

HENDON NEWS

3RD DECEMBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

Thank you for all the positive messages and support of the revised measures the school are taking to try and keep our staff, students and families safe prior to the Christmas break. It is of course disappointing to not have the Carol Service this year at St Mary's Church, but I remain optimistic for next year, and we have adapted other events on-site, so they can go ahead next week.

Meanwhile, our children have continued to be stretched and engaged in their learning. This has been a long term and the children have done extremely well. Please do ensure that the children are able to relax and take a proper break during the upcoming holiday. We understand that our Year 6s will still have some of their senior school exams in January to keep focused on, but they too, will benefit from a rest.



Chanukah Sameach to all of our Jewish families. This festival of lights ends on Monday and I send you all my very best.

Don't forget to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Thursday over your uniform and under your blazer, if you wish. We are looking forward to our traditional Christmas lunch and chef is excited to share this special meal with the children, with the usual vegetarian/non-vegetarian options available.

Wishing you all a warm, safe and peaceful weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Library Assembly

Our Year 6 Library monitors delivered an excellent assembly this week to the whole of Prep School. Supported by some of their Year 6 peers, they explained how our library catalogue system works and discussed library etiquette to ensure that everyone can enjoy our school library. Moreover, they explored the importance of reading, which supports pupils in every area of the curriculum. Well done to Zeruchi, Nushiika and Raul who spoke clearly and eloquently and delivered a very well-planned, student led, assembly.



Extra Curricula Provision

We have a wide array of extra-curricular provision at Hendon Prep. On **Monday 6th December**, parents will receive information on the new Spring Term after-school clubs in Pre-Prep and Prep, as well as LAMDA and Peri music offerings. Bookings will also open on Cognita Connect from Monday and close before the start of the new term on **Monday 3rd January**. This allows parents sufficient time to secure their child's place in their chosen activity via Cognita Connect. Spaces on after-school clubs are limited and we advise you to book early. We will confirm spaces allocated on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

Balancing EdTech

Our Prep pupils have been making good use of their own personal devices to access the learning platforms, Century Tech and Learning by Questions. We primarily use these platforms to extend teacher-led learning and enable our pupils to do further independent learning. The technology enables pupils to consolidate their skills in certain topics in Maths, English and Science and focus on any potential development areas.

"I like using LBQ in some Maths lessons because it challenges me." Barbara (Y3)

"Century Tech has made me better at finding language features in English texts." Jessica (5T)



Expanding Horizons

This week in Geography, 2G have been learning all about the smallest continent on the planet, Antarctica.

The children used an atlas to find the continent and compare its size to other continents. They then used their research skills to identify physical and human features. They were fascinated to learn all about the animals that live in Antarctica.

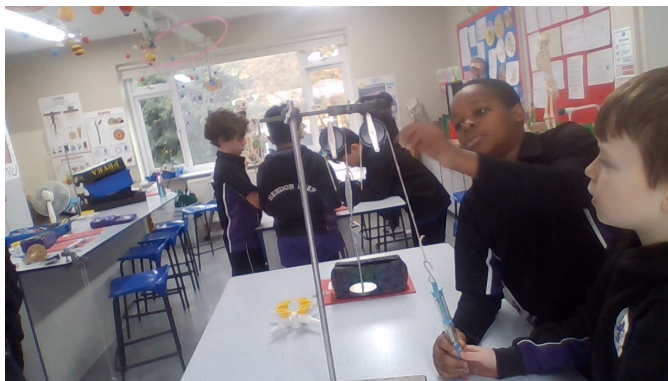


Investigating Forces

Continuing their study on forces in Science, this week Year 5 have been learning all about pulleys. After creating their own pulley systems, the children discovered that all pulleys redirect force.

They learnt that a single fixed pulley does not change the amount of force you need to lift a load, it just redirects your force. Some pulley systems however do make work easier, allowing a worker to use less force to move an object.

Fascinating stuff!



Manipulating Shapes

This week in Maths 4T have been exploring polygons.

The children have been finding reflective and rotational symmetry, learning about parallel and perpendicular sides in polygons and recognising congruent shapes.



Sports Report

1M took part in a super special Christmas Multi-sports Festival at StoneX / Allianz this week. The children were all very excited to take part and to wear Christmas hats. There were 8 events in total, and each event targeted different sports skills. Year 1 loved this event and there were big smiles all around. They spoke about some of their favourite events – one of them being ‘Snowball Mountain’ where they had to work as a team getting across the track from one side to the other.



And finally ...

It's beginning to look a lot like...

It is a Hendon Prep tradition for every child in each class from Preschool to Year 6 to create a unique Christmas hoop to decorate our school hall. What an exceptional effort this year! Well done to all of our children.



Reminder Dates Coming Up :

Monday 6 th December	Reception RP	Christmas Play – RP PARENTS ONLY	2.30pm
Tuesday 7 th December	3CJ	Class Assembly	8.50am
Tuesday 7 th December	Reception RJ	Christmas Play – RJ PARENTS ONLY	2.30pm
Thursday 9 th December	PS-Y6	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	

Friday 10th December – End of Term

As the Carol Concert has been cancelled, arrangements for pick up will revert to: 3.30pm for PS-Y2 and 4pm for Y3-6.

There will be no after school supervision or clubs on this last day of term.

All students will need to be collected by 4pm. Only siblings of Prep children who are in PS-Y2, may be picked up at 4pm.

Spring Term 2022 begins on Thursday 6th January at 8.30am