

HENDON NEWS

10TH DECEMBER 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

What a wonderful and happy week it has been at school leading up to the Winter break today.

Despite the increased vigilance with Covid risk protocols, it was an absolute joy to welcome so many Reception and Year 3 parents into school this week to watch their children perform. I know there is a difference between 'virtual' and the real experience, and it is my intent that as long as we can mitigate risk as far as possible and follow the guidance, we will try to keep our doors open for you to share these events.

Our annual Carol Service is however, a virtual one this year, as this is an event usually held in St Mary's Church involving the Prep and Pre-Prep. Our children from Reception to Year 6 have performed a song, with a closing song recorded by staff too.

Click on the image below to watch.



Thank you on behalf of myself and all of the HPS Team for the kind words, cards and gifts received. We wish you all safe and well throughout the Christmas break. Sending you all my best wishes for a Happy 2022. I look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.

Mrs Gorasia

School News

Christmas Office Opening

During the Christmas break, please note that the School Office will be closed from **Monday 20th December-Monday 3rd January**, and will be operating reduced hours 10am-3pm next week.

Teachers are not available to respond to messages during the Christmas period. Emails and messages sent via Cognita Connect will be accessed during our INSET days Tuesday 4th Jan and Wednesday 5th Jan, and teachers will respond to anything urgent after Thursday 6th January.

Fond Farewell

Jayshri Butler, in our School office will be leaving us during the coming Christmas holiday. She has been a patient and gentle member of the HPS team and we will all miss her. It is difficult to say goodbye to such an integral part of our school community, however, Jayshri will be moving on to an exciting new opportunity in the City, a role that she is excited to step into, and we wish her the very best in her new chapter. The school are currently in the process of recruiting a new School Administrator and further details will follow.

Swimming Certificates

Huge congratulations to all Year 5 pupils who received swimming certificates this week.



House Competition

BRINSDALE PROUDLY PRESENTS...

HENDON PREP'S GOT TALENT!



Brinsdale House will be running a talent competition on **Monday 17th January 2022 for PrePrep** and **Thursday 20th January 2022 for Prep**. Pupils from all Houses are invited to take part and showcase their amazing talents in singing, dancing, acting, public speaking, art, poetry etc. Pupils will each have 2-3 minutes to perform their talent. House heats will take place on **Friday 14th January 2022** during House meetings, when teachers will choose 4 pupils from each House to go through to the finals, when the judging panel will be made up of teachers from each house. Pupils should provide their own costumes, posters, and any resources that they may need to perform ready for Friday 14th January.

The first winner will be awarded 50 House Points, the second winner 30 House Points and the third winner 15 House Points. The winners will be announced on Friday 21st January.

3CJ Assembly

Prep pupils and parents were treated to the most informative assembly on healthy eating by 3CJ this week, when they explained the many benefits of a balanced diet. Well done 3CJ.



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch

Christmas jumpers, roast turkey and all the trimmings, Christmas crackers and carols at lunchtime - it's certainly beginning to look a lot like....



**Wishing you all a peaceful and joyous festive break.
Back to school Thursday 6th January at 8.30am**



Enhancing and Stretching our Curriculum

Investigating Matter

During Science this week, Year 2 have been conducting an experiment to compare the speed with which ice melts. They ensured it was a fair test and chose 4 different places to place the ice. Pupils watched the clock and every 5 minutes observed each pot of ice and recorded their results. Much discussion was had about the three states of matter.



Pullman Inspired Poetry

Inspired by the main character from our studied literature text this term, "The Firework Maker's Daughter" by Phillip Pullman, the children created a firework display and wrote a poem using a range of literary devices. They then had the opportunity to perform their poem to the class.



And finally ...

Huge congratulations go to RP and RJ (and the Reception teachers and assistants!) who not only performed their nativity play, *The Angel Express*, brilliantly but also did it twice! They also recorded their final song from the play to be included in the school's Virtual Carol Service. Bravo Reception!

