# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 17th September 2021



#### Hello everyone

We are settling into the term and getting to know new children and staff. Thank you for your support and understanding, especially with the new changes for this school year. Well done to everyone who arrives punctually and ready to learn every day - it makes a real difference to classes if they can start their learning in a calm and settled way. Thank you to everyone who came to the 'Get to know you' meetings this week - I know teachers really enjoyed finding out more about our families.

The Hannah More Parliament met for the first time this week, to discuss ideas and plans for the year ahead. Miss Skinner is coordinating these meetings. She said it was fantastic to get the new class representatives together. It has also been wonderful to see some trips and visits happening once again. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed a paddle-boarding trip, year 4 enjoyed swimming, lots of children tried out new P.E activities and there was lots of outdoor fun with More 4 Kids. There were also some lovely cooking smells wafting around the school!

Breakfast club is finally open to parents once again. We would love some regular parent volunteers to help, so please speak to me next week if you're interested in this role. We will be recruiting a new breakfast club leader, so keep an eye on the

newsletter for details of this post.

Mums' fitness restarts on Monday, 9-10 with Debs. Why not join this friendly group - or just come and say hello in the playground on Monday if you'd like to find out a bit more.

**Best wishes** 

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher





Year 1: Mohamed Essa

Year 2: Imtisam and Liliana

Year 3: Ilyas and Lashaya

Year 4: Dago and Kyra

Year 5: Mushtaaq and Ammar

Year 6: Nagie and Aiyana

This week we began to read our book for this term 'The Magic Hat'. In enquiry we started to learn about the names and properties of different materials! As mathematicians we practised counting to and writing numbers to 10 the right way. At home, please read with your child 5 times a week. Practise counting forwards and backwards from 10 and practise writing numbers as well.

### Year 2

This week we enjoyed reading our new book 'The Tin Forest'. We made predictions about what would happen, looked at the new vocabulary and had a go at sketching some of the different leaves you might find in a forest. Please read with your child at least five times a week. Practise counting forwards and backwards from 100. Practise writing numbers as well.

This week Year 3 have been brilliant mathematicians. We started comparing numbers to 100 and predicting what might happen next in a story. Please support your child's learning at home by reading with your child every day and practising the 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables.

This week Year 4 enjoyed reading our new book 'Varjak Paw'. Please ask your child what it is about! We also started our Year 4 maths curriculum by learning about thousand numbers. At home, please read with your child every day and encourage them to practise times tables - particularly the 4 times table!

Year 5 were very busy this week! On Monday we had a taster hockey session which we loved! We explored our new book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as Authors and recapped rounding as Mathematicians. We started tag rugby as Athletes and even went on a very fun paddle-boarding litter pick - check out our pictures on twitter! Please support your child at home by helping them with their homework spellings - ready for our test on Monday.

This week Year 6 enjoyed reading their new book 'Beetle Boy' and researching different beetles ready to write non-chronological reports. We also started our enquiry: 'What did Linnaeus and Darwin do for science?' Ask your child all about it.

Please support your child's learning at home by supporting them with their timetables - up to 12 x 12 - making sure they can recall them all quickly!



Freebies! We have six times-tables toys to give away. To enter, children just need to drop a note to the office by the end of Tuesday, saying why they would like one of these.

Winners will be picked next week!

# Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6, you must apply for a secondary school place before 31st October. More information about how to apply is here: <a href="www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply">www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply</a> Make sure your choices are realistic - if you choose only the most popular schools then you may not be offered any of your three choices.

Most secondary schools have open days when you can look around before applying. Check each school website for more details.

#### **More 4 Kids Club**

More 4 Kids is the name of our after-school childcare at Hannah More. The club runs every day until 6pm and is brilliant - especially if you are working or studying and need your child to be looked after for a bit longer than the usual school day. We have a snack to start with - something like pasta or beans on toast, then we have a range of activities. We make good use of the playground and love playing on the equipment and on bikes! Ask at the office for a FREE trial session.











## **13 Week Parenting Programme**

#### A weekly facilitated Parenting Programme

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC) is a parenting programme designed to support you to raise happy and successful children by getting access to information and strategies for bringing up your children, meeting other parents, and making sure your voice is heard.

SFSC is a 13 week parenting support group, open to all parents, the aim of the course is to achieve a healthy, violence free lifestyle for you and your family, giving you tools to change the way you parent and enabling you to give your children clear boundaries, consequences and life skills and learning along the way how to:

- Understand your own behaviour
- Build your confidence as a parent
- How to influence your children's behaviour
- Improve your relationships and communication with them

Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill Bristol, BS5 0AX

Starts 22nd September 2021 9.30am - 12pm

There will be a creche available for 0-5's, book early to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited.





How do i access the programme?

You can book a place on the programme or get more information by contacting **Sally on 0117 9556971 ext 161** 

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