

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

24th February 2017



Hello everyone

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a good break last week. Thank you for supporting us with new arrangements at the start of the school day. This has really helped classes to get started straight away with their morning learning.

After-school clubs started this week and it has been lovely to see so many children busily cooking, dancing, playing music, being active, learning Spanish... and so on! I know a few children were disappointed not to get their first choice of club, but we are incredibly lucky to have such a lot going on - for free! Don't forget also that Homework club continues to run every Thursday and that The Hub is open after school every Monday, for parents and school-age children to enjoy books together.

On Monday, teachers were busy exploring outdoor learning opportunities, using the school grounds as well as the wider environment. This is an important part of our 'Eco-School' project with the Sustainable Learning team. We were delighted to welcome staff from Gardiner Haskins this morning, who brought a big parcel of bird boxes, feeders and bird seed. Look out for more exciting projects coming soon.

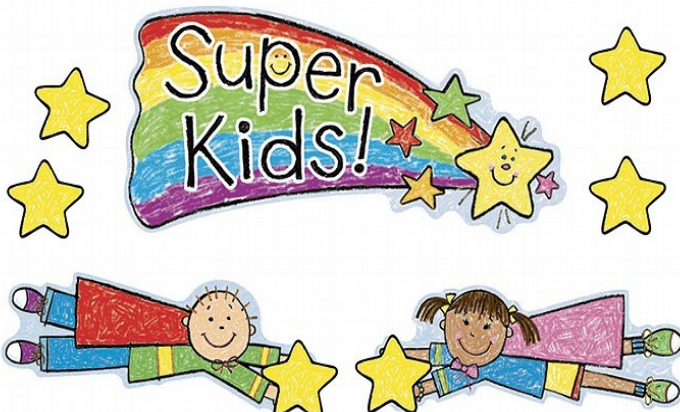
We hope to see many of you at our Open Morning next week; letters have been sent out this week. We also have important Learning Review meetings the following week. Remember we do welcome email responses, to hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk.

Best wishes,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.



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Reception: Lul and Sireen

Year 1: Abdulbasit and Nadiya

Year 2: Muaad and Saleeban

Year 3: Warfa and Gracie

Year 4: Liban and Ilyas

Year 5: Aisha and Adna

Year 6: Camron and Mohammed

Change to Morning Routine

Children should be at school ready to go to class by 8.45am. Teachers are in the playground then, and there is a chance to speak briefly to them if you need to. We do not allow parents into the classrooms at the beginning of the school day, except for Reception classes. After 8.50 am parents will be asked to leave children by the gate and pupils will then go to class on their own. We are making this change because learning is getting disrupted in the mornings! ***Please be punctual!***



DADS GROUP

Wednesday mornings

9.00-10.00



- Help us improve boys' reading
- Watch and learn from teachers
- Practise activities that help with literacy

All dads very welcome!



Hannah More's Rooftop Bees !

We're still collecting tokens in Tesco stores for our project to get a beehive on the roof of the school! Don't worry – the beehive will be safely installed and managed by bee experts, who will also teach our school community all about bees and the ecosystem. We have just a few more days to collect tokens!

We were delighted to receive a parcel of bird food, nesting boxes and bird feeders from Gardiner Haskins this morning! We are planning to make the school grounds more wildlife-friendly, by providing better habitats for garden birds. The RSPB also ran special workshops with the aim of connecting children with the natural World outside their classroom. This is all part of our plan to gain a prestigious 'Green Flag' award!



Next week we will be celebrating book week with lots of special book activities in class.

On Thursday there is a 'bedtime stories' evening. Children are welcome to come back to school at 6.15 to listen to stories and enjoy hot chocolate and a biscuit. The evening will finish at 7pm.

On Friday staff will perform their own version of Cinderella during assembly. Please come along and watch what promises to be an entertaining show! Children can also dress up as their favourite book character if they would like.



ESOL classes (E2/3 level) start on Monday at 9.00am. You must have an assessment to see if this is the right class for you. There is a final chance to do the assessment on Wednesday next week. Please speak to Ruth.

Classes are free if you are on benefit.

Mums' Fitness Fridays 9.30-10.30



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Class news

Reception classes ... It has been an exciting week for Reception. We have been reading about the adventures of 'Supertato' and made our own vegetable superheroes and villain characters. We also learnt about keeping healthy and even had a visit from a dentist who showed us how to keep our teeth healthy. In Maths we practised counting by using money to pay in our Healthy Café. At home, can you keep a healthy diary, noting which fruits or vegetables you have eaten and exercise you have done. Can you eat 5 a day? Or more?

Year 1 ... This week we looked at the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We enjoyed planting our own seeds. In Numeracy we started to multiply and work out different multiplication number sentences. We introduced our new topic and discussed different features around the world (hills, forest, mountains, rivers and islands etc.). At home, can you count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s?

Year 2... This week we looked at Non-Fiction texts in Literacy. In maths we practised drawing shapes with lines of symmetry and learned about directional language – left, right, turn, up, down. In topic we learned about Shabbat. At home, please talk about the meaning of clockwise and anticlockwise, left and right.

Year 3 ... This week we started our new maths topic learning all about fractions! In literacy, we thought about our new discussion text. We also really enjoyed our first swimming lesson and can't wait for next week. At home, please talk with your children about fractions of things in the real world!

Year 4 ... This week back we multiplied and divided by 10 and 100 using our place value knowledge. In Literacy we found out what our new text will be and have practised debating - learning to discuss our opinions in a persuasive way. In topic we learnt about Judaism and the festivals they celebrate! Please test your child on their spellings (see their homework books for the spellings they should know!).

Year 5... In Literacy we learned about how personification brings objects to life! We planned and wrote our own personification poems using this idea. In Maths, we continued to practise our skills involving decimal numbers such as: comparing if they are greater or less than, reading numbers with up to 3 decimal places and ordering from biggest to smallest. At home, please support your child to write a story in up to 100 words for our Book Week competition!

Year 6 ... In literacy this week, we explored our new class text: Beetle Boy. We made book predictions using our inference skills and acted out scenes from the book, showing feeling and motive through our actions. We enjoyed our trip to Lifeskills at the Create centre where we learnt about how to stay safe in hazardous situations. We finished the week with an RSPB workshop about birds. What a busy first week back! Please support your child with their homework this week. They have an arithmetic sheet, comprehension and a short writing activity to do.