



# SCHOOL NEWS

## 1st December 2022



We have had another fantastic fortnight here at HINS. Children have been practising their performances and can't wait to show their grown ups! You will have received details via ParentHub with regards to the finer details.

Our learning continues right up until the end of term on the 16th December and the children are continuing to impress us with their increased stamina for writing and their love of learning.

The ever dedicated staff spent their evening yesterday decorating the school so that it would be magical for children arriving on Thursday 1st of December. Sneaky Elves have arrived in some classrooms and our lunch hall. They can't wait to see our amazing learning and get up to some mischief.

We are really looking forward to our visit from the HISNA Elves tomorrow to help us shop for our family. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who provide us with such wonderful enrichment opportunities. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Fair on Saturday.

We look forward to the final two weeks of term with our Infant children as their excitement builds and welcoming you into school next week to watch their shows.

### Reminders

#### Y2 parents

Please make sure you have completed your application to HJS by the 15th of January.

#### Safeguarding update

I am the safeguarding lead and in the interest of keeping our children safe at all times :-

- I will ask the school admin team to call home if absence hasn't been reported
- Visitors wear different coloured lanyards according to the safeguarding checks we have completed
  - Staff - Red
  - Visitors who have a DBS check - Green
  - Visitors without a DBS check - Purple
- All visitors must sign in via the Inventory system
- If you are dropping children to a club in the morning please wait outside the school office and not in the foyer, the club teacher will collect the children when the club starts.

**Claire Cook - Head of School**



## DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Thursday 1st	Christmas Post Box Cards must be clearly marked with full name and class
Friday 2nd	HISNA Christmas Shopping Day Mufti day for Christmas fair donations (bottles and/or toys)
Saturday 3rd	HISNA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6th	9.15am - 10.00 am 2J & 2D Christmas Show * 10.30am - 11.15am 2A & 2T Christmas Show *
Wednesday 7th	9.15am - 10.00am 1B & 1K Christmas Show * 1.45pm - 2.30pm 1C & 1H Christmas Show *
Thursday 8th	9.15am - 10.00am RDC & RF Christmas Show * 10.30am - 11.15am RC & RK Christmas Show *
Friday 9th	Christmas Jumper Day/ Mufti Day - Whole School 11.00am - 11.30am AM Nursery Christmas Show * 2.30pm - 3.00pm PM Nursery Christmas Show *
Tuesday 13th	Nursery & Reception Christmas Party <i>- party clothes and bring a festive packed lunch</i> Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Lunch - School Uniform
Wednesday 14th	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party <i>- party clothes and bring a festive packed lunch</i> Reception Christmas Lunch - School Uniform
Thursday 15th	Nursery End of Term
Friday 16th	HISN End of Term (1.20pm pick up)

\* Christmas shows - two adults per child, no younger siblings, no buggys in the hall

## January 2023

Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday (New Years Day replacement)
Tuesday 3rd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th	Children Return to School

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## TERM DATES



### Autumn Term 2022

Friday 16th December End of term (1.20pm HISN)

### Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd December INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January Children Return to school

### HALF TERM - MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Friday 31st March End of Spring Term (1.20pm HISN)

### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th March Children Return to School

Monday 1st May May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May Inset Day

### HALF TERM - MONDAY - FRIDAY 29TH MAY - 2ND JUNE

Friday 21st July End of Term (1.20pm HISN)

## Term Time Leave

The Education Authority does not encourage children to be absent from school during term time. If you need to take your child out of school during term time please call or email the school office - office.hisn@hpp.school. The office will send out an Application for Leave form for you to complete.



## CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The HISN Christmas post box is ready for children to bring in their Christmas cards. Please make sure cards have recipients name and class clearly marked on them. The cards should be sent in with your child and the class teachers will make sure they are posted in the post box, no cards via the school office.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY COLLECTION

HISN raised £364.82!

Thank you to every body who bought either a poppy or merchandise.

All funds raised go to the British Legion.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



Caterlink have been working really hard to improve the school lunch experience for all children. Every child now has the option of three meals to choose from every day. In the picture above there is the option of cheese and tomato pinwheels, pasta bake or a jacket potato with cheese. The children can add salad; carrot and cucumber batters are really popular. Caterlink plans to increase the salad options.

On some days children are opting for a wrap or pitta bread rather than a hot meal and this means there is far less food being wasted as they are eating the meal they are choosing. Historically there was a lot more food being thrown in the bin as children were saying they didn't like the meal they were given.

Caterlink have also started making fresh bread on site with different flavours incorporating fruit and vegetables. They are looking to introduce little taster pots of different dishes for the children to try out. This week they have tried doing 'Rate my Lunch' to let Caterlink know if they enjoyed or dislike the meal on the day, for feedback.

**Claire Cook**  
**Head of School**



## HISN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child is entitled to free school meals and does not want a Christmas lunch, contact the school office by Monday 5th December if you would like to order a packed lunch.



