

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019

Welcome back to the summer term. As you will be aware it is an extremely short four weeks until the next holiday, with much work to be done.

Key stage 1 and 2 SATs will be taking place this half term. We know that the children and staff are as prepared as always to give their best in these situations. I would also like to reassure parents that although these 'tests' are important, they are only a small part of the curriculum that we offer here at New Hall.

The personalised curriculum of New Hall is all about ensuring that the children in our care continue to have as wide and varied an experience of school life that can be offered to them. We know that we do this well.

This term we will also be participating in a Philosophy for Children (P4C) day, to hopefully gain our Gold award. If successful we will be one of a very few schools across the country that will have achieved this. It has been an extremely useful and beneficial exercise. As a result of it, our children are more resilient and confident. You will be aware that many schools are focussing on mental health. For us at New Hall, we have always tried to ensure that pupils are aware of their own needs and they have been given many strategies to cope with all that life can potentially throw at them. We will continue to deliver this important message to all of the young people in our care.

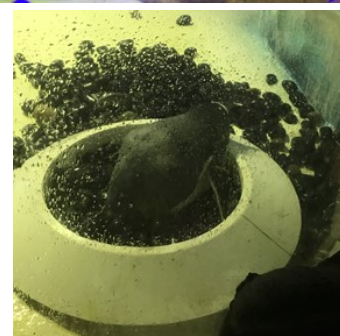
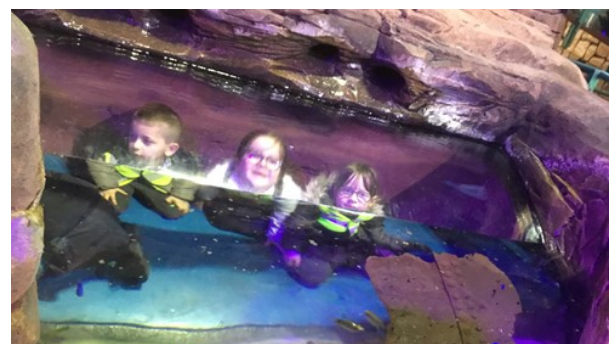
Best wishes for a good term.

Mrs Hanks

Year 1 Sea Life Centre trip

On Tuesday 26th March 2019, Year 1 visited The Sea Life Centre as part of their theme work. The children were given a tour around the Sea Life Centre and they enjoyed seeing many different creatures such as sharks, sting rays, clown fish and octopus. The children also learnt many new facts about the creatures within the centre.

After lunch, the children spent time watching the penguins. They were diving, swimming, eating their food and even making a nest out of pebbles. We were even lucky enough to see them laying eggs.



Year 5 Easter Assembly

On Wednesday 10th April, Year 5 shared their production of the Easter story with their families and the children of New Hall Primary. It was wonderful to see all of the children so enthusiastic about the story of Easter with their wonderful acting and amazing singing, with a particularly special mention to those children who were brave enough to take on solo singing roles! It was certainly an Egg-cellent way to celebrate the story of Easter and get each other prepared for the upcoming Easter break."



Basketball Champions!!

Back in January, the Y5/6 basketball team won a local competition between schools in Sutton Coldfield and got through to the Birmingham School Games Primary Finals. Last week, the team represented Sutton Coldfield at the final and won again! New Hall officially have the best basketball team in Birmingham! Congratulations to the team and many thanks to Mr Clarke for his coaching.



Year 3 trip to Coventry Transport Museum

On Tuesday 9th April 2019, Year Three visited Coventry Transport Museum. From old fashioned bicycles to the fastest cars in the world, children observed many types of transport throughout the exhibition and sketched their favourites. We also enjoyed learning all about how taxis have changed over the years and in different countries. We also saw the real car from the film Mary Poppins!

After a short walk past Coventry Cathedral, we ate our packed lunches in the Herbert Art Gallery and enjoyed looking at the fabulous artworks housed in the building. We saw lots of sculptures and paintings, plus an excellent exhibition about the elements such as water and air. Here we saw some fossils and different types of rocks which also linked to our current science topic, 'Earth Rocks'. Year Three then spent some time sketching Coventry Cathedral before the journey home.



