



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

It has been a very busy half term at New Hall. This week in school we have had Safer Internet Day and the Life Health Bus. As always, we continue to provide a variety of activities across the curriculum which deals with the challenges that our children face living in England in the 21st century, and equipping them with the life skills to navigate their way through so that they can cope and display resilience. To this end once again, our whole school collective worships have been focussed on highlighting British Values.

Please ensure that you ask your child what they have been learning about, so that you are aware of what they know.

Thanks to all parents who have attended any of the numerous events which have been organised this half term. We value your support and we know your children do too.

The high expectations from the new national curriculum mean that children and staff are working extremely hard to meet this demanding workload. Well done to everyone! Have a great half term.

Mrs Hanks

Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday 3rd February, New Hall Primary entered a gymnastics competition at GMAC in Perry Barr for the very first time! The ten pupils travelled to the venue on our new school minibus and competed in both disciplines of floor and vault. Both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 team performed to the best of their ability and Y5/6 came away with silver medals for their floor routine. An extra congratulations to Sienna in year six for her individual silver medal!



Girl guiding and Scouting

In Girl guiding & Scouting they have a special day on 22nd February called Thinking Day or Founders Day. It is tradition on that day that all members wear their uniform. All children who are girl guides or scouts can come into school in their girl guides or scouts uniform on Monday 22 February at New Hall.

Safer Internet Day (SID) 2016

On Tuesday 9th February, New Hall joined the rest of the world in celebrating Safer Internet Day. KS1 and KS2 were visited by Effectus Theatre Company and saw a performance of 'Don't pack up your troubles', a story covering themes including making new 'cyber' friends, checking security settings, keeping private details safe, usernames and passwords and most importantly, who to talk to when you're not sure. The children enjoyed clapping along with the songs, especially the S.P.I.E.S. rap. Please follow @NewHallpri on Twitter to see the photos!



Chinese New Year Workshop

On Friday 5th February 2016 year 3 and 4 enjoyed a spectacular Chinese day in order to celebrate Chinese New Year. Children celebrated Chinese New Year by wearing red (a lucky colour!) We made Chinese lanterns, Chinese dragon puppets and we worked with the Education Group to learn a Chinese dance that we performed for the whole school. The children ensured a happy start to the year of the monkey! The children thoroughly enjoyed the special celebrations and showed great enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the day.



Pot of Gold

From the beginning of 7th March to 27th June at St John's Church of Walmley will be offering a weekly support group for children ages 6-11 who have experienced loss in the family through death or family breakdown. The loss could be that of a parent, a sibling, a grandparent or a best friend.

The support group called Pot of Gold will meet in the upper lounge of the church from 6.30pm - 8pm. There is no charge for these sessions but these sessions need your support for them to continue. If you are interested please call St John's parish office on 0121 313 0413 or email: office@stw.org.uk.

Mad Science Club

25 pupils from Y1- 6 have enjoyed six hands-on, energetic sessions of practical science enquiry! Everyone has used all their senses to carry out weekly investigations with Radiation Rick; from tantalising taste, optical illusions, energy burst, sonic sounds and harnessing heat! The take home equipment such as pedometers and kaleidoscopes were a real highlight! Konor in Year 3 said, "I loved the science club because I want to be a scientist when I'm older so I wanted to practise doing experiments and they were so much fun!" Thank you to all the pupils who join us for these sessions.



Bikeability

Last week, twelve children in year five and year six cycled the streets around Falcon Lodge to complete their bikeability training. They learnt how to check their bikes were in good working order and to ride on the roads safely. All pupils passed with flying colours - congratulations!



Easter Playscheme

If you would like your child to attend our Playscheme in the Easter holidays, please call the office for details.



Job Vacancy

General Assistant-Catering
Grade 1 £13,635 to £14359 pro rata
7.5 hours per week - term time only
1.00pm to 2.30pm (may vary dependant on service needs).

Please collect a job pack from our school office or email jobs@newhall.bham.sch.uk.

STARBURST—28/01/16

Nursery - Remi

Team Gilbert- Sacha

Team Talliss - Lexi

Team Davis - Sarim

Team Toomer - Anya

Team Qayyum - Chelsea

Team Whateley - Leland

Team Palmer - Anoushka

Team Roberts - Aawais

Team Hall - Olivia



STARBURST—04/02/16

Nursery—Holly

Team Degville- William

Team Carpenter- Luis

Team Gilbert- Maisie

Team Talliss - Lily

Team Davis - Divinchy

Team Toomer - Sarah

Team Qayyum - Ewa

Team Whateley - Benjamin

Team Palmer - Zak

Team Roberts - Ben

Team Hall - Chloe

STARBURST—11/02/16

Nursery - Tallulah

Team Degville- Lanai

Team Carpenter- Sofia

Team Gilbert-Alycia

Team Talliss - Cienna

Team Davis - Alexis

Team Toomer - Lacey

Team Qayyum - Jahnia

Team Whateley - Demi Lee

Team Palmer - Sophie

Team Roberts - Tiara

Team Hall - Jacob

Note to Parents

- Teacher's Training Date Change

School will now be closed on Friday 13 May 2016 and school will re-open as normal on Monday 16 May. There will no longer be a training day on Monday 6 June 2016 as originally printed.

- Twitter

You can now find us on Twitter, simply search for @NewHallpri and get following us. We would love to have all our parents who are able to add us. You can see for yourself what your child is doing throughout their learning day.

- Water Bottles

We have a limited supply of New Hall Water bottles in stock. Please visit school office if you would like to purchase for £2.

DIARY DATES

School closed Half term - Monday 15

February - Friday 19 February 2016

School re-open Monday 22 February

School closed: Friday 25 March - Friday 8 April 2016

School re-open Monday 11 April 2016

School closed for Teachers Training day - Friday 13 May

School re-open Monday 16 May 2016

School closed Half term - Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2016

School re-open Monday 6 June 2016.

School closed from Monday 25 July to tbc