



Newsletter ~ December 2019

Heacham Junior School



We've almost reached the end of another busy half term. There is always so much going on in the run up to Christmas but the school has been such a magical place to be.

The carol service on Monday was a real success – it was wonderful to see so many people in the church to support the children and enjoy the Christmas poems and carols, which were read and sung so beautifully by the children.

The children continue to enjoy their learning across the curriculum and have been keen to share their new found knowledge with anyone who will listen.

In history, the children in Year 3 have been studying Greek philosophy and Alexander the Great, they explored how his upbringing shaped the king he would become. The children also had the opportunity to debate whether they believed that he was a good or a bad ruler. In geography, the children in Year 4 have enjoyed learning about Mediterranean Europe, describing the physical and human features, as well as locating it on a map and describing the climate.

Year 5 pupils have been discovering how and why Islamic art and architecture relates to the religion of Islam in art and design. They have drawn and created a geometric design to create a pattern on a clay tile. Year 6 have been learning about the classification of living things in science. They have discovered the differences between animal and plant cells, labelling the various parts and functions. In English, the children have been enjoying developing their understanding of the 'Talk for Writing' concept and how to internalise and innovate model texts. They have recently been editing and redrafting their final pieces with impressive results. The children have been focussing on multiplication and division in Year 3 and 4 – using and applying their mathematical understanding and learning from marvellous mistakes. In Year 5 and 6, the children have been exploring prime and square numbers, as well as consolidating their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Forest School

All the children enjoyed their Christmas forest school sessions with Emily. They followed some coordinates clues to find a variety of decorations in order to decorate their Christmas trees.

They sent photos of their trees to children in Africa to show that they are thinking about them at Christmas time. They also had the opportunity to whittle some Christmas characters and loved roasting their Christmas marshmallows on the campfire too!



Sporting Events

Heacham Junior have competed in a wide range of sporting competitions this half term.

In the cluster swimming gala our pupils took home four silver and one gold medal!

Our cross country runners braved the rain and gave their best efforts at Snettisham. They brought home three gold medals, one silver and one bronze medal – with fourteen of our squad qualifying for the next round in January. Our tag rugby team performed really well – they came third in their group stage then went through to the plate competition in which they came third!



Love of learning

Bright futures

Happy memories

Diary Dates

Please see below our updated diary dates for the spring term.

06/01/20 – Children return to school
 06/01/20 – NHS immunisations
 10/01/20 – Last swimming for Oystercatchers
 13/01/20 – Clubs start this week
 13/01/20 – 1.30pm Brass instruments tuition with Mr Maddison (Mondays)
 16/01/20 – Year 4/5/6 swimming gala final
 17/01/20 – Swimming starts for Albatross
 21/01/20 – Cross country finals
 17/02/20 – Half term – 17/02/20 – 21/02/20
 28/02/20 – Swimming starts for Avocets
 05/03/20 – World Book Day
 11/03/20 – Cluster HI5 Netball Y5/6
 13/03/20 – Red Nose Day
 17/03/20 – Parent Consultation Evening
 19/03/20 – Parent Consultation Evening
 20/03/20 – Kingswood final payment
 25/03/20 – Cluster first steps netball Year 3
 02/04/20 – Last day of term
 03/04/20 – School closed – Training day

WNAT Brass Concert

Some of our wonderful musicians, who have been working with Mr Maddison from West Norfolk Academies Trust, took part in a musical concert at Springwood High School on Wednesday 4th December alongside the other primary schools in our trust.

The children were a real credit to the school and played their individual instruments with considerable skill. It gave the children a real opportunity to see what it is like to perform as part of an orchestra, alongside other musicians and in front of a large audience. The children also had the opportunity to watch other, more experienced musicians.



Christmas Craft Afternoon

It was wonderful to welcome so many families into our lovely school on Monday 2nd December to take part in some Christmas crafts!

The classrooms were buzzing with enthusiastic children eager to share the experience with their loved ones.

In Sanderlings, the children decorated pinecones and used their sewing skills to make felt trees. Among some of the crafts made in Avocets Class was a robin bauble, which was made using a variety of different materials. In Albatross, the children foraged in our school grounds, collecting holly and conifer cuttings to create beautiful wreaths. In Oystercatchers, the children made peg doll angels and felt stockings. Finally, in Royal Terns, the children made pompom snowmen and button trees! Our Christmas tree looks glorious. If you get a chance – pop into the entrance hall for a glimpse!



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