



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Last Friday, Year 6 performed their production! It was amazing. We were so impressed with the children and how confident they were on stage. It made us laugh and cry and we were so proud of them. The performance was filmed by a professional film company and will be available on the website next week. I am sure you will be blown away! The children enjoyed a celebration after their production and are currently on their residential trip, photos can be seen on our Twitter account and in this newsletter. We also have our virtual Year 6 graduation to look forward to next week.

We have decided to show our second anti-racist assembly next week. This is due to the fact that Year 6 are away along with some staff members. We want to make sure all children see it and are with their class teacher when they do so.

Next Thursday is the last day of term and school will end at either 2.15pm or 2.30pm. It is an hour earlier than your child normally finishes. Please follow this link to see the letter about start and finish times in September. We will still ask parents to wait near the play equipment when collecting 3FB and Year 4. We have found this is a calmer approach to collection and drop off.

Thank you to those who have contributed to our Voluntary Fund. This has been so helpful. With the added costs we have encountered, the budget continues to be stretched. We value your help and you are able to contribute by clicking here.

It is wonderful that covid restrictions are to be lifted on Monday. We are all looking forward to being able to socialise and mix how we used to. It is important to note that guidance for schools until the end of term will **still be the same** as it has been. The Local Authority have issued a letter that can be found here.

Thank you all for your continued support, wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nairne

In-year vacancies at Handsworth

We are aware that we will have a few in-year vacancies at Handsworth in September due to some families moving away.

The Local Authority clears their admissions waiting list every year and those children that were on the waiting list have been removed.

If someone that you know is keen for a place at Handsworth for their child, please contact the Local Authority admissions team: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/year-admissions>

Please also let us know in the school office and we will do what we can to help!





Many Muslims will be celebrating Eid-ul-Adha which is also known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice'. Eid-ul-Adha follows the end of the holy pilgrimage in Mecca and occurs on the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar. Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Adha by sacrificing an animal such as a goat or a sheep which is then distributed into thirds. One third is shared with the poor and vulnerable (often in developing countries), the second third is shared with family and friends and the final third is kept for the home.

Eid celebrations include early morning prayers, a big feast, henna, traditional clothing and a special meal with family and friends.

The word *Eid* means 'feast' and *Mubarak* means 'blessed' so often you might hear wishes such as Eid Mubarak which means Blessed feast or you may just want to say Happy Eid.

Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating next week.

Friends of Handsworth

SUMMER PICNIC

**On Highams Park School Field
Saturday 24th July 11-5pm**

**Access through Handsworth
Primary School entrance**

Entrance £2 pp
Under 12's free

**FOOD STALLS
MUSIC AND
ENTERTAINMENT
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY**

A large graphic of a yellow and orange ice cream cone on a wooden stick. The stick has 'HANDSWORTH PRIMARY' written on it.

Thank you Friends of Handsworth for supporting us in creating a sensory room for our children. This has been invaluable and has already helped lots of children in our school. The staff quite enjoy this calm space too. We really appreciate your support!





Thank you to the staff who went to Stubbers! The children have had a fantastic time.



Well done Year 6! Your production was fantastic!



The children made s'mores during Forest School!

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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.

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!