



Mrs Nairne's Headlines

Parent Survey

We always want to hear from parents and carers throughout the year. Last year, we introduced our yearly survey which allows for feedback to be gathered in one place. It is important that we hear what's working well, what could be better, and track how we are doing from year to year.

Please note, the survey is anonymous and this is not the channel for urgent issues, complaints, safeguarding issues or requests. If you have any concerns that need addressing please email the school office school@handsworth.waltham.sch.uk.

Please click [here](#) or on the image below to complete the parent and carer survey.

Last year we have 115 responses, it would be great to get more this year. The survey will close on Friday 27th January 2023.

Happy Holidays

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas break. We hope that you will have the chance to relax, spend time with loved ones, and recharge your batteries for the year ahead.

We would also like to thank you for your continued support and hard work throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year, ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities that it brings.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of the teaching staff for your hard work and dedication during this challenging term.

Your tireless efforts to educate and support our students are greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for the time and energy you put into making this term a success. Your patience, understanding, and commitment to our students is truly admirable, and we are lucky to have such dedicated and talented teachers on our team. Thank you for all that you do.

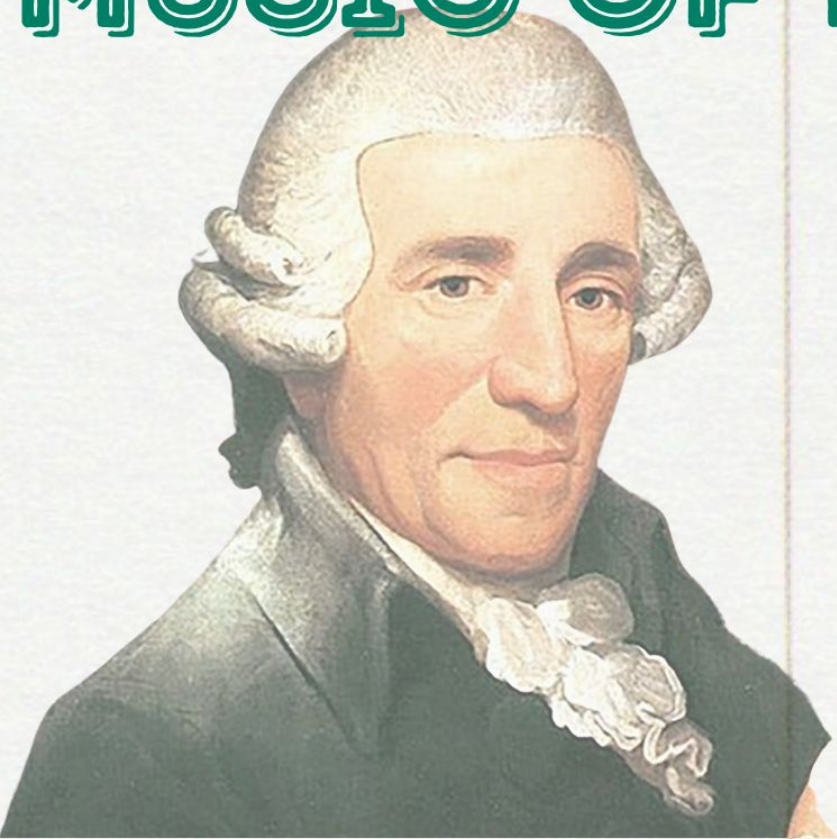
Thank you to the office staff, site services team, kitchen staff and midday assistants. You all play such a vital role in the care and education of our children.

*Thank you to our parents and carers for
your ongoing support.*



THANK
YOU

MUSIC OF THE WEEK



The Shira Choir & Hayden's English Concertos

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.





Karl Nova's visit to Year 5.

- We were so lucky to have Karl Nova visit us yesterday in Year 5.
- He spoke about his books and answered the children's questions.
- He read some of his poems and explained where his inspiration came from.
- He challenged the children to write their own poems...
- And was extremely impressed with the standard of our writers!



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DRAMA ACADEMY

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

ROLEPLAY is vital to a child's development and increases social interaction, problem solving and communication skills. Through imaginative plays, we explore emotions and feelings which helps to boost **WELL-BEING** and **SELF-AWARENESS**.

WE GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD WILL DEVELOP EXCELLENT SOCIAL SKILLS THEY WILL NEED IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

- SPEAK & MOVE CONFIDENTLY
- ANSWER IN FULL SENTENCES
- FEEL GOOD IN THEMSELVES
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE & ENTHUSIASM
- INCREASE SELF-ESTEEM
- ACT IN PLAYS
- WORK IN GROUP SITUATIONS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- DISCUSS SOCIAL ISSUES
- IMPROVE LISTENING SKILLS
- ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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A huge thank you to the Year 4 parents and staff who have donated generously to Haven House this Christmas rather than buying gifts.

Haven House Children's Hospice helps families by providing specialist nursing care and emotional support in a warm and loving environment and when times are tough.

It is wonderful that our school community can help.

TOP TIPS FOR NEURODIVERGENT FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

PLAN

Think ahead about triggers. Use visual schedules and create plans WITH your child. All autonomy where appropriate & possible

IDENTIFY TRIGGERS

Places, people, music, smells, tastes, words... Go through them with your child if possible

WORK TOGETHER

Caregivers (parents, teachers, family members etc) can plan and work together to reduce overwhelm where possible.



PICK YOUR BATTLES

Adjust and adapt what you can to make it suitable. But accept when you just need to abandon some plans in favour for contentment! This includes food, socialising and family traditions.

NO SURPRISES!

They're stressful!



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We would like to wish Mr Mussell all the best as he prepares to embark on his exciting journey into fatherhood!

We know that this is a time of great change and excitement for you and your family, and we are thrilled to share in your joy!



**WELL
DONE
YEAR 6!**

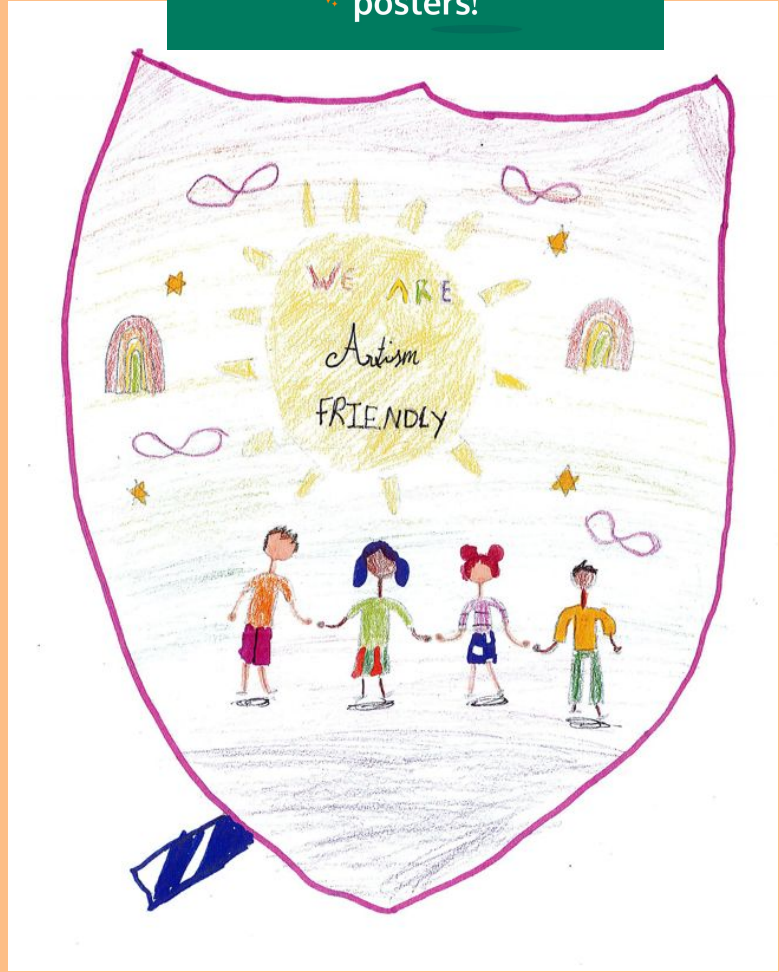


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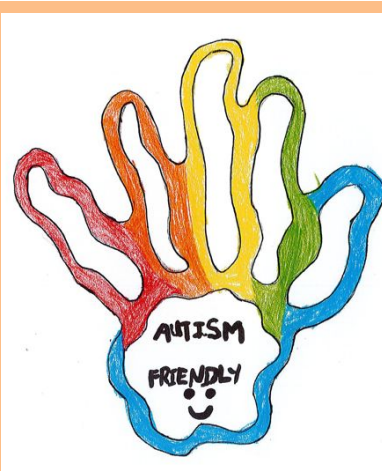


Christmas Fayre

Thank you to Morrisons who donated over £100 worth of items towards our kitchen and two hampers!



The children loved performing their songs to you all this week! Thank you for coming into school and sharing these special moments with us.



MATCHING FUND



A match funding scheme can be adopted by any company no matter how big or small. Barclays, for example, offers its employees the opportunity to match funds they raise for their chosen charity up to £750 per year. This is available for three activities a year! Aviva, in response to feedback from their staff, has introduced a 'EPlus' matching scheme. The scheme gives Aviva employees the chance to receive matched funds for any money raised on behalf of a registered charity of their choice.

Its not complicated and will cost an employee nothing other than some time to talk to their employer or HR deptment.



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FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH

2022

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



26TH NOVEMBER

We managed to get two extra parents to match funding the fayre and hopefully we will be able to get more soon!



Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and we'll donate to your favourite charitable organisation, at no cost to you.



WHY SUPPORT FOH

To raise money to provide additional resources to the children and users of the school & support the teachers and governors in giving our children the best possible experiences here at Handsworth Primary School.

Nearly £20k has been funded in 2022



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Easy ways to raise funds to FOH



over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.





We had a whole school assembly this morning which was great fun! We were so impressed with Lakisha's piano playing and Max's guitar playing!

The children sang and we loved coming together as a community to reflect on the year and look forward to what we have planned in 2023!



*Whole School
Assembly*

Star of the Week



1IL REHAAN

2KC LEO

1MJ JAKE

2BD TYLER



3TC GRACE **5MW** JACOB

3LB ALEXIS **5RT** ALBERT

4FB AMAYA **6SN** KIAN

4JG SOPHIA **6MU** ELIZA

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!