

Newsletter

Monday 20th November 2023

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



NEWHALL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your generous support for Children in Need on Friday. It was wonderful to see all the children in their Pudsey and spotty-themed outfits.

Since we've been back from half term, we had two brilliant assemblies from Ash Class and Hazel Class where the children showed their wide-ranging work from across the curriculum. Year 4 and Year 5 also visited Old Harlow Library where they listened to some stories.

Sadly for us, Mrs. Wright (from our office) will be leaving at the end of November. Miss Brien (Rowan Class LSA) will also be leaving as she has decided to return to her former career as a nanny. Miss Pocock (Snowdrop Room Leader) has been offered the opportunity to be a deputy manager. We thank them for all they have done during their time at Newhall.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have returned their parent governor election papers. Please ensure any remaining ballot papers are returned by Friday 24th November at 15:00.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November.

Mr Duffy



A Message from the Nursery Manager

It appears the chilly days and nights have arrived!

As we start leaving autumn and entering into winter, please ensure you bring in hats, coats, scarves, wellies and wet suits. We will go outside in all weathers; that's all part of the fun in nursery!

We are now in the flu and colds season and I will try to keep you updated as to what is going around; however this time of year it is the general high temperature, sickness and general colds so is hard to pin point anything else.

Blossom have really enjoyed their autumn topic and will start to move over to their winter topic shortly. They have really enjoyed Diwali and making their big Pudsey bear for Children in Need.

Snowdrop have really enjoyed 'wheels on the bus' as part of their nursery rhyme topic it was lovely hearing them singing this.

Bluebell have really enjoyed being doctors and nurses at the crime scene for Burglar Bill! It was great to see how good the children were at bandaging up arms and legs.

Just another reminder for BLUEBELL CHILDREN!

You all have to apply for a school place; this is the website to do so [Primary school places | Essex County Council](https://www.primaryschoolplaces.essex.gov.uk/). This opened on 6th November 2023 and closes on 15th January 2024. All schools are booking tours so please look on their websites or contact the schools for more information. To book a tour at Newhall please email office@newhallacademy.org.

Ms Pike



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Year 1

In maths year 1 have been learning about addition and subtraction and how to apply these to word problems. We have also started reading an exciting book called 'The Polar Express' in English. We have become writers and been describing the setting and main characters using adjectives and conjunctions. Not only have we been writers we have also become scientists and adventurers: we have been learning about the different seasons in science and about maps and the UK in geography. Year 1 loved creating their own maps of the school and learning how to follow a map. We cannot wait for our trip to Audley End to see Santa and ride on a train!



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Year 5

Year 5 really enjoyed their trip to Old Harlow Library. They learnt how the books are coded so that they can find the titles they are after more easily; they were also very excited to be able to take some books home with them.

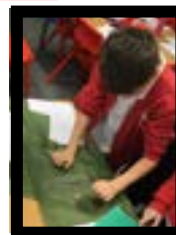


Bluebell

This half term the children have had the topic of people who help us and superheroes. The children have enjoyed role playing doctors; bandaging each other was a firm favourite when they had hurt their arms and legs.

Bulgar Bill came to nursery this week and completely ruined our home corner; he even took our ice creams. When the children came into nursery, they found a crime scene and Bulgar Bill had left his hat behind!

The children got to work as police officers and eventually after lots of investigating, Bulgar Bill sent a letter to say sorry and brought the ice creams back to Ms Pike in the office.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous time starting our new topic all about Christmas. We had a go at making different freeze frames, acting out how people might celebrate Christmas. In science we are loving learning all about forces and looked at the friction of different surfaces by pushing a coin over them. In addition, we finished our fantastic collages and we are pretty impressed with our end result. We used a range of different collage techniques.

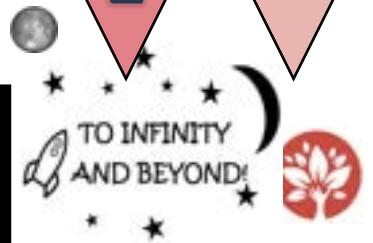


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Blossom

In Blossom room, we are continuing our autumn topic for a couple more weeks before we move on to our winter topic as the weather gets colder. The children have been enjoying getting messy as we explore different textures through soil and corn-flour play and using new techniques and tools to create firework pictures.



Year R

Reception are loving our new topic 'To Infinity and Beyond'. We have been reading some fabulous books such as 'Imani's Moon', 'Look Up' and 'Papa, please get the moon for me.' We have been working on a fantastic art project looking at the artist Vincent Van Gogh for inspiration and guidance. The children have created a piece of art that shows them climbing to the moon. This was done in lots of stages.

In maths we have been looking at the numbers 1-5, representing them in various ways. We have also learnt how to identify circles and triangles.



Snowdrop

Snowdrop have fully engaged themselves in our 'Nursery rhyme' theme this half term! Over the last few weeks we have been acting out being on a big red bus and even in a rowing boat! The children have especially enjoyed the 'Incy wincy spider' theme this week where we have created our own play dough spiders and learnt a new version of the song where the spider gets frozen by the snow. We look forward to learning all about 'twinkle twinkle little star' in the coming weeks as we head towards holiday celebrations!



Year 2

We have had an exciting start to this half term in Year 2! We had a visit from The Guide Dog Association where Maureen told us all about the important job that they do to support those who are visually impaired. To show our support we created posters for a bake sale to raise money. Well done Year 2!



Year 4

Year 4 have been busy over the last few weeks, having performed incredibly in both their assemblies. We have been exploring electricity in our everyday life, understanding the difference in sources of electricity, and are now beginning to move on to exploring how circuits work. Our history has kicked off with the children being immensely interested in the life of Romans and how the Roman empire came to be. We are very much looking forward to our trip on the 11th December to Colchester Castle. Thank you to all the parents who have already offered their time to come with us! Within our Maths learning we have been busy working our area of rectilinear shapes and understanding that area is counted in squares. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring multiplication and division, using our times table knowledge across a range of contexts alongside learning the Distributive Law of mathematics! We are also starting to learn our holiday songs for the upcoming festivities, including a concert in the playground! The children also loved re-enacting the British rebellion led by Boudicca against the Romans!



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Date	Event and Time
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 1 Audley End (all day)
Wednesday 22 nd November	Rowan Class Assembly (09:00)
Friday 24 th November	Flu Immunisations (all day)
Saturday 25 th November	Christmas Fayre (13:00 – 15:00)
Wednesday 29 th November	Elm Class Assembly (09:00)
Friday 1 st December	Year 3 Library Visit (10:00 – 12:00)
Tuesday 5 th December	Beech Class Assembly (09:00)
Wednesday 6 th December	Year R Wonderdome (am) / Year 2 Wonderdome (pm)
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 5 visiting St Clare Hospice (pm)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Cheerleading (pm)
Monday 11 th December	Year 4 Colchester Castle (all day)
Monday 11 th December	Year 3 St Mary's Church (pm)
Tuesday 12 th December	Cinderella Panto (in school)
Wednesday 20 th December	Last Day of Term (school closes at 13:30)



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Newhall Christmas Events

Please see below for details of our Christmas events. No booking is required. Please note that photos / videos are not permitted to be taken during the performances.

Class / Year Group	Date / Time	Location	Details
Bluebell	Tuesday 19 th December 09:15	School Hall	Christmas Songs
Cherry	Thursday 14 th December 09:15	School Hall	Nativity
Willow	Friday 15 th December 09:15	School Hall	Nativity
Year 1 & Year 2	Monday 18 th December 14:45	Playground	Carol Concert
Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5	Tuesday 19 th December 14:45	Playground	Carol Concert

13th December is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch.



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Attendance

Our attendance for each class for the first two weeks back after half term is shown in the table below. Well done to Cherry Class with the highest attendance for the whole half term! Our school target for attendance is for each class to be above 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	99.7%
R	Willow	95.4%
1	Beech	94.9%
1	Rowan	97.5%
2	Elm	96.8%
2	Hazel	95.7%
3	Chestnut	94.4%
3	Maple	97.7%
4	Ash	95.8%
4	Juniper	97.1%
5	Birch	94.8%
5	Cedar	94.5%

AWESOME!



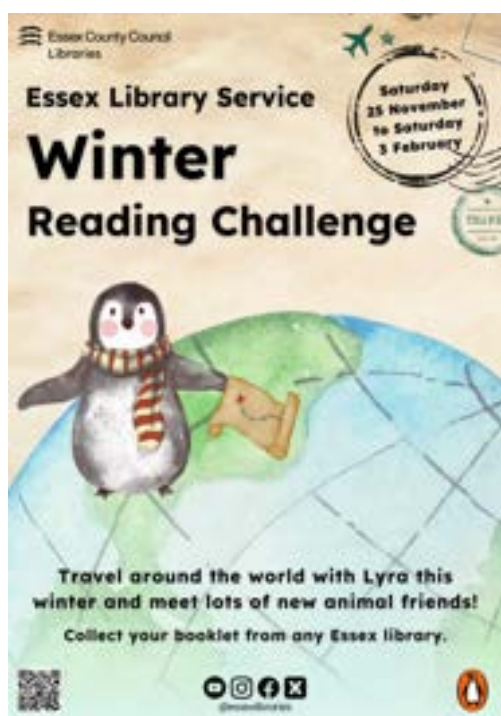
Sami was competing in a Minithon at Lee Valley Athletics Centre which involves participating in 3 different events. Sami came 1st in both his 60 metre and 200 metre races and 2nd in the hurdles and overall 3rd in his age group which consisted of boys from all over London and neighbouring counties. He was very proud of his gold medal and Newhall Primary Academy being mentioned in the results! Everyone at Newhall is very proud of you as well Sami!



Essex County Council

Essex Libraries—Winter Reading Challenge

As we make our way into the colder months, the Winter Reading Challenge is returning to libraries:



ECO Reminder: After a discussion with staff and some ECO council members at Newhall, we have decided to take the ECO Essex Christmas Card pledge. The pledge is a promise that states from this year onwards, our school will encourage a more sustainable alternative for Christmas card giving. We are trying to encourage the Newhall community to make a long term positive change for the sake of our environment and children. We appreciate that card giving is a fun part of Christmas for the children but we would like to encourage them to be more sustainable and still share this with their friends. If you feel your child would like to give a Christmas card – write one card for the whole class to share and enjoy. These will be displayed in their class. If you wish, this can be made at home with sustainable materials – (Please remember we are a glitter free school)!

Vacancy in Nursery:

If you are interested in working at Newhall Nursery please see the latest advert below:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=94963>

HARLOW FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Harlow foodbank

Thank you to all of those who donated for the Harvest collection. We gifted 263kg of food which is enough to make 626 meals, wow!

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The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From **6 November 2023**, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

You must apply by the deadline of **15 January 2024**. Even if a parent already has a sibling at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception next September.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.