



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

Welcome back to the Summer term, which has come to us with sunshine! The pupils were keen to share all of their holiday adventures with us this week, and it was lovely to hear about what they had been up to do.

This term will also see many opportunities for you to come into school to share in the many events as the school year comes to an end. Please keep your eye on the diary (or check the website) to keep yourself updated.

As the summer approaches may I remind you that government legislations does not allow for holidays during term time. As you may know, New Hall Primary & C.C. takes part in the Spotlight on Attendance Programme which helps us to work with parents to ensure good attendance of pupils at school every day.

Just missing a few days can mean your child can miss out on vital learning opportunities and it can be very difficult for them to catch up.

We do this because we recognise the importance of good, regular attendance at school. During the campaign at New Hall, one penalty notice has been issued to a parent in the spring term involving a fine of £60. School is not optional and parents who do not ensure regular attendance can and will be prosecuted. Please support us by making sure that your child attends.

Kick Boxing

We are delighted to announce that Alex in Year 5 has become British Champion in his weight category for kick boxing. Well done Alex.

Archery

It was also lovely to see Korben from Year 6 in the Sutton Observer during the holiday winning at archery in his scouts group. He is now going forward to the West Midlands heats. Good luck to him.

NUMICON WORKSHOP

Parents came and learnt about the numicon resource that we use in maths to help children's counting and adding skills. Parents and children played numicon bingo, made numicon dice and printed in playdough. Thank you to all the parents who came.



-Science Dome

This was quickly followed up with a visit from a giant science space dome filling the hall. Key Stage Two whizzed their way through the stars and around the solar system, while Key Stage One experienced life under water as pirates! Gasps of surprise and delight filled the dome and we cannot wait to invite Steve back to school again.



SCIENCE WEEK

-Highly Sprung

During science week, Commotion arrived in the form of the dynamic theatre group, Highly Sprung. Through the art of dance, interaction with the pupils and demonstrations, Sarah, Mark and Ben taught us all about sound, light, electricity and forces. We even saw how Sir Isaac Newton grew from a young farming boy into an influential scientist! EYFS and KS1 enjoyed forces workshops; experiencing a range of push and pulls and exploring the effect of friction on movement. Throughout the school, words such as "sensational," "amazing," and "hilarious" reflected the thoughts of the pupils!

TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL MOSQUE

To celebrate the end of our Indian Spice theme, Key Stage One enjoyed a trip to Birmingham Central Mosque to explore the worship place of Muslims. Mr. Abdul welcomed us warmly and encouraged us to explore the mosque. He explained the 5 pillars of Islam and answered all of our many, many questions! It was exciting to see what we had learned at school, brought to life in one of the largest mosques in western Europe. We learned that it up to 7,000 people can come to pray here at one time! Thank you very much for such an informative day.



EASTER COMPEITION

The winners for Easter egg bonnets/decorating competition were:-

Nursery - Elsie
Team Carpenter - Mollie
Team Barham - Amari
Team Tallis - Lexi
Team Wood - Isobelle
Team Davis - Divinchy
Team Huxley - Ewa
Team Toomer - Sian
Team Qayyum - Jayvon
Team Palmer - Korben
Team Hall - Tyler

STARBURST—Thursday 5 March

Nursery - Elsie
Team Barham - Alycia May
Team Carpenter - Shakira
Team Wood - Isobelle
Team Davis - Alicia
Team Talliss - Malihah
Team Qayyum - Mehaq
Team Toomer - Mahder
Team Huxley - Shavoy
Team Palmer - Faith
Team Hall - Jamie

GOVERNORS AWARDS

Nursery - Jessica
Team Barham - Halemma
Team Carpenter - Aisha
Team Wood - Keeley
Team Davis - Marika
Team Talliss - Angelina
Team Qayyum - Elle
Team Huxley - Demi-Leigh
Team Toomer - Anoushka
Team Palmer - Cory Lee
Team Hall - Cearagh

SCHOOL DINNERS

Reminder -Price of School dinners are £2.05 per child per day, £10.25 per week. All lunch money needs to be handed into class in a sealed envelope. If you have any queries please contact the School office

REMINDER

If your child is successful at a sport/event outside of school, please let us know so that we can celebrate their success.

LOUDMOUTH THEATRE

On Wednesday 25th March, Years 4, 5 and 6 were given an extra PSHE lesson in 'Helping Hands' The sensitive theatre in education programme looked at 'what makes a good or bad relationship?' This well researched and carefully structured programme helped children's understanding of bullying and control before gently introducing the concept of domestic abuse. The actors, Rupee and Lily were fantastic in getting across the advice of where to go if you needed help. Children understood that 'bullying' could be categorised by using S.T.O.P. (Several Times, On Purpose). The 'Helping Hands' showed the FIVE places to get help: Telling parents, teachers or friends; phoning Childline on T) 0800 1111; Calling the Police on the non-emergency number 101; visiting www.bullying.co.uk and for mums and dads: Parentline, Women's Aid and RESPECT. One Y5 pupil said the drama was a good way to learn "because maybe other children might have had this happen to them and it might give them advice and tips".

**HELPING
HANDS**



DIARY DATES

- 29 April - EYFS Grandparent lunch
- 4 May - Bank Holiday School Closed**
- 5 May - School open**
- 11 May - Year 6 SATS week
- 13 May - KS1 Grandparent lunch
- 20 May - KS2 Grandparent lunch
- 21 May - Nursery Assembly
- 25 May - Half Term School Closed**
- 1 June - School Open**
- 9 June - Class photos
- 18 June - Reception Assembly