

Newsletter

Friday 16th February 2024

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since we returned to school in September, we have now had an assembly from all our classes in school and I have been incredibly impressed with the children's confidence when performing and the wide range of learning they have showcased. We've also been treated to some wonderful singing and dance routines from some of our classes.

As part of Reach2's *11 before 11* promise 'Make or break a Reach2 record', all our classes participated in a bird watch in the school grounds on Monday 12th February. The children spotted a variety of birds and have submitted their results to the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch.

Hammond and Smith Estate Agents (based in Epping) donated a Willy Wonka statue for our library and over £300 worth of books. We are incredibly grateful for this generous donation.

On Friday 2nd February, the children came into school and nursery in non-uniform. We raised an incredible £1,087.75 for Save the Children's Gaza appeal. Thank you for your kind donations. This money will really make a difference to all children in Gaza.

We welcomed two new learning support assistants, Mrs. Vaidya and Miss Anderson, to Newhall this half term.

Have a wonderful half term break with your family and friends.

Mr. Duffy

A Message from the Nursery Manager

As we reach the end of the term it is a pleasure to have welcomed so many new children into our care at Newhall Nursery.

A special congratulations to Mrs Blunt who has taken on the role of Snowdrop Room leader; we are very lucky to have such a great leader in Snowdrop.

It is with sadness that Mrs Kelatte has decided to take a role with young adults that is better suited to the hours that she requires.

This term in the rooms I have seen some lovely activities; my favourites are below:

Blossom - Dinosaurs in ice. The children had great fun trying to free the dinosaurs in the Winter ice.

Snowdrop - Playdough is definitely a firm favourite in Snowdrop. The creations that the children made is brilliant. The water tray has made its way indoors due to the cold weather and the children love to pour and tip using lots of mathematical language. What the ladybird heard has been a favourite story and the ladybird pictures using potatoes were remarkable to see.

Bluebell - My favourite part of this half term has been seeing the children so engrossed in learning their phonics. Their determination to recognise the sounds is remarkable and seeing some of the children start to write or want to write is so amazing! The fossils they made as part of their Dinosaur topic is where the concentration of the children could be seen. Every child that made one was so excited to take them home and they even knew the names of the dinosaurs.

I do believe that a Dinosaur may have visited the nursery as well!

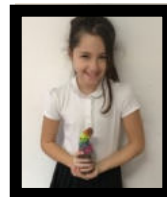
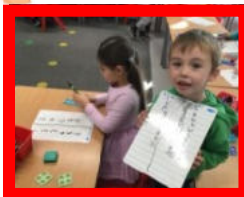
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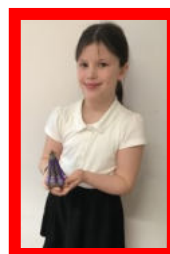
Year 1

We have had a very creative half term in Year 1; we have been learning about properties of different materials. We explored lots of different materials- our favourite was slime! We have also had lots of fun in Art learning about Wasily Kansinsky; we painted our own abstract art!



Year 5

Year 5 have loved learning about Antoni Gaudi this half term. They used his work on chimneys to inspire their own designs which they then made out of clay. The children used different techniques of twisting, folding and spirals to form the main structure and decorated them with bright colours inspired by Gaudi in the form of a mosaic.



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic visit from the Mobile Zoo this term. We discussed lots of key things from our science topic whilst handling the animals such as exoskeletons and animal classification. We had an amazing time and loved meeting Blossom the skunk!



Bluebell

All the children in Bluebell have absolutely loved our dinosaur topic. Some of their highlights have been exploring volcanoes, making their own fossils, and becoming palaeontologists digging for bones in the sand.

The children have made an excellent start on their phonics journey this term and are all very excited to continue this.

We are all looking forward to starting our new topic 'Land of rhyme' after half term.

Have a lovely break!



Snowdrop

The children in Snowdrop have had a fantastic half term learning all about different animals under the topic 'Our Furry Friends'. We enjoyed talking about our pets and learning how we can take care of different types of animals. The children have been getting very creative making lots of different craft activities, developing their skills using paint, glue and other resources. In the garden we have been working on our balance and negotiating space safely by playing group games and completing challenges such as obstacle courses.



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Once Upon a Time



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Year R

Reception have been loving our 'Once upon a story' topic this term. After reading 'Jack and The Beanstalk', we planted our own beans and after 9 days some of them have started to grow. We have been doing some amazing acting out of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

We completely immersed ourselves in the learning of Chinese New year, playing in our restaurant, tasting noodles and prawn crackers and making decorations.



Year 4

It's been a very busy start to 2024 in Year 4. In science, we have been investigating sound. We wanted to find out whether sounds could travel through solids and liquids. We made string telephones and then had a wonderful time testing them out and then tried a hydrophone to see if we could hear sounds made underwater! In geography, we have been learning about Spain. We discussed trade between Spain and Britain and talked about the things that Britain imports and exports from Spain. We talked about the impact on the environment of importing so many fruit and vegetables from other countries and decided to see if we could grow our own tomato plants in our classrooms. During our English lessons, we debated whether or not zoos should continue to exist. The children presented evidence, challenged opinions and asked some very thought-provoking questions! The result? Year 4 voted that zoos should be illegal!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy and fun filled half term. We have been setting goals and creating dream birds in PSHE, learning all about the Jewish religious festival of Passover in RE and enjoyed food tasting for a Seder Meal. The children were especially overjoyed to create their own felt purses for our theme 'Wonderful World of Wool' in DT. The children had a go at making felt from scratch to adorn their purses.



Are you a scientist? Do you use science at work? Is there a hobby you do that uses science?

Between the 11th and 15th of March, we will be taking part in lots of different activities as part of British Science Week. As part of that week, we would like to show children the impact and value that science can have for their future lives and careers.

If you would be happy to come in and talk to the children about how you use scientific knowledge to assist you in your job or hobby and if you would be able to spare some time during the week of the 11th of March, even if it is only an hour, we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with the school office via email or come and speak to Mr Leeding at the end of a school day.

Blossom

This term in Blossom room we have continued our Winter topic. The children have been developing their fine motor skills by using large tweezers to move cotton wool into containers and posting games to make a snowman using wool and a recycled plastic bottle. The children have also been enjoying experiencing the changes of weather in the garden, especially when they could jump in the puddles!



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Attendance Matters!



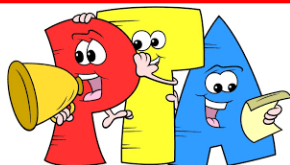
Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Attendance

Our attendance for each class since we returned in September is shown in the table below. Well done to Cherry Class with the highest attendance! Our school target for attendance is for each class to be above 96%.



Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	96.4%
R	Willow	94.7%
I	Beech	93.9%
I	Rowan	95.5%
2	Elm	95.0%
2	Hazel	96.0%
3	Chestnut	92.3%
3	Maple	96.3%
4	Ash	94.5%
4	Juniper	95.6%
5	Birch	94.0%
5	Cedar	95.1%



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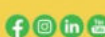
Date	Event and Time
Monday 26 th February	Year 4 Church Visit
Tuesday 27 th February	Cherry Class Pizza Express Visit
Tuesday 5 th March	Willow Class Pizza Express Visit
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day and Parade (09:00)
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 st March	Parents' Evening
Friday 22 nd March	Year 5 Ancient Greece Workshop
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 2 RSPB Visit
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 5 watching Grease at Mark Hall
Thursday 28 th March	School Closes for Easter Break at 13:30



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