# Certificates of Excellence



**Certificates of Excellence** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for RESILIENCE w/c 31.10.2022 (pic above)

RDC Laurie	1B	Beauden	2A	Mila
RF Ibrahim	1C	Leo M	2D	Curtis
RC Krish	1H	Dylan	2J	George
RK Ava	1K	Olivia	2T	Thulhan

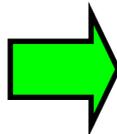
**Certificates of Excellence** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is linked to ASPIRATION in w/c 21.11.2022 (pic below)

RDC Idris	1B	Zak A	2A	Ryan
RF Ayaan	1C	Lucas	2D	Oliver
RC Jack F	1H	William P	2J	Joseph
RK George C	1K	Kalyan	2T	Anabel

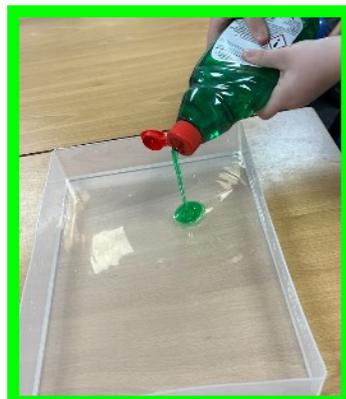


# STEM WEEK





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# NURSERY

STEM week was a big success in the Nursery as the children explored the concept of change. The children were fascinated by our rose experiment and used their observational skills to spot how the flowers changed over time after we added different colours to the water. Colour mixing with paint and water outside also sparked the children's interest, as well as exploring with coffee filters and food colouring.

A highlight of the week was the Bubble Show which we loved on Thursday.

In maths we have been learning about patterns and how to create patterns of our own using loose parts. We thought about the different patterns we can see in the world around us and also used our bodies to make a pattern for example clap then stamp, clap then stamp.

We have also been thinking this week about celebrations and the special times we celebrate. Our focus story Kipper's Birthday sparked lots of conversation around the children's birthdays as they shared their own experiences and also thought about what they do to celebrate. The home corner and playdough area saw the children creating party treats and cakes for one another and the writing area was filled with children making cards and invitations for their friends. Another special time for celebration which the children are incredibly excited for is Christmas. The Nursery has been filled with wonderful singing voices as we prepare for our Christmas singing next week.





# RECEPTION

The children took part in Super STEM week and have been very busy using their science and maths brains in so many interesting experiments. We started the week talking about the germs that live on our bodies and investigated the effects on not washing our hands before touching a slice of bread. We made lots of interesting predictions such as “it will go yucky and green with mould” and “it might even disappear!”

Alongside our experiments we have been very lucky to have some science workshops visit the school. Professor Bubbleworks (Primrose’s Dad in RK) really wowed the children with all the interesting facts about air, oxygen and gravity. We loved watching a toilet roll fly across the hall and it was great to see our science volunteers be encased in a full body bubble!



Reception have been practicing their Christmas songs along with actions too. It is so lovely to hear their wonderful singing voices and we saw lots of excited faces when they got the opportunity to go on the stage. The children have also been very busy creating magical Christmas art attacks inspired by the Christmas film ‘The Snowman’. The children have been sticking cotton wool and pom poms on their snowman characters and have been using their cutting skills to create snowflakes too. What a surprise it was for the children to see their artwork hanging up in the hall.

The children were visited by PC Robbie the Bobby who chatted to us all about his job as our local community police officer. We found out lots of interesting facts: he told us that he has never in the 17 years that he has been a police officer, had to use his baton. We were also visited by Ethan’s Mum, Sophie, who talked about her job as a midwife. She has a very important job and she works really hard to look after Mummies and their babies when they are born. Sophie brought her stethoscope and her heart beat monitor in to show us how she looks after the mummies and we discovered that a baby’s heartbeat sounds like a train!

We would like to say a huge thank you to those who visited us, we really have learnt a lot from you and you have inspired the children to think about what they could do when they grow up!



# YEAR 1

Year 1 has been very busy over the past couple of weeks getting ready for the Christmas production. We have been learning lots of nativity-based songs, creating actions to go along with the words, and we have even included a little dancing. We are all so excited for you to come and see us!

In English we have been writing our own version of the story '*Lost and Found*' by Oliver Jeffers. We acted out the story in groups and then created our own story plans to work from. We then used this as inspiration to become authors and write our very own versions. In the build up to Christmas, we have begun looking at the story '*The Jolly Postman*' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg. We have been focusing on letter writing and looking at the features of a letter, in preparation for writing our very own letter to Father Christmas.

In Science we have been continuing our work on materials and looking at the different properties of these, whether they are bendy, waterproof or absorbent. We have also learnt about what transparent and opaque means and looked at what objects have these properties.

In Geography, the children have extended the scale of their investigation of the school grounds, carrying out simple fieldwork in the area immediately local to the school