



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

It has been a busy few weeks at New Hall, with lots of exciting learning going on. It was lovely to see so much support from parents at the end of the day on Thursday when you were able to come and take a look at all of the classes fantastic work linked to Science week. The children certainly had a good time experimenting with different types of media.

Thank you for continuing to support your child.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mr Lee back to school, after his prolonged illness. Although he is not quite fully fit yet, it is great to see him.

Mrs Preston has now left to have her baby, and we will be joined by Mrs Carpenter as the new EYFS leader from after Easter. During the Easter holidays there will be yet more improvements made to the front of the school to enhance the environment. Please may we remind parents that smoking is NOT permitted outside of any part of the school.

Dates for the Diary



Thursday 6 March - Team Davis Class Assembly

Thursday 27 March - Team Wood Class Assembly

Friday 11 April - Inset Day

Easter Holiday - Monday 14 April - Friday 25 April

Monday 5 May - School Bank Holiday School closed

Tuesday 6 May - School open

Wednesday 7 May - Reception Grandparent lunch

Thursday 8 May - Team Styles Class Assembly

Wednesday 14 May - KS1 Grandparent lunch

Wednesday 21 May - Internet Safety Assembly & KS2 Grandparent lunch

Thursday 22 May - Reception Class Assembly

Half Term - Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

Thursday 19 June - Nursery Class Assembly

Friday 4 July - Inset Day

Monday 21 July - Inset Day

Summer Holiday - Tuesday 22 July - Friday 29 August.

SCHOOL DINNERS



With effect from Monday 28th April the price of School dinners will increase to £2.05 per child per day. If you have any concerns please contact the School office.

INTERNET SAFETY

We have had a few parents concerned about their children using the internet at home. We have invited PSCO Nikki Harrison to come along on Wednesday 4 June at 2:45 pm to run a workshop for parents on Internet Safety. Further information will follow shortly.



NUMERACY JOURNEY WEEK

Lots of fun with numbers in Numeracy Journey week. Team Styles looked at how to use fractions in everyday life. Year 1 cut up (and ate) pizzas! They also had the opportunity to play netball and football.

Reception started with Mr Wolf's pancakes. The wolf had a problem. He couldn't read or write so the children had to help make pancakes. The children wrote shopping lists, did surveys to find favourite filling, Problem solving, measuring ingredients to make to make pancakes and sharing out their pancakes once they had made them.



STARBURST AWARDS

Thursday 13 March



Nursery - Haleema
Team Preston - Max
Team Barham - Alex
Team Styles - Sarah
Team Wood - Lewis
Team Davis - Chloe
Team Qayyum - Shavoy
Team Malanaphy - Demi
Team Trevelyan - Laura
Team Palmer - Grace
Team Spiers - Callum
Team Roberts - Courtney

Thursday 20 March

Nursery - Jack
Team Preston - Alicia
Team Barham - Isobel
Team Styles - Lacey
Team Wood - Nadine
Team Davis - Sian
Team Qayyum - Frederick
Team Malanaphy - Millie
Team Trevelyan - Jessica
Team Palmer - Elise
Team Spiers - DJ
Team Roberts - Vincent

School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

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NUMERACY JOURNEY WEEK

continued

Team Malanaphy had to help The Doctor because his TARDIS had broken down! The Doctor was stuck in the Tudor Times on Tuesday 20th January 1503 at 6pm but needed to get to present day India for Friday 4th March at twenty past 8 pm. They worked out that he was 511 years, 2 months, 3 days and 2 hours 40 minutes away! Here is a picture of the children learning to tell the time on analogue clocks outside.



SCIENCE & ART WEEK

Reception looked at life cycles and then made sculptures of frogs, butterflies, caterpillars and chicks. Team Styles looked at penguins and how they have adapted to their environment. Also the children made a sculpture of a penguin out of clay and painted it. Team Palmer focused on the human ear as this links with their current science topic 'Sound'. They have learnt how the human ear works, drawn sketches and made models of the human ear. Anna Clifton showed the children how to make insect sculptures using twigs and wire. Also the children were split into their houses to do science investigations.

PARENT'S NOTICEBOARD

We have had a suggestion from a parent that we use one of our noticeboards on the playground to advertise items either for sale or that may no longer be required that may be of use to other parents. Should you wish to use this service please bring your advertisements into the office—postcard size only please. We will then monitor this to see how successful it is.

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Reminder:

There seem to be some pupils who are coming into school everyday in inappropriate footwear.

Trainers are not part of our daily school uniform.

NO trainers, NO heels.

Our school policy also states that no jewellery is to be worn for health and safety reasons. Children will be asked to remove jewellery if they come to school with it, and we will not accept any responsibility for any loss.

**COFFEE
MORNING
AT THE UNITED**



REFORMED CHURCH

BRASSINGTON AVENUE

SUTTON COLDFIELD

ON

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 14

FROM 10 am until 12 noon

FREE ADMISSION

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE RING 0121 321 2277

- OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE-
- EASTER BONNET COMPETITION
- FACEPAINTING
- TOMBOLA
- LUCKY DIP
- BRING AND BUY
- CRAFT TABLE
- PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS - need to pre book

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YOU**