



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you to those who came to the Christmas Fayre, it was a fantastic turn out! Thanks also to those who helped during the day, we appreciate you giving up your time to raise much needed funds for our school.

I have enjoyed sharing learning experiences with the children this week, mosaic making in Year 4, drama in Year 6 and seeing children across the school using manipulatives in Maths to support them with their reasoning skills.

Well done Year 5 who attended the Chess Tournament, what a great experience for you all. We also had some children attend a volleyball tournament today.

Year 6 children have written their own Christmas Song! I was treated to a sneak preview this morning and I think you will all love it. Next week it will be available to buy so keep a look out for more information. It is a catchy tune so be prepared!

We ended the week with a panto, the children loved it! You can see some photos in this newsletter. Thank you to Friends of Handsworth who arranged this for our children.

A reminder that Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring in a **healthy** snack for playtime. This must not contain nuts. A piece of fruit would be perfect! Also, please make sure children do not wear hoop earrings as it can be dangerous. They can wear small studs. It is also important that children are wearing the correct uniform.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Nairne

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Add the email address:

handsworth.primary.school@schooltray.co.uk to your email as a contact.

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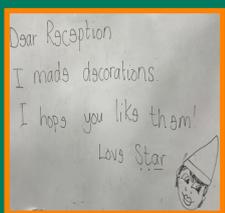
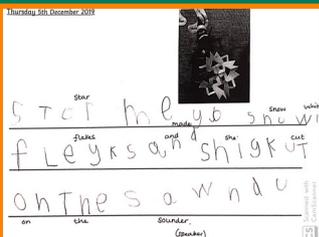
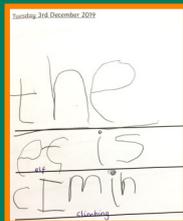
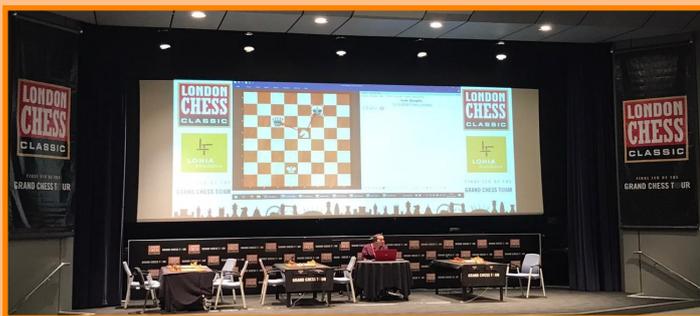


Our children had great fun at the Volleyball event today, well done to you all. You represented our school beautifully.

The children have enjoyed talking and writing about what their cheeky elf has been up to! They have been working together to design ways to help him. So many valuable learning experiences created from this little elf!



Well done
Year 5!



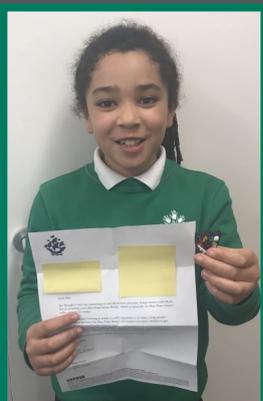
Thank you to our School Council who arranged for Christmas Cards to be made for a pensioner's Christmas dinner. We have received phone calls thanking the children. It meant so much to people in our community. Our School Council are on the look out for how they can support our community and build links with charities so please let us know if you can help us to be an outward looking School Council who support others.



The panto was
so much fun.
Thank you to
Friends of
Handsworth.



Please try to avoid booking medical appointments during the school day. We are passionate that children do not miss vital learning time. It is very important that your child is here for the start of the school day. If you are having difficulties with punctuality, please feel free to contact me to discuss how we can support you with getting your child to school on time.



Congratulations to Max who has been awarded with a Blue Peter Music Badge. Max shared how passionate he is about being creative with music and was sent this badge. Making, playing and listening to music is really important to so many young people growing up and we all hope that this badge will help Max to inspire even more children to get involved.

Well done Max, we are all very proud of you.



Well done George for winning your trainer of the week trophy! It is fantastic to see you trying your best.



Congratulations to Melissa for getting your StageCoach Performing Arts Award. It is wonderful to see you have been committed. We are proud of you!

Please make sure children are wearing correct uniform. This includes no hoop earrings. Children must wear black shoes or ankle boots. Please also remember, children must have the correct school PE kit consisting of black shorts and a white t-shirt.

Art in the Community Project



Our Art in the Community Project is coming along nicely. Classes have been visiting the lake and forest. They have collected items and been drawing what they have found. We were then treated to a wonderful assembly by Barry Sykes. The children were so excited to see his work and very interested in the prices! Thank you to all the staff who have worked to create this wonderful opportunity for our children. Also thank you to the parents who have helped with walking the children to the forest. We are looking forward to sharing more with you.

Here is a guide for parents to get the most out of our school website.



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Stay Informed

Visit the school website's home page and scroll down below the main slide show to view the school diary, calendar and links to latest news, events and articles.

Follow what your child is doing

Each class has a mini-website to showcase class work, display homework, outline key areas of the curriculum specific to the year group, list class awards and update class diary items.

To follow your child's activities, click on the main menu tab, 'Classes', and choose your child's class.

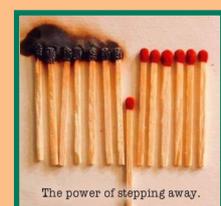
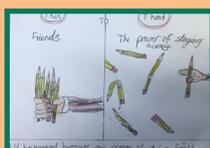
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We have been speaking to our children about the power of stepping away from drama, especially at school...

Children are learning about power and social dynamics so of course they want to be part of what's going on. They tend to pick a side; there is a powerful sense of belonging in picking a side.

We need to teach the equal power of not getting involved. The power of the person who:

- Walks away
- Decides not to make a comment
- Counts to 5 before responding
- Distracts others from a moment of meanness
- Chooses to turn on their empathy
- Includes instead of excludes



Just imagine if children can see that power and show the courage to step away.