

# HENDON NEWS

4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

## Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

With so many things not quite 'normal' this year, celebrating the traditions of Christmas at Hendon Prep with our children and staff feels very needed. As many of you know, I had the pleasure of working at Hendon Prep in 2012-14 and there were a few traditions and expectations that I have been keen to re-establish.

One of these is the Hendon Prep Christmas hoops. Each class from Preschool to Year 6 decorates a hoop and every single child contributes to their class offering which is then displayed in the Dining Hall for us to all enjoy and admire.



The children know this is a whole school shared activity which includes each of them and symbolises how we all continue to pull together and focus on the things

important in our school community – well-being and feeling safe; excellent teaching and learning and an understanding of the importance of kindness and inclusion in all we do. The spirit of Christmas and the New Year ahead is to inspire and unite and that's exactly what our children have all done with their beautiful hoops.

Please stay safe and well; and enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Gorasia

## School News

### Mufti Day Winning House

Congratulation to Brenthurst House for winning the most housepoints this term and a special Mufti day treat on **Wednesday 9th December**. Pupils in Brenthurst house collected 2599 points this term and can wear non-uniform in school if they wish to do so. Clothing and footwear must still be sensible and weather appropriate please. Great work Brenthurst.

### Christmas cards and gifts

Many of you have asked about this and the guidance is as follows:

Children can bring in Christmas cards. Teachers will wait 48 hours before handling these and distribution will be within bubbles. Children and staff are advised on hand washing directly after handling cards or gifts and not to touch faces afterward. We are promoting digital cards and vouchers where possible, but if physical gifts are preferable then similar COVID safe protocols will be adopted.

For our Prep students, we are encouraging e-cards that can be designed by the students and distributed electronically – and will be having special workshop day next Tuesday to show them how.

# Enhancing Our Curriculum

## Christmas is Coming

1G have been very busy getting ready for Christmas. They have had such fun being creative and their Christmas hoop is now ready to hang. Their snowflake acrostic poems look and sound wonderful and everyone is hoping for a white Christmas. The children were also so lucky that Father Christmas decided to visit the classroom for a while. Happy Christmas from 1G, let the celebrations begin!



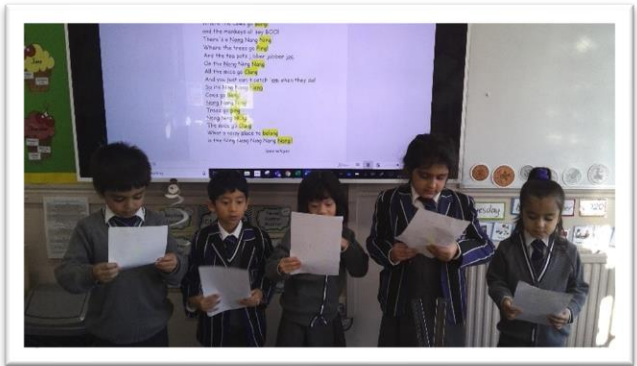
## Musical Interlude

This week Year 2 were treated to a musical interlude as Pranith and Rose Pearl played Silent Night on their violins. Although they have been practicing separately in their violin lessons they came together for this performance for their classmates and it was wonderful.



## Performance Poetry

1M have been exploring rhyming patterns in the most popular poem by Spike Milligan, called Ning, Nang, Nong. The children made up some of their own rhyming words and enjoyed performing their poem for the class. Well done 1M!



## Steady Hands

4K continued to expand their knowledge of circuits in Science by making and testing a functioning circuit using buzzers and lights which they could use to play the 'steady hand game'. They investigated how different components of a circuit function and finished the lesson by taking turns to play each other's games.



## A Victorian Christmas

4CJ have been studying the Victorians in History and have recently been comparing a Victorian Christmas to a modern day one. They have been getting into the festive spirit by researching Victorian Christmas card designs and using their findings to create their own – Victorian inspired cards.