Science Week

On the week beginning the 11th March, New Hall celebrated Science week by doing fun investigations in class related to this year's theme of 'journey'. Each class also had a Science workshop where a professional scientist came into school and worked with each year group on a topic suited to their Themes. It was an exciting week and hopefully we have inspired future Scientists that Science is fun!

P4C

On Wednesday 20th March, New Hall had a whole school P4C Day based on 'happiness'. Each class used a stimulus to inspire philosophical questions about happiness and took part in an enquiry based on their chosen question. All classes then produced a poster to show 'Ten steps to Happiness' focusing on things that we can do in our everyday lives to make ourselves happier.

Curriculum

Parents, if you would like to know more about the curriculum planned for your children, this can be found on our website under 'Our School'. If you have any queries please speak to the class teacher.

Star Burst

Thursday 28 March

LKS2

Team Durning - Mason
Team Walker - Ella
Team Palmer - Jessica
Team Scrivens - Elisha

Thursday 4April

UKS2

Team Steadman - Thandi
Team Collis - Mia
Team Thomas - Millie Mae
Team Roberts - Ruby

Governor Awards - Friday 12th April 2019

Nursery - Amaya
Team Carpenter - James
Team Degville - Yusra
Team Lynch - Surabhi
Team Rainbird - Arnav
Team Edwards - Beau
Team Wood - Maisey
Team Durning - Neva
Team Walker - David
Team Palmer - Rhy-Lee
Team Scrivens - Mirabel
Team Collis - Dominic
Team Steadman - Rae
Team Thomas - Alex
Team Roberts - Sid

Easter Bonnet and Egg Winners

Nursery - Regan
Team Degville - Lottie
Team Carpenter - Asa
Team Lynch - Alaia
Team Rainbird - Eddie
Team Wood - Amelia
Team Edwards - Lisayah
Team Walker - Elsie
Team Durning - Ryan
Team Scrivens - Maisie
Team Palmer - Rien
Team Steadman - Bow
Team Collis - Marika
Team Roberts - Sarah
Team Thomas - Ashley

Special Prize - Isabelle

Are our medical records and emergency contact details up to date for your child?

If not please let us know in school office.

Dates for your Diary 2018/19

Wrap Round and School Meals

Reminder - Wrap Around payments need to be paid a month in advance. School meals need to be paid one week in advance. Failure to do so may result in us no longer being able to provide a Wrap Around service or school dinners for your child.

May Holiday Play Scheme

There will be a holiday play scheme in May, from Tuesday 28th until Friday 31st. Packs to be collected from reception.

Lost Glasses

We have 13 pairs of glasses sitting in our school office that must belong to someone. If your child has misplaced their glasses please come to reception and have a look. If glasses had name tags on we would have been able to return these glasses to their owner.

Swimming Lessons

There are places available for mother & baby and mother & toddler to have swimming lessons on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning at New Hall swimming pool. If you would like more information please call Helen on 07792 181483.

E-Safety Tip

A guide to the social networks your children use: www.net-aware.org.uk

May

6th - School closed Bank Holiday
7th - School open
17th - Team Palmer trip to Gudwara
24th - Team Scrivens trip to Gudwara
School closed: Monday 27th - 31st May

June

3rd - Inset day school closed
4th - School open
4th - Year 2 trip to Holdenby House
5th - Reception trip to Cannock Chase
12th - Sports day for Nursery/EYFS
13th - Sports day for Years 4-6
14th - Sports day for Years 1-3
17th - Class photos
26th - Year 1 Class assembly to Year 1 parents

July

8th - 10th - Year 6 trip to Whitemoor Lakes
15th - Parents open afternoon & to collect reports
17th - Year 6 Leavers assembly to Year 6 parents
22nd - Inset day school closed

Dates for your Diary 2019/20

September 2019

2nd - Inset day school closed
3rd - School open