

# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

**20th January 2016**

Hello everyone

This week I was delighted to receive some glowing feedback from Year 6 Eagle's visit to Engine Shed, where children were finding out all about setting up a business. One business owner described the class as "... quite the best behaved children to have worked in the Junction". Year 6 staff and I are very proud - well done to everyone. Year 1 also enjoyed a trip to the zoo and Year 5 explored the railway line to Severn Beach.

In assembly this morning it was lovely to hear about the enthusiasm showed by our Superkids this week. You can read about this on the school website, or take a look on the glass wall near the school office, where our Superkid pictures are displayed. It is so good to hear about children being inspired by their learning. Thank you to those parents who attended the SRE meetings this week. Many people complimented the school on the hard work we put into this topic, to make it sensitive to the whole community. Please make time to talk to your children about what they learn next week.

On 2nd February we will be celebrating Hannah More's birthday with some historical learning, some fantastic cake decorating and our wonderful 'International Food Festival'. We hope families will be able to contribute some food to share.

Best wishes

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.

## This week's **SUPERKIDS!**



Reception: Mahamed and Abdullrahman

Year 1: Hala and Nabaa

Year 2: Yahya and Iqlas

Year 3: Nawal and Abdullahi

Year 4: Omar and Hanna

Year 5: Abdirahman and Siham

Year 6: Suheyla and Jonasz

Many apologies to Oliver, who's name was missed off the superkid list last week!

# Hannah More's Birthday!

*Every year we celebrate the birthday of Hannah More on 2nd February. She was born in 1745... what age would she be today? During the school day we learn some history and have a birthday cake competition. After school we ask families to help us create an International Food Festival! Can you bring some food from your culture to share? We would like to see all of our school community represented!*



## Thursday 2nd February



Some children are arriving late in the mornings. This means that important learning is lost! Teaching time is important so PLEASE support us by being on time for school every day.

*Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year!*

**New course for Year 1 and 2 parents and children!**

Understanding feelings, exploring stories, playing with numbers.

Starts Wednesday 25 January 2.30 - 4.30



## FAMILIES CONNECT



 Save the Children

*Our next Open Morning will be on Tuesday 28 February. This is your opportunity to visit a classroom and to experience teaching and learning at Hannah More. Booking is essential - forms will be emailed to all parents in February.*



We are delighted that At-Bristol have offered us some family workshops, aimed at people on low incomes. You could also get free membership for you and your children! If you would really love an opportunity like this, then please speak to Ruth at school, or email [ruth.cochran@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:ruth.cochran@bristol-schools.uk)

## Mums' fitness!

Every Friday 9.30 -10.45

Come and try  
some basket-  
ball, circuits  
or netball.

Ladies only.



**Homework**  
**Club**

Every Thursday! All welcome!

Younger children must have  
an adult with them.

Our free, Award-winning Breakfast  
club is open every morning from  
8.00 -8.30. Parents are  
welcome as well.



Please explore Bug Club with your child!  
Speak to teachers if there are any  
remaining log-in issues after today.



# Class news ....

**Reception classes ...** This week Ladybirds and Caterpillars learnt to create their own stories. We had stories about dragons who 'huff and puff' and blow down castles and stories about lions who eat kings! We also started learning **sh, ch and qu** in phonics and practised adding in maths. Caterpillars also enjoyed an exciting dance workshop with some special visitors! **At home please ask your children to practice their digraph sounds ch, sh and qu by looking out for them in books and practising writing the letters.**

**Year 1 ...** This week we found nouns and adjectives and learnt some different spelling rules (fish/ fishes baby/ babies). In numeracy we practised adding and taking away using number lines. We had a fantastic time at Bristol Zoo. We were able to look at lots of exciting animals and we took part in a workshop, where we were able to touch some real animals! **At home, ask your child to tell you all about our zoo trip.**

**Year 2...** This week we practised learning to join our handwriting. In Literacy we wrote our own versions of 'How to catch a Star' and in Maths we practised buying items and finding change from £1 and £10 . **At home, please help your child to practise the 3 and 4 times tables.**

**Year 3 ...** This week we practised division using chunking in Maths. In Literacy we wrote our own versions of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We also enjoyed playing rugby and learning about healthy eating. **At home, please practise telling the time with your child in preparation for our maths lessons next week!**

**Year 4 ...** This week we looked at the features of a fantasy story and spent time learning about how to use similes and powerful adjectives to produce effective descriptions. In maths, we learnt about equivalent fractions and in topic we described the digestive system. As well as this, we really enjoyed our swimming lesson and showed lots of determination in the pool . **At home, please read a book ready to share with the class what they have read**

**Year 5...** This week we planned and innovated a mystery story based on 'The Viewer'. In maths we found fractions of amounts and multiplied fractions by whole numbers. In Topic, we used primary and secondary resources to find similarities and differences between Victorian education and education now. **You can help at home by converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and the other way round!**

**Year 6 ...** This week year 6 Kestrel were at Into University completing an enterprise week. We designed our own business, carried out market research at Temple Meads and graduated at The University of Bristol. Mr Schoner and Lisa are very proud of them. Eagle class had a busy week of learning and learnt how to convert metric measures. In literacy, they wrote letters in reply to Michael's school. In topic, they wrote creatively about a red blood cell as it travelled around the body! **At home, please support your child to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000**