



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. The children are very excited about the event! Thank you to Friends of Handsworth for giving us the opportunity to come together as a school community and have lots of fun while raising money!

I met with some companies this week who are now starting to draw up plans to develop our playgrounds. The children have been sharing their ideas too, I am looking forward to sharing these plans with you.

This week, Year 1 went on a school trip to the Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green, they were so excited to share what they had learnt. The children were a credit to our school, I heard great reports about their behavior and attitude. Thank you to the parents who went with the children, I am sure you all had a great day too.

We will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13th December. Please don't feel you have to buy a Christmas Jumper, just add some tinsel or small decorations to another jumper! The children will still wear school uniform with their Christmas Jumper. We are asking for an optional £1 donation to go to Save the Children. We are aware that Friday 13th is Year 3 WOW day, so year 3 can wear their Christmas Jumpers on Monday 16th December.

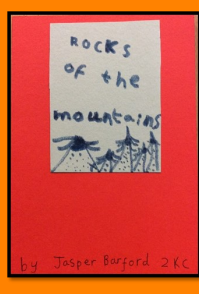
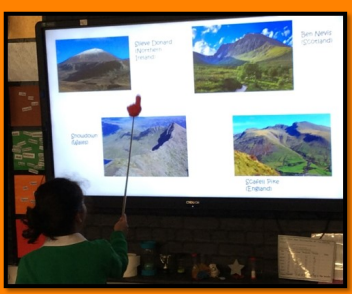
It has been lovely hearing the children learning their Nativity songs, they are all very excited. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December at 2.15pm. We would ask that you do not bring younger children to the performance in consideration of the performers who have small voices and could easily be distracted if there is noise from the audience. We will be providing a crèche for younger children. The rest of the school will sing carols from 2pm on the last day of term. There will be refreshments available on 20th December from 2.30pm in the small hall.

Have a lovely weekend, see you tomorrow.

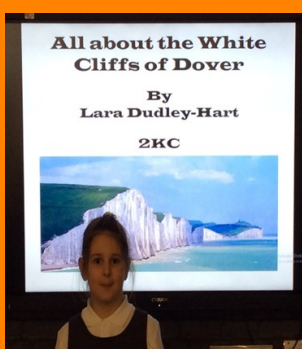
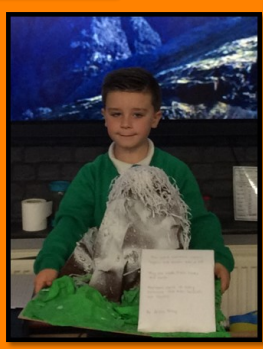
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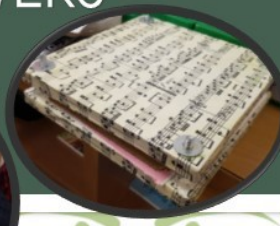
On Tuesday, we went to Highams Park Lake as part of the **Community Art Project**. It really is beautiful there! We sketched wildlife and then returned to school to use shading techniques to complete our pictures.



Year 2 Presentations UK Mountains and Hills

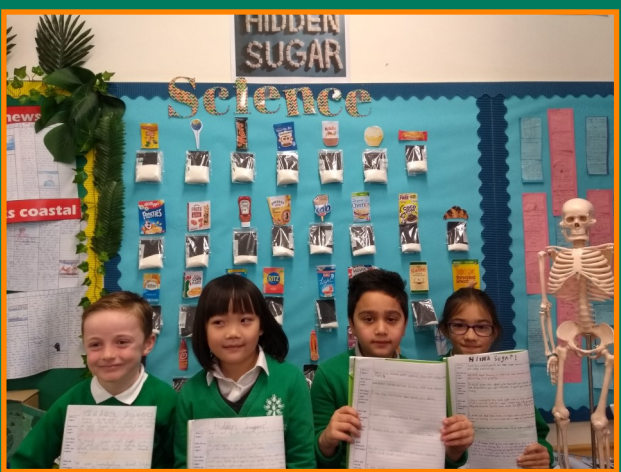


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The trip was a wonderful way to conclude the History Topic of Toys Now and Then. During this topic the children had explored toys from the past, such as those their grandparents and parents would have played with. We even looked back as far as Victorian times and toys that were popular then. The children explored how the toys had changed, such as materials they were made with and the use of batteries. At the Museum the children took part in a work shop where they placed toys on a time line and then had opportunities to play with toys of the past. After the workshop all the children had an opportunity to explore the museum to look at and play with different toys. It was a great day out - the children were able to consolidate their learning through fun activities.



Year 3 have been learning about hidden sugar. We were so surprised to find out that some snacks, even though they say reduced sugar on the packaging, have lots of sugar in. We weighed out the sugar and put it in to bags to see how much there was. It has made us realise that we can't always believe what is written on the packaging and that it is important to check the ingredients page. We learnt a lot doing this lesson, including Science and Maths!

Now I will always check how much sugar is in any food or drink I am having!



Thank you to Kavi's grandma who came in to class 3LB on Tuesday morning to teach the children about Sikhism and answer their questions!

Please remember to make sure children wear the correct School Uniform

- School logo sweatshirt or school logo cardigan only.
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse.
- Grey (not black) school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Plain white or grey socks or plain grey tights.
- Black school shoes. No trainers.
- No high heels, open-toed sandals or platform shoes.
- Ankle high boots are allowed.
- Hair longer than chin length must be tied up.
- Hair accessories must be reasonably sized and in school colours only.