Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 19th February 2016

Hello everyone

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Welcome back everyone! We have dived straight into a busy week, with lots of exciting visitors in school and a special focus on fitness!

If you were at assembly this morning, you may have noticed some changes. From this term, some children are helping to organise and manage assemblies alongside school staff. They will be welcoming visitors and introducing whoever is leading each assembly.

After today's assembly, our Parents' Voice group met with the school council. The two groups exchanged information about what they have been up to and what things they want to change at school. Developing the lunchtime systems was a common issue. There have already been some good developments at lunchtimes and we are working together to improve this further. A group of parents will be visiting one lunchtime in March to share lunch with us, and to make suggestions for further improvements. Check out the website for more news about this productive partnership!

The Hannah More Beach is nearly finished! We still need to carry out a safety check before we can open it up and explore. Thank you for your patience!

We have had some great helpers in school this week! Six students came from Bristol University to help at homework club yesterday, and we had Philosophy students leading discussions in classes on Wednesday. Visitors from Willmott Dixon worked with Year 5 on a special 'Crane challenge' as well. Next week we will welcome a group of medical students, who will be sharing their experiences and ambitions with some classes. Thank you to everyone who has helped us with our learning!

Have a good break,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.





This week's **LEARNING CHAMPIONS!**

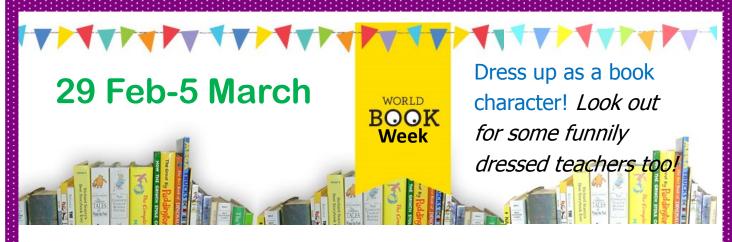
Reception: Binta and Alma Year 1: Faizaan and Daisy

Year 2: Lewis and Rajwa

Year 3: Bushra and Mohammed E

Year 4: Isra and Amal Year 5: Ben and Rosa

Year 6: Abdullah and Saki



Lots of events happening all week!

Book fair Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday! Every child will have a £1 token to spend so please come along! Money raised will help us buy new books for the Hub and classrooms.

Bedtime stories Tuesday 1 March 6-6.45pm. Come back to school in your pyjamas for a bedtime story and hot chocolate. We are looking for volunteers to help and read stories - speak to Mrs Sessions if you can help.

Thursday 3rd March - come to school dressed as your favourite book character. Teachers will be dressing up too!

Storytelling workshop Tuesday 1 March 9-10

Led by speech and language experts. Learn how to share stories with children. All welcome. Free crèche.



Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for our celebration assembly, every Friday at 9am.

Course for parents of Reception children!

Help your child with reading and writing. Thursdays 9.15-11.15.

This course started on 18 February. Attend all 5 remaining sessions and get a **free** monthly pass for Playspace!







There is a new post box outside the main office!

Please use this box to post **anything** for the school office, teachers or Ms Ramsay during busy times. You can post letters, return slips, trip money and dinner money. The box is emptied every day. Please make sure that any money is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class, amount and what the money is for.





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Reminder from the office...

Please remember to leave school through the bottom gate after you have collected your child at 3:15.

The bottom gate is open until 3:30.



Sainsbury's



Put your vouchers in the box at the office!



Family Swim sessions

Saturdays 6-7pm

May 7 and 21, June 11 and 25, July 9

More information nearer the time!



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Term 4 ends Thursday 24 March

Term 5 Tuesday 12 April - Friday 27 May

School closed 2 May for the Bank Holiday and 5 May for polling

Term 6 Tuesday 7 June - Friday 22 July



This week's learning... Reception classes ... This week we learnt a new story called The Gruffalo. We practised the actions and described the main character. In Maths we learnt how to add by counting n. Please encourage your child to practise The Gruffalo story, using the actions. Year 1 ... In Literacy we looked at our favourite rhymes and said what we like about them. We started learning a funny poem called 'Where Teachers Keep Their Pets'. In Maths we 2 described shapes and used our reasoning skills. We also started our 'Plants' topic by nlanting our own beans! Please talk to your child about plants and how they grow. S N Year 2 ... In Literacy we learnt different poems and performed them in groups. In Numeracy we learnt about equivalent fractions. We started our new topic 'Plants and 2 Animals' by looking at living and non-living things. At home, please help your child to 🔪 learn the poem 'Grizzly Bear' which can be found in Green homework books. S S S S Year 3 ... Year 3 had a lovely first week back. We learnt a poem called 'The Magic Box' in Literacy, continued our fraction work in Maths and wrote recipes as part of our Fit S S School lessons. We found out about different climates in the temperate and tropical zones P. J. as part of our rainforest topic. We also had our first swimming lesson where we split into ability groups ready for next week. Please help your child learn the words to the songs we will be singing for our end-of-term performance. Year 4... In Literacy this week we immersed ourselves in poetry! We learnt a poem called The Sabre-Toothed Huggle'. In Numeracy we made connections between fractions and S S used all of our fraction knowledge to solve word problems on measure and money. This term we are learning Philosophy alongside a student from Bristol University who has come to support us! We also had our extra 'FIT' lesson and earned a FIT coin each for our effort! At home please read our poem! Then you can research and find different types of poems that you enjoy to share in class! Year 5... This week we did target work in Maths on decimal numbers. We revised adding and subtracting. In Literacy we learnt about personification by looking at a poem called The Car Monster. We finished the week by writing our own poem. Mr Webster came and ran the classroom like a workhouse to introduce our topic of childhood through the ages. 2 2 At home, please help your child with their times tables target. 2 Year 6...This week we learned about angles inside shapes and around a point and used STORE STORES S S 2

Year 6...This week we learned about angles inside shapes and around a point and used our knowledge and reasoning skills to find missing angles. In Literacy we learned a range of Michael Rosen poems off by heart and practised answering questions about poems. In topic we began our Earth and Space topic by researching the solar system. At home, please help your child to create and answer questions about the solar system, using the internet for research.