



Harvey Road School News

Newsletter 5

5 November 2021

Dear parents and carers

Excellent Progress Award

Congratulations to Eimaan in class 6 who was recently received a prestigious Excellent Progress Award for her writing.

Headteacher awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher's award:

Year 2 – Radost, Christopher Telo, Chloe, Broc

Year 4 – Eva

Year 6 – Kanesa

Year 5 Fun Run



Yesterday our year 5 class competed against several local primaries in a fun run at Rickmansworth School. The children performed fantastically with Ozzy winning the boys' race, Finn and Leonardo coming in the top 10 and Elsie doing the same in the girls' race.

Overall, Harvey Road School were declared the winners of the whole event – for the first time ever!! What an amazing achievement for the whole class.

Class 3 assembly

The class 3 assembly will be open to parents next week – we would ask that only 1 parent per child attend due to the covid restrictions. It will be held on 10th November at 9.20am in the main hall. Parents are asked to wear face masks and the chairs will be socially distanced. You will also be asked to remain in your seats until the children have left the hall. Thank you for your understanding.

Skills academy

Today we launched our first ever KS2 Skills Academy. This is an exciting new approach to Friday's Golden Time giving children the opportunity to explore new and existing interests and hobbies. We have 8 different activities running and the children have been able to choose which they want to do: Chess, Ping pong, D&T, Spanish cooking, Movie making, DIY SOS, Card games and Dodge ball. We are very grateful to the following parents who will be sharing their expertise with the children: Mr Davids, Mrs Travers, Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Sandhu. I am really looking forward to hearing all about how the first week went.

Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December and we would like to invite your child to join us for this celebration. There will be Christmas music, crackers and decorations and children are also able to change into Christmas jumpers and festive accessories just before their meal.

The menu will be:

Roast Turkey served with roast potatoes, chipolata sausage, stuffing, carrots, peas and gravy
or

Feta, Spinach and Cranberry Roulade served with roast potatoes, carrots and peas (V)

followed by Festive Chocolate Shortbread

You can place your order through parentmail as usual. The cost is £2.40 per meal for children in years 3-6. For the younger children this is covered by universal free school meals. This meal must be pre-ordered and paid for 14 days in advance (by Wednesday 1st December).

Class 6 workshop

The class 6 children really enjoyed and engaged with their Early Islamic Civilisation day this week. They were transported to the past and discovered how the Early Islamic civilisation has impacted the way we live our lives today. At the end of the workshop they performed a play to present their learning.

Christmas nativities and concert

Further to the letter sent home yesterday, I need to make a correction after some confusion on the dates:

Tuesday 7th December 9.30am Nursery and Reception nativity

Wednesday 8th December 9.30am Nursery and Reception nativity

Tuesday 7th December 1.45pm Class 1 and 2 performance

Wednesday 8th December 6pm Class 1 and 2 performance ***change of time***

Friday 17th December Carol Concert at All Saints Church, children only

Building works

It was a great relief to drive into school on Monday morning and see the school without scaffolding. I am pleased to say the roofing works are now completed and the project will be fully handed over on Wednesday next week. Many thanks for your patience during this period.

Kind regards,
N Rowlands
Headteacher

PTA update (on next sheet)

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Halloween Dress Up & Colouring Competition

It was so lovely to see all of the children dressed up for Halloween at the end of term, smiling and laughing. The inflatable pumpkin even made another guest appearance!

Congratulations to all the class winners of the colouring competition and thank you to the teachers for judging. We hope the winners enjoyed their Halloween goodies!

All your generous donations raised £250.

PTA Funds

Thanks to all the amazing fundraising efforts and donations this past year, here is where some of the funds raised by the PTA will be going:

- 10 additional Chrome books which means that there will be a full suite of books for each of the classes to share for example yr1/2, yr3/4 and yr5/6.
- Books for the library and class reading corners across all of the years. Books that have an eco-theme, different role models/characters from different cultures & countries in addition to Black History Month, Jigsaw Curriculum, bullying etc which reflects the work in school.
- Other items, including nets for netball hoops, football goals and picnic tables.
- Plus a contribution towards the new swimming pool filter as outlined in a recent letter from Mr Rowlands.

Newspaper Donations

We are in need of any old newspapers you might have lying around. A box will be left outside the office, so please just drop them in there for us to collect.

Christmas Fair Update

Sadly, after much discussion we have made the decision not to proceed with a Christmas fair this year, despite our plans to make it predominately an outdoor affair. However, we are not going to let that dampen our festive spirit and more importantly get in the way of the children having fun!

We will be holding a mini Christmas fair / games afternoon for the children on Friday 17th December. Further information to follow in the coming weeks.

What's Coming Up?

'Children in Need' dress down day on Friday 19th November.

Christmas raffle draw Friday 17th December.

Christmas jumper day Friday 10th December.

Christmas cards. The children are currently drawing their masterpieces which will be available to purchase soon!