



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It was so great to see the children back on Monday, keen to share what they had been up to during half term. This week, 6SM have been taking part in their Shakespeare week. After watching a one man show on Tuesday morning, they then created their own production in just 3 days! 6JG are looking forward to doing the same next week.

Reception had their Pirate WOW day today, what an exciting day the children had 'Ooh arr, me hearties!'

Please take time to complete the Investors in Diversity survey, you can find further details on this page. Also, please note parents' evening bookings go live at 5pm today.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Nairne

Investors in Diversity

As a school, we continually look for ways to ensure that our children feel safe, happy, and supported. At the heart of this is our commitment to ensuring that equality and diversity are promoted and championed in everything we do.

We often talk to the children about how we are lifelong learners; that there are always new things to discover. If we stop looking for ways to improve, we may miss out on opportunities to enrich our lives and the lives of others. As part of this continual improvement, we have decided to work with the National Centre for Diversity to take a closer look at our school and its policies.

We are committed to providing children with an inclusive education and we value the unique contributions each student brings to the classroom. In a truly inclusive setting, every child feels safe and has a sense of belonging. Students and their parents participate in setting learning goals, and feel able to shape the decisions that affect them. School staff have the training, support, flexibility, and resources to nurture, encourage, and respond to the needs of all students.

We consider it important to listen to our community - the children, the parents, the staff of Handsworth School - to identify what we do well, and identify areas in which we may need to improve. We are sending out a survey this evening which asks you as parents, carers and guardians to offer a sense of where you think we are now in relation to Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement (FREDIE for short). We have sent a similar survey to staff.

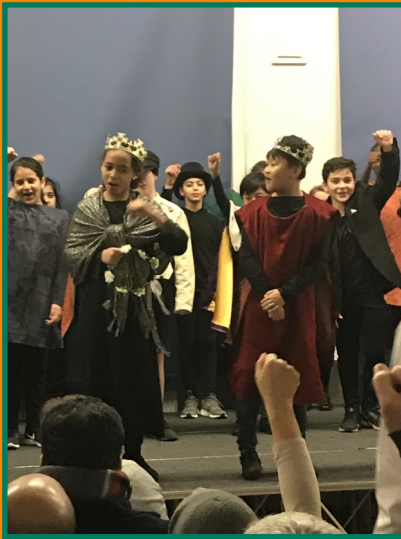
Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey online by following the link you will receive by email this evening before the deadline of 10th March 2020.

The results of the surveys will form an action plan around the areas where we require support, training and guidance to become the best and most inclusive learning environment we can be.

Thank you in advance for supporting the school on the journey by taking part in this survey. We value your feedback to help us ensure that we represent our community and that everyone who works and learns with us is proud to be a part of Handsworth Primary School.

Macbeth

We really enjoyed working with Antony this week! He made everything fun and we were able to use our talents and drama techniques. I learnt so much about Shakespeare! It was amazing how in just 3 days, we created our own production of Macbeth.



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Staff enjoy reading books from our Professional Development Library in the staffroom.

At Handsworth Primary our learning programmes are collaboratively designed and collectively refined. Curriculum leaders respond to the feedback from a variety of staff when trialling new initiatives.

Our work is built on strong relationships where we trust and challenge each other to provide our best for the children, staff and wider community.

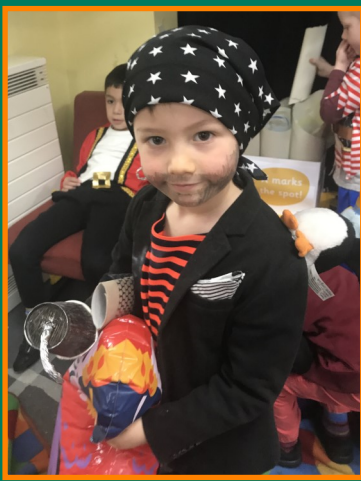
School Council are leading the school in various initiatives. We now have food waste bins! They are also exploring how we travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, riding scooters and cycling.

House Captains have enjoyed showing visitors around our school. Children have led assemblies and also been excellent role models for the younger children.

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Refine all procedures and practices with a focus on staff wellbeing to allow teachers to explore the curriculum and their own CPD with increased passion and engagement.

Develop leaders at all levels, inspiring ambition and raising aspirations.



“Recycling turns things into other things. Which is like MAGIC!”

Thank you to Mr. Oakley and our wonderful School Council who have organised for us to have food recycling bins around our school! This will mean our food waste can be used to create energy and feed pigs! We started this journey after our School Council became aware of the fact that food waste that is sent to landfill doesn't harmlessly breakdown. It has a big impact on the environment as it rots and releases methane – a harmful greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. They also learnt that food waste is the 3rd highest contributor to global warming! We need to do our part!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd March-Thursday 5th March 2020	6JG Year 6 Shaking Up Shakespeare
6th March 2020	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March 3:30pm to 7:30 pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11th March 2020 3:30pm to 6:00pm	Parents Evening
6th to 15th March 2020	Science Week
Friday 13 March 2020	Year 1 Trip to Transport Museum
Friday 13th March 2020	Sports Relief
20th March 2020	Pamper Night (Friends of Handsworth Event)
Wednesday 25 March 2020	Year 3 Trip to Natural History Museum
Monday 16th March to Friday 27th March 2020	Year 5 Cycle Confidence Training
Tuesday 31st March 2020	Year 5 Viking WOW Day
Thursday 2nd April 2020, 9:00am	Year 3 Parent Assembly
Friday 3rd April 2020 2.30pm	Friends of Handsworth Tea and Cakes
Friday 3rd April 2020	End of Term - School finishes at 2.30pm
3rd April 2020	Inflatable Ninja Course Challenge
Monday 20th April 2020	Start of Term
Tuesday 5th May 2020	Class Photos
Friday 8th May 2020	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 19th May 202, 9:00am	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 22 May 2020	Year 2 WOW Day - Famous People
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020	Half Term
Wednesday 3rd June 2020	Year 6 First Aid Training
Wednesday 10th June 2020	Year 6 Refugee Awareness
Wednesday 18th June 2020 AM	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 25th June 2020 AM	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th June 2020	Year 6 Residential Trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre
Monday 6th July 2020	INSET Day - Pupil Conferences
Friday 17th July 2020	End of Term - School finishes at 2.30pm
Friday 17th July 2020 2.30pm	Friends of Handsworth Tea and Cakes
Monday 20th July 2020	INSET Day

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Tuesday 10th March: 3.45pm - 8pm

Wednesday 11th March: 3.45pm - 6pm

Online booking live: Friday 28th February at 5pm