



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Handsworth
Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have been delighted this week to be able to share our Christmas songs with you! We loved having you in school to celebrate with us. Thank you for taking the precautions and allowing us to enjoy the festivities safely. As we have always said, we are committed to making sure we keep the community safe but also get the opportunity to enjoy these special occasions and make memories.

Thank you to Mr Charles, Mrs McDermott and the School Council for delivering our food to the local church. After those extremely persuasive letters from Year 3, the School Council are now exploring how we can support food banks all year round.

Thank you all for your support this term, we continue on this roller coaster of uncertainty at the moment and that can cause anxiety for all of us. As humans we don't like not feeling in control! We will continue to follow guidance and communicate with you. We hope to all return to school on Wednesday January 5th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff. The commitment and dedication they show to our children is amazing, you are all an absolute joy to be around!

I hope you all have an enjoyable break with your family,
Mrs Nairne







We wish Mr and Mrs Tromans all the best with the expected birth of their first child over the Christmas break. We are so excited for you! Thank you to the parents for entertaining us with a fun game for Mr Tromans this week. He did very well with the 30 second challenge!

**30 SECOND CHALLENGE!
MULTI-TASKING WITH A BABY**

- Please note: Babies will not be real life (realistic toy)
1. Put on baby's nappy SECURELY!
 2. Dress baby fully (turnaround!)
 3. Stay on the phone for the whole challenge - keep another hand to rest!
 4. Hold on to second baby
 5. Walk roundback on trolleyways
- RULES:**
1. Must not drop the babies!!!
 2. Repeat! must not drop babies!!!
 3. Don't drop your phone, stay on the line!

OPTIONAL (but strongly encouraged): FOR BONUS POINTS: Sing on the spot throughout the challenge!
Please be ready for the challenge at 8:30 am on TUES
 All items will be provided except for a TABLE - you may want to arrange this yourself! We suggest using the packed lunch trolley.
 There will be an exciting prize to look forward to on the successful completion of this challenge!
Good luck!



Well done Dale for winning 'Pin the dummy on the baby!'



We know you are going to be a wonderful dad!



Year 3 made Christmas decorations in Design and Technology this week!

Well done Year 3.

The greatest gift of all: **PLAYING WITH YOU!**

All children need to play. Play is how children learn skills and release their emotions. Play can also strengthen your child's relationship with you.

How can parents help?

I know most of you might feel exhausted at the end of the day. However, all you need is 10mins of play, which will help you and your child to let out some of the stress accumulated from your day. Here are some ideas

If your child is feeling over-stimulated and needs to let off some energy, you could talk to them in a quiet, safe space while letting them spin around your body and you can spot them.

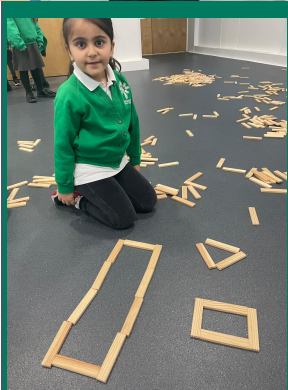
If they need some help calming down, perhaps you could blow bubbles together and see how long you could keep them in the air before popping.

Play football together by blowing a cotton ball around through straws.

If your child finds it difficult to talk about a situation, use stuffed animals to act it out.

Finally, I always suggest following your child's lead and joining them in their favourite game: let them teach you how to play!

With best wishes,
Greta
School Psychotherapist





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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. The stars also have the opportunity to have a tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai. This week's stars will have tea after the break.

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!