



# HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends.

Thank you to those who attended the Friends of Handsworth (FOH) **Annual General Meeting**. It was a great turn out and we are really looking forward to enjoying the planned events as a school community. We have missed all being together and raising much needed funds for our children.

Congratulations to the Year 2 children who took part in the Cross Country race this week. What great resilience and determination you all have. We can see by the photographs you all had a wonderful time. It has also been fantastic to see the children (and staff) enjoying poetry this week! You can see some poem performances on the website.

We have included important dates in this newsletter, please remember to keep an eye on the dates on the website by clicking [here](#). We hope you are enjoying the website updates, please do comment underneath updates as we like to receive your feedback and share them with the children.

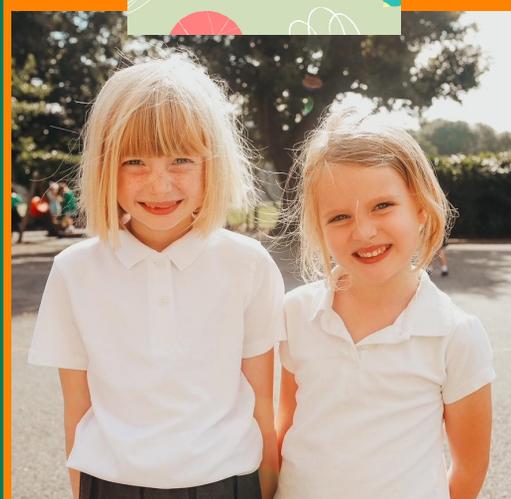
International Day will be on **Friday 22nd October**. The theme is **Who am I?** This year, children will be encouraged to share their own identity, cultures and traditions. This is a great opportunity to spend some time exploring the great wealth of nationalities, music, cultures and traditions we are so lucky to have in our school. Non-uniform is welcome on this day. It is a joy to see our children coming in traditional dress, or colours from their family flag/s.

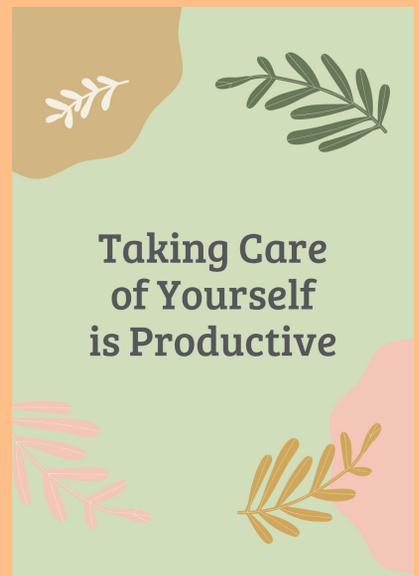
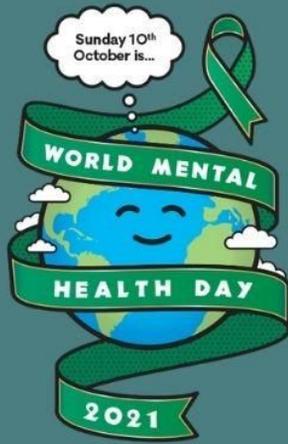
Soon we will be sharing more details about how you can book for Parent Consultations on the Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th November. You will be able to book an in person meeting or a meeting via zoom. School will finish for all children at **1pm** on Tuesday 9th November.

Please can parents/carers make sure they have registered to the website, we send most of our communications this way and you will miss out on important information if you are not registered. Next week we can contact parents directly if they haven't registered or need support. You can register [here](#). Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Nairne





Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. One of our Play Therapists, Greta, is launching the Speak Up initiative again. This is an opportunity for children to speak to her or another mentor about anything that is bothering them. Click on the image to the right to hear a video message from Greta.



## 1<sup>st</sup> October-30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

marks ADHD Awareness Month with the aim being to share vital information about ADHD and raise awareness for both children and adults around the globe.

Please click on the image to the right to find out more information.

ADHD Awareness Month  
October 2021

See my ability

See my intelligence

See my potential

Think Differently .....  
and you will See ME!



Year 2 took part in cross country this week! Well done to all of you. Thank you to Mrs Leftwich and Mrs Bromley who took the children and gave them all the coaching they needed!



# Important Dates

**Friday 8th October 2021: 9:00am, via Zoom FOH AGM**

**Wednesday 13th October 2021 Individual School Photos**

**Monday 11th to Friday 15th October 2021 4BD Swimming Lessons**

**Thursday 21st October 2021 Year 3 Ancient Egyptian WOW Day**

**Friday 22nd October Time TBC International Day**

**Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021 October half term holiday**

**Wednesday 3rd November 2021 10am, 2pm & 6pm Open Day for Prospective Parents**

**Friday 5th November 2021 Year 4 Roman WOW Day**

**Saturday 6th November 2021 6:30pm FOH Comedy Night**

**Tuesday 9th November 2021 1pm-6pm Parents' Evening**

**Tuesday 9th November 2021 1pm School closes at 1pm for Parents' Evening**

**Wednesday 10th November 2021 3.45pm - 6pm Parents' Evening**

**Friday 12th November 2021 Children in Need - Non uniform day**

**Tuesday 16th November 2021 Year 6 Ancient Greek WOW Day**

**15th to 19th November 2021 4SN Swimming Lessons**

**Friday 19th November Flu Spray Vaccination**

**Friday 26th November 2021 Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Museum**

**Saturday 27th November 2021 11:00am to 4:00pm FOH Xmas Fayre**

**Tuesday 30th November 2021 Year 5 Mexico WOW Day**

**Monday 6th December - Friday 10th December Marvelous Maths Week**

**Friday 10th December 2021 7:30pm FOH Quiz Night**

**Tuesday 14th December - 9am Nursery Christmas Concert**

**Tuesday 14th December - 2.30pm Reception Christmas Concert**

**Wednesday 15th December 2.45pm Year 1 Christmas Concert**

**Thursday 16th December 2.45pm Year 2 Christmas Concert**

**Friday 17th December 2021 End of Autumn term**

**Friday 17th December 2021 Carols in the playground**

**Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January 2022 Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 3rd January 2022 INSET day - School Closed**

On Thursday, the school council had their first meeting this academic year.

There was a lot of enthusiasm in the meeting and many items were discussed!

Joining the school council was Ms Macbeth who is the catering manager Handsworth.

The school council provided Ms Macbeth with feedback from our recent school dinner survey.

Chairing the meeting was Isabelle Lewis, who was recently elected.



**Some ideas and discussions we had...**

- Fundraising activities for charity
- Shoe box full of gifts for charity
- Reading Buddies
- Debate Club (Year 5/6)
- International/culture-rich curriculum
- Lunch time activities
- School Choir (Years 1-4)
- More initiative opportunities for R-Year 4
- Play Leaders - Year 6 or Year 5?
- Lunchtime club suggestions for after half term



*October is Black History Month!*

*Theme: Proud To Be*

*We will be using this opportunity to learn more about important people and events in Black History through weekly class assemblies, activities and discussions. Keep an eye on our website for updates about our learning!*

**Friday 22nd October 2021**  
**Who am I?**

For International Day this year, we would like to invite children to spend some time sharing stories about their own special cultures, traditions and histories. What are your family traditions? What do you know about your community? What links you to the wider world?

The day will be non-uniform - your family flag colours or traditional cultural dress are very welcome.

Project - we welcome children to make a poster about their own identity on the theme 'who am I?'. The children will be given the opportunity to talk about what makes their culture and community special with their class. This will be followed up with a collaborative display so that children can feel pride individually and collectively.

Thank you also to the school community for attending the **Summer Picnic!** Altogether, **we raised over £5,000** - we are so lucky to have a parent's employer who matched fund the total raised on the day.

**Match funding** is just one of the ways you can help us to raise funds for our school. By shopping online using [Easyfundraising](#) or [AmazonSmile](#), retailers will donate to Friends of Handsworth, at no extra cost to you. We have already raised almost £2,000 in this way so far. It takes just a few minutes to sign up - please join in! For more information, and to read more about our upcoming **Comedy Night** on the **6<sup>th</sup> November**, click through to the FOH webpage: [here](#).



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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.

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!