



NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

We are almost at the end of term, and as always, we wonder where the year has gone! It has been lovely to see so many parents over the last few days, whether at sports day (with fantastic weather), open afternoon or the Y6 leavers production. Thank you for all of your support over the year. Your children really benefit from seeing you support them.

We are delighted with how hard the children have worked in every year group, but are especially proud of Y6, Y2 and Y1 who have to complete SATs or phonics check. Our results are terrific and are a testament to the hard work of the teachers and pupils alike.

After many years of working in the kitchen at New Hall, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Downey at the end of this year. We wish her well in her retirement.

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to thank all staff who work so tirelessly for the benefit of the children. I am proud to be Head Teacher of New Hall because of the terrific team we have here.

I would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable and safe summer.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS AWARD

On Friday 3rd July Mr Lee and I had the privilege of taking Mea and Liam, our Head Girl and Boy to accept our Sustainable School Award certificate from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. It was a great occasion to celebrate how committed we are at New Hall to ensuring that future generations enjoy a clean, safe Earth to live on. At New Hall we already do many things to ensure that we are conscious about the environment, like recycling, energy saving bulbs and an Eco boiler. The award acknowledged the good work that we do.



100% ATTENDANCE

A massive well done to Kai who has managed to have 100% attendance throughout the whole of Key Stage 2. Fantastic achievement Kai.

KS1 TRIP TO LIBRARY

During week commencing 24th June, KS1 took it in turns to set off on a literacy expedition to visit Sutton Library.

We excitedly boarded the bus and reached Sutton Town Centre quite quickly. We were really impressed by the way the library has been redeveloped. It felt really bright, welcoming, calm ...and quiet! We listened to the librarian and found out all about this year's reading challenge. It sounds great fun, it is free and you only have to register at your local library to join in.

Each team spent a happy hour or so browsing the shelves and reading to each other. The librarian commented how well behaved we were and how enthusiastic we were to read. We can recommend a visit to the library as we feel sure you won't be disappointed!

YR 3&4 TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARK

On Friday 3rd July, years 3 and 4 went to visit the Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park. It was a very sunny day, and the children made the most of the weather whilst visiting a range of animals. Children were pleased to see and learn about the animals that included monkeys, lemurs, reptiles and invertebrates, as well as exploring the habitats of the red panda and meerkats. During the taught session, children were given the opportunity to explore a variety of skeletons and exoskeletons of different animals including a tarantula and a piranha. The crane birds and capuchin monkeys caught the attention of most in year 3 and 4, as they chose to sketch these animals later in the day. A great day was had by children and staff alike. Thank you to those parents that joined us for such a lovely day!

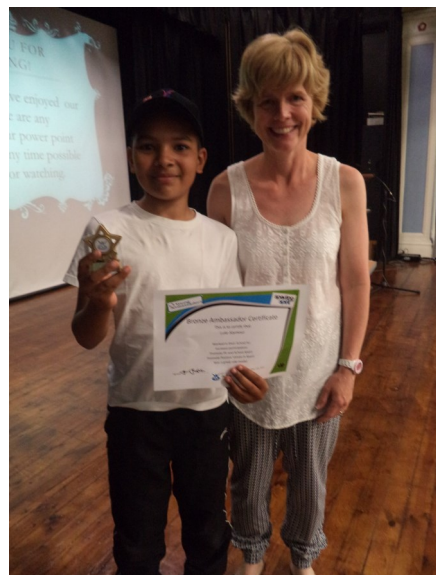
'DESIGN A RACE'

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Sports Day 'Design a Race' competition.

Congratulations to Issabelle, Fizzah and Hadley for their winning entries. Pupils in KS1 and KS2 enjoyed the limbo pole and football dribbling and they loved to see their parents compete too! Thank you for supporting your children!

BRONZE AMBASSADORS

Luke and Laura in year five have been Bronze Ambassadors this year. They have encouraged the pupils of New Hall to take part in sport and make healthy choices. They have also led their 'sports crew' to teach children new playground games. Luke went to Sutton Girls' School on Thursday 2nd July to give a presentation to teachers, parents and children about what the Bronze Ambassadors have achieved at New Hall. He spoke with confidence and made us very proud. Both Ambassadors received certificates, pin badges, hats and star trophies. Well done Laura and Luke!



SHELTING BUILDING WITH TEAM

PALMER & HALL

On the 7th and 8th of July, Team Palmer on Tuesday and Team Hall on Wednesday, bused to Sutton Park to take part in a Shelter Building experience. We found out from the Rangers, that Sutton Park has been a grazed landscape for around 1500 years! We thought about what were the considerations for new settlers building up small communities then the Rangers taught us some simple shelter building techniques that would have been used by early settlers. We tried out our new skills on small scale constructions and then on a couple of shelters that would be big enough for us! A fun but educational time was had by both Teams!



BIG NIGHT IN

Following the success of last year's Big Night In, Year 6 had a fun packed evening of entertainment on Friday 26th June. Year 6 whiled away a memorable evening of swimming, cup cake decorating, pizza making, game playing, quizzing, disco dancing and campfire singing before bedding down for the night at school with a film. A local resident kindly brought a wild hedgehog and introduced us to our shy, prickly neighbours who only come out when we're all usually home from school - which was a fascinating experience for us all. None of this would have been possible for Year 6 if it hadn't been for the generous time and expertise of many New Hall staff - thanks to them Year 6, once again, had a truly fantastic evening to remember.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Unfortunately during the Summer term we have had another penalty notice involving a fine of £120 issued to a parent who's child has not regularly attended school this year. May we remind parents that the Spotlight on Attendance Programme will continue in the Autumn term. 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.

Well done to the 22 children who have attended school every day this academic year.

PARENT BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL

PROPERTY

Unfortunately on Wednesday 15th July there was an incident involving two parents on our school site, which involved swearing, name calling and threats of violence. May I remind all parents that there is **ZERO TOLERANCE** of this unacceptable behaviour. As a school we are well within our rights to ban parents from school property, should an incident occur. We know that as a school we cannot influence what parents say or do in front of their own children outside of school, however it is **NEVER** acceptable to bring childish and petty behaviour from adults onto school grounds.

Please can ALL parents be aware that when on school property we expect appropriate behaviour (including **NO SWEARING**).

MORNING REGISTRATION

All children should be in school on time and that from September 2015 the school governors have decided that morning registers will close at 9.15am instead of the current 9.30.

REMINDERS

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

- 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

STARBURST— 2 July

Nursery - Theo
Team Carpenter - Liam
Team Barham - Kassey
Team Talliss - Myla
Team Davis -Julien
Team Wood - Demi
Team Qayyum - Tuneye
Team Huxley - Kundai
Team Toomer - Jahnia
Year 5 -Madison
Year 6 - Liam

STARBURST— 9 July

Nursery - Mason
Team Carpenter - Maryan
Team Barham - Lacey-Ann
Team Talliss - Kaydee
Team Davis - Rhianna
Team Wood - Connie
Team Qayyum - Ryan
Team Huxley - Bobby
Team Toomer - Morgan
Year 5 - Jacob
Year 6 - Mea

DIARY DATES

17 July - School closes at 3.20pm for Summer holiday

7 September - School open at 8.55 am

23 October - School closes for Teachers training day

26 October - 30 October - Half term school closed

2 November - School open at 8.55 am



Free activities for the whole family

This Summer!

it's free!

Join in at...

Newdigate playing fields

**Newdigate road, Falcon Lodge
11.00am-1.00pm**

**every monday starting: 20th July
ending: 24th august**

**Multi-sport pop up including;
football, soft archery, cricket, tennis.**

Please note activities are subject to change

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