#### Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 20th April 2018



#### Hello everyone

This week there has been lots of talk about Academies. We have had visitors from the Cathedral Schools Trust talking to parents and staff - and meeting with our Governors. We are still consulting with our community about whether to join the Trust as an Academy and there is still time to make your views known or to ask questions. The notes from our Parents' Voice meeting are on the school website and have been emailed to parents; some key questions were raised at that meeting so I encourage you to have a look. There is a further parents' consultation meeting planned for Monday 30th April at 5.00pm and everyone is very welcome to come along.

We have really enjoyed some summer sun this week - a welcome change from the chilly weather! Don't forget to put suntan lotion on before you come to school if your child needs this. Please also provide a labelled bottle for them to keep at school if they need to reapply suncream during the school day as well as a water bottle.

Next week we are looking forward to a brass quintet from St George's concert hall visiting on Monday, as part of St George's Day celebrations. They will perform at a special assembly on Monday. If you would like to come and watch the performance please contact the school office and we will reserve a space for you. They will perform from 11.15-12.00.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes, Sue Ramsay, Head teacher.

Check the website and twitter for the latest

news.



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**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to the 1st Dings Scouts Open evening yesterday! Scouts will continue to meet at Hannah More on Thursdays from 5.30-6.30. Drop in to find out more!



- Reception: Renico and Salma
- Year 1: Mohid and Inas
- Year 2: Mohamed F and Sumaya
- Year 3: Rahaf and Ismail
- Year 4: Sumaya and Mohamed
- Year 5: Izaiah and Mohamed H
- Year 6: Asmaa and Mamadou

### **Academy Consultation Meeting**

Parents have been sent information about the school considering joining the Cathedral Schools Trust. Lots of parents came to our consultation meeting last week. There is another chance to talk to staff from the Trust

on <u>Monday 30th April at 5:00pm</u>. At the meeting you can find out more about the Trust and why we are considering joining. You can also ask questions and raise any concerns. The views and opinions of our parents and carers are valued so we hope to see many of you there. If you would like more information - or information in your home language - please speak to the school office.

إذا كنت ترغب في الحصول على معلومات باللغة العربية ، يرجى التحدث إلى مكتب المدرسة.

Hadii aad u baahantay warbixin dheerad ah oo ku saabsan academisation oo ku qoran afka hooyo la xidhiid fadlan office ka.

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Hear about building plans for the Midland Road site. Meeting on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 4.30 to 6.30** at Hannah More.





# Somalia, the beautiful country, the motherland.

But can it be as wonderful as the stories? Journey with two teenage cousins as they discover what the future holds. A new show from parents at Hannah More, exploring cultural identity across generations.

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th May 7pm. Get your tickets now at <u>www.acta-bristol.com</u>

## What have we been learning?

Reception.... This week we learnt the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have built castles outside and measured the beanstalks we have created. We also had a shape hunt. At home, look for shapes around your home and ask your child to tell you about the shape. Please add a photo to your child's learning diary (ILD).

Year 2...We went on a trip to Slimbridge this week. It was a beautiful day and we loved seeing all the animals. In English, we wrote a recount of our trip. In Maths, we revised fractions. You can help at home by helping your child to tell the time.

Year 4... this week we worked really hard on writing character descriptions in English. We answered lots of questions about our class text 'Varjak Paw' and are really excited to find out what happens next. At home, please practise the 8 and 9 times tables!



Year 1...in English we wrote about what we could see, hear and feel during the storm in our book: 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. In maths we counted in 10s and used multiples of 10 to solve all sorts of problems. We particularly enjoyed learning about the Arctic and how people travel across snow – we even made arctic water colours complete with fluffy polar bears – do pop in to see them! At home, please help your child to count in tens.

Year 3... have been busy as always this week. In Maths, we used our knowledge of fractions to find fractions of amounts. In English we wrote letters and our very own story endings. Topic allowed us to understand how volcanos are formed and consider some of the reasons why it may be good to live near them. At home, please encourage your children to share toys, food and others objects at home into fractions.

Year 5... we wrote character descriptions for our main characters in 'Frogspell'. We also learned about thousandths as fractions and decimals. Dove class went on a trip to Unit DX and did scientific experiments in real science labs. At home, please listen to your child read every day.

Year 6... we continued to work in small groups this week, working hard on volume, perimeter and area in Maths as well as graphs and scales. In reading, we continued to practise the skills needed to answer questions. In the afternoons, we have written narratives based on a short film called Soar, using figurative language. We enjoyed a dip in the pool Thursday to cool down after the unexpected sunshine! At home, please support your child when out and about by asking them information about timetables you may come across.

## **Courses for parents at Hannah More - April 2018**

**Tuesday** 9.15-11.15 Help your child to read - for ESOL learners

For Reception and Year 1 parents. <u>Restarted on 10 April 9.15-10.15</u>.

Tuesday 9.15 -11.15 Mums' drama group

This group continues this term - they will perform their show on 8th and 9th May

Wednesday 9.00 -10.00 Conversation Club - Improve your English

Practise your speaking and listening skills. No need to register, just drop in any week.

Wednesday 9.15 -11.15 Cultural Competence (Continues this term with the same group).

Thursday 9.00 -11.15 ESOL classes - Entry 2/3 level and Entry1 level

Two ESOL courses. Starting on 12th April. New learners welcome.

Friday 9.45 -10.30 Mums' fitness

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Ladies only fitness sessions. After Friday celebration assembly. Drop in any week to find out more.

Friday 2.30 - 4.30 Healthy Life - new course run by Bristol Flyers Basketball

Find out how to keep your family healthy. Cooking activities, sport and more for parents and children together. Ask Ruth or Miss Stevens for more information.

# The Nurturing Programme

### Tuesdays 12:30 - 2:30 from Tuesday 24th

**April - First session is a Taster Session.** 



Free 10-week programme for all parents with children aged between 2 and 12



Free crèche and refreshments every session