sure to get your team together, remember the teachers are the reigning champions. The Frazzles were well enjoyed in celebration.

Next week is Our Marvellous Maths week. We are excited to have an enjoyable week of challenges and mathematical activities.

Thank you all so much for completing our parent and carer survey. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, you can follow this [link](#). Please remember that if you have anything you would like to discuss, it is important you come to see me. I am always willing to talk through anything and work with you to find solutions and way to improve further. After all, we all want the same thing, for our children to feel happy, cared for and safe and in turn make good progress and

We can't believe we only have 2 weeks left of the Autumn term, where is the time going!

Thank you for your ongoing support, it means so much to us.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Mrs Nairne

CHRISTMAS SONGS

Key Stage 2 - 17th December 1.45pm in the playground
 Nursery - 14th December 9.00am in the nursery garden
 Reception - 14th December 2.30pm in the hall
 Year 1 - 15th December 2.45pm in the hall
 Year 2 - 16th December 2.45pm in the hall

HANDSWORTH PRIMARY
FOOD BANK

Please donate from now up
 until Tuesday 14th December.

Please do not donate:
 Alcohol
 Fresh or close to perishable foods

All Saints
 Church
 Highams Park.

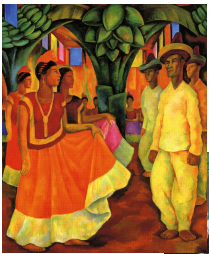
"It is not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do that is the secret of happiness."

J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan

Year 5
Mexico WOW day



Year 5 explored the rich cuisine of Mexico, both past and present. They watched a documentary vlog by full-time travel writer and YouTuber Mark Wiens during his visit to Mexico City. Finally, Year 5 relished the opportunity to make their very own guacamole with warmed corn tortillas. Year 5 were educated and sated in equal measure!



Year 5 spent the day learning all about Diego Rivera - his work, his life and his politics. They then recreated one of his murals by each contributing one square of the picture. You can see the fabulous result of their efforts.

Please click on the image below to add to our Voluntary Fund.



Disability History Month Aims have always been to:

- Celebrate our Lives as Disabled People now and in the past
- Challenge Disabilism by exploring our oppression over time and now
- Achieve Equality

Disability History Month

18 November - 18 December

"Know me for my ability. Not my disability."

Robert M Hensel



Children are welcome to have a Christmas Dinner next Friday (10th)

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers too.

Please let the office staff know and pay via the school shop if your child would like to have a school dinner next Friday.





Yesterday some of the Y6 children took part in a new basketball workshop.

They learned how to dribble, shoot and bounce pass. They then had the chance to apply their new skills to match scenarios. The children had a great time being active outside and enjoyed the sunny (but cold) conditions!

Thanks to Brandon for organising the workshop!

Thank you to one of our wonderful parents for our incredible balloons! This is only a tiny fraction of the number of balloons we have around the school! The children have loved seeing them and it has been an exciting time. We are hoping they last for the Christmas songs.

QUIZ Night

Music & Trivia Quiz Night

Fundraiser for Handsworth Primary School

Friday 10th December 7 – 10pm

Teams of 8 maximum per table with free pizza included

Bar selling beer, wine, fizz and soft drinks

Tickets £10pp from: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhandsworth/



Festive thanks from Friends of Handsworth

A HUGE thank you to YOU, and everyone who attended our **Christmas Fayre** last Saturday! It was a great introduction to the festive season and so nice to see friends and families enjoy themselves, whilst getting covered in face-paint, multi-coloured sand, and the contents of a mince pie.

Importantly, the event raised **almost £4,000** directly for the school. Big thanks also go to Katherine, Dale and all the organisers, stallholders, parents and carers who helped on the day. We are grateful for all your support – it really makes all the difference!

Next up is the annual school **Quiz** fundraiser, which takes place next **Friday, 10th December**. It's a fun night, with music, picture, general knowledge and trivia rounds. There's a **bar** and **free pizza**! Get your tickets from the FOH website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhandsworth

Finally, bookings are now being taken for our Krispy Kreme donut sale. Book now and pick up on the last day of term, Friday 17th December. Also available from www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhandsworth



Waltham Forest Immunisation Team have emailed to inform us they still have 23 outstanding children from Handsworth Primary to see for their flu vaccine. Here is a reminder to parents about the opportunity to take you children to **Chingford Clinic** 490, Larkshall Road, Highams Park, E4 9HH

*It runs every Monday 3:15-6pm
- all drop ins welcome*

HANDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS





The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people.

Attendance and Punctuality Matter

5 minutes late = 3 days lost each year.
10 minutes late = over 6.5 days lost each year.
15 minutes late = over 10 days lost each year.
20 minutes late = over 13 days lost each year.
30 minutes late = over 19 days lost each year.

Good attendance and punctuality is important for achieving success at school and are also important life skills. Absence from school disrupts learning, hinders progress and is unsettling for children if they arrive rushed.



10 days absence means 95% attendance.
19 days absence means 90% attendance.
29 days absence means 85% attendance.
38 days absence means 80% attendance.
47 days absence means 75% attendance

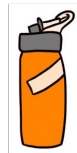
Please speak to us if you would like support with attendance and punctuality.



Helpful Handsworth Hints

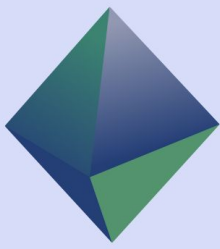
I feel amazing today

because I remembered to go to sleep early and prepare everything I need for school the night before.



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Marvellous MATHS Week



Maths Games

Outdoor Activities

Cross-curricular links

Competitions



Inspirational
Mathematicians

P4C

Problem Solving

And Much More...



Open Classrooms

Wednesday 2nd February

Wednesday 18th May

Wednesday 13th July

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				GRACE	6SM



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!