



NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

School Year 2015-16

As always July and the end of term have come around before we know it. As a school we have made tremendous progress with understanding the demands of the new curriculum and new testing arrangements that the government have imposed upon us. I am delighted to say that we continue to expand, with a 2 form intake in Years 1-6. A growing school population is the sign of a happy, progressive school that gets things done.

We are all extremely excited to welcome new staff, who come with fresh ideas and new thoughts, to move the school on even further.

A huge thank you to parents, who continue to support us in so many ways, whether it be completing homework, attending events or any other support for their children. As parents who work with us, the benefits can be seen in your children every single day—they are respectful, hard working and happy to be at New Hall.

Once again, ALL staff continue to work hard at making New Hall the best it can be.

Thank you for all of your hard work, perseverance and humour in getting through another year. We know that any workplace is only ever as good as the people who are in it, and at New Hall we are lucky to have the best people to care for and educate your children. We will continue to strive for greater learning experiences and exciting opportunities next year.

The children (and staff) deserve a rest and we hope that they have an enjoyable, safe and fun packed summer holiday.

We wish all the very best to the staff who are moving on.

I look forward to seeing you all in September for another hard working year.

With very best wishes,
Beverley Hanks
Head Teacher

KS1 Trip to Sutton Library

Key stage 1 enjoyed a visit to Sutton library during the summer term. Whilst there we talked about how the library serves the local community, the facilities it has to help us with our school work and the summer reading challenge. We read a range of stories and poems linked to our English work on riddles and our theme of The Great Fire of London. The children were a credit to Newhall, walking sensibly, listening and sharing books as well as asking and answering the librarians' questions. Well done Key stage 1!

KS2 Trip to the Synagogue

On the 5th, 6th and 7th July, Team Toomer, Qayyum and Whateley visited Birmingham Central Synagogue. They learned all about the Jewish faith and things associated with it, including the kippah, menorah and the Torah. They were allowed to look at very expensive scrolls, and they created sketches of some very important items that the Synagogue own. They had a lovely time!



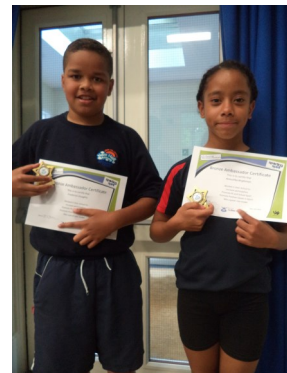
Y6 Trip to Drayton Manor

On Thursday, Year 6 children faced their fears at Drayton Manor. Children enjoyed white-knuckle rides, getting wet on Splash Canyon and plenty of laughs and jokes along the way. As always, behaviour was impeccable and the children were excellent representatives of our wonderful school. Well done Year 6 - we are all proud of you!



Bronze Ambassadors

On Tuesday 5th July, our Y5 Bronze Ambassadors, Anoushka and Frederick, gave a presentation at Sutton Girls' School about their experiences of leading sport at New Hall this year. They were awarded for their efforts with certificates and trophies. Thank you for your hard work! If you are in Y4 and are interested in being a Bronze Ambassador next year, please see Mrs Palmer.



Sports Day

On Tuesday 12th July, the rain held off for long enough for reception, nursery and KS2 to take part in sports day. Children enjoyed both track and field events and competed to win points for their houses. Thank you and congratulations to the house captains, Bronze Ambassadors and other helpers who did a fantastic job of organising the day.



The winners for 2015/16 are.....

KS1 - Wyndley

KS2 - Bracebridge

Well done Wyndley & Bracebridge.



Sport at Newhall

We've had another very successful term of sport with many children competing in events both in and out of school. Our Y5/6 mixed rounders and cricket teams both came 4th in their tournaments and Kye in Y4 received a special award for his fantastic sportsmanship during the Y3/4 cricket competition. Congratulations to everyone who has represented New Hall in sport this year!

On Tuesday 14th June, all children from reception to Y6 took part in the Team SuperSchools sponsored sports event. The children completed different exercises in a circuit in the hall then watched a fencing demonstration by Olympic silver medallist, modern pentathlete Heather Fell. We raised a very impressive £977.30 and many children received medals and water bottles as their rewards. All children have been given a photograph of themselves with Heather and a pedometer to track their activity levels. Well done to all children who took part and thank you to parents for your support.

Starburst for EYFS & KS1

Thursday 30 June

Nursery - Evie Rose
Team Carpenter - Matthew
Team Degville - Milda
Team Gilbert - Rhys
Team Davis - Kylie
Team Wood - Mayla



Starburst for KS2

Thursday 7 July

Team Toomer - Isobelle
Team Whateley - On trip
Team Qayyum - Chloe
Team Roberts - Jamie
Team Palmer - Shavoy
Team Hall - Alex



Note to parents:

Job Vacancies

From September any job vacancies for New Hall we also be advertised on our website www.newhall.bham.sch.uk

School Uniform

Our Behaviour Policy clearly states the school's expectations in terms of uniform, particularly footwear. Pupils wearing trainers or inappropriate footwear to school will be required to wear black pumps during the school day, which will be provided for them. Our Behaviour policy can be found on our website.

Birth certificates

For September, if you have not as yet sent in a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, please can you hand them into our School Office.

Year 1& 2 Milk Money

For Year 1 and 2 it is 15p per day for milk or 75p for the week.

School Dinners

For school dinners it is £2.10 per day or £10.50 per week to pay.

Term dates 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016:

Monday 5 September 2016 - Teachers Training Day

Tuesday 6 September 2016 - Term starts

Friday 30 September - Teacher Training day

Monday 3 October - School open

Half term - Monday 24 October 2016 - Friday 28 October 2016

Friday 16 December 2016 - Term ends

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 January 2017 - Term starts

Half term - Monday 20 February 2017 - Friday 24 February 2017

Friday 7 April 2017 - Term ends

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April 2017 - Term starts

Half term - Monday 29 May 2017 - Friday 2 June 2017

Tuesday 25 July 2017 - Term ends

Please note - Teacher Training days may still be added to the term dates shown above.

