

HANDSWORTH

NEWS

6th January 2023



HEADLINES

PARENT SURVEY

Our [parent survey](#) will close at 10pm tonight. Please [click here](#) to complete it.

It is very important that you arrange an time to come and see me if you want to discuss particular issues.

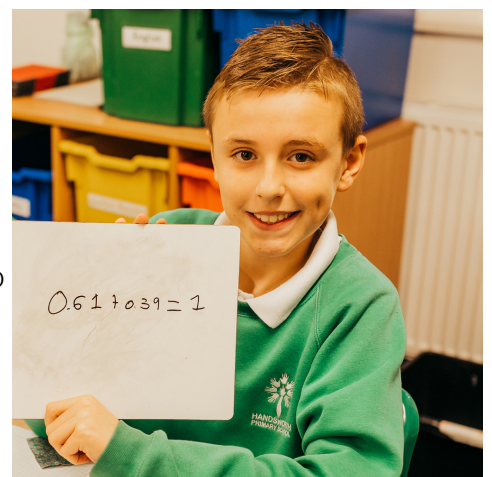
OPEN CLASSROOM

We have our next Open Classroom session on Wednesday 18th January from 3.30 - 5pm. You are welcome to come into class with your child and enjoy their work. Reception and Nursery will have a different format. Information can be found on the next page.

WELCOME BACK HANDSWORTH

It is so lovely to see everyone back at school! We hope you had a wonderful break. As we start the new year, we wanted to remind you about our INSET day on March 31st which will be used for Parent Consultations. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. The school will be closed to the children on this day. In addition, we are excited to announce that Year 3 will be participating in Bikeability training this year.

Children will learn important cycling skills and become more confident on their bikes. Please can consent forms be emailed or posted in the black post box outside the school office as soon as possible. We encourage you to support your child in preparing for this activity by ensuring they have a properly fitting helmet and gloves.





OPEN CLASSROOM PHONICS SESSIONS

As part of Open Classrooms on Wednesday 18th January, our Early Years teachers would like to invite you to a phonics session with your child. This is a great chance to see how Phonics learning happens in our classrooms and to have a go at some of the activities your child does every day.

We will run two sessions and you can come to either one. Please arrive for the beginning of the session.

Session 1 - 3:30 - 4:00

Session 2 - 4:30 - 5:00

You do not need to bring anything but be ready to take part! We are looking forward to seeing you there.

If you are applying for a Reception place for September 2023, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

Please ensure your applications are submitted by the closing date; otherwise, they will be considered as late applications and processed after national offer day.

Applications can be made on the eAdmissions website. Parents can visit the Waltham Forest website for further information.

Well done to the children who organised the Poppy Appeal. We raised £281. Thank you all very much.



CREATING MEANINGFUL TRADITIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY

Rituals and traditions can help to bring joy and connection to your family. It helps to give your child(ren) a feeling of belonging and a sense of security.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

The key is to keep things simple so that you can focus on what really matters. Here are a few ideas to hopefully inspire you to create your own based on your values:

- Have a special date with each child scheduled regularly in the family diary. Keep the journal with ticket stubs, photos/drawings made together, etc.
- Pick a day every year to take a photo of your child and/or family in the same spot and save them in the photo book.
- Write a letter to your child on every birthday, sharing memories and special events from the previous year and hopes for the next.
- Fill a gratitude jar with notes of things you are thankful for at the end of every day and read them all together on Sunday.
- Have a special way of saying goodbye to each other using a special word or hand signs.

With best wishes,
Greta
Integrative Child Psychotherapist



MUSIC OF THE WEEK



Music for Mardi Gras & 2001 A Space Odyssey

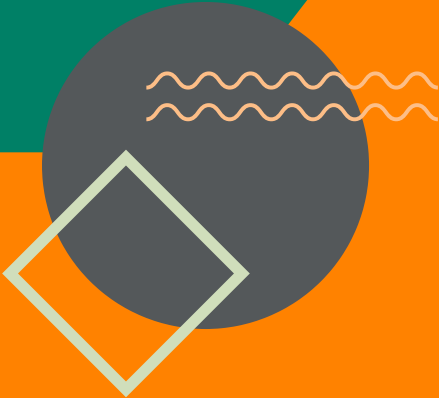
Each week we introduce the children to different musical artists or genres. The children listen to this music around the school, in class and in assemblies.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION.

HANDSWORTH

The Public Sector Equality Duty is a legal requirement that applies to schools in England and Wales. It requires schools to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people who have a protected characteristic and those who do not. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, and pregnancy and maternity.

As a parent, your views and experiences are important in helping our school to understand any barriers to equality and what we can do to address them. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey to help us develop an action plan to promote equality at our school. Your responses will be treated confidentially and will only be used to inform the development of the action plan. Thank you in advance for your support.



We are inviting interested parents to join our school's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Working Party. This group aims to promote and celebrate diversity within our school community, and to identify and address any barriers to equality and inclusion. As a member of the working party, you will have the opportunity to contribute your ideas and experiences, and to help shape the school's policies and practices in relation to equity, diversity, and inclusion. If you are passionate about these issues and want to get more involved in our school community, we encourage you to join us. Please contact the school office for more information on how to get involved.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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 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!



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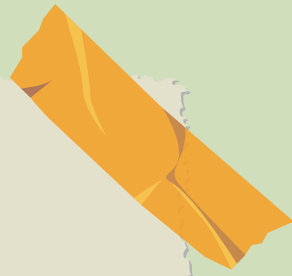
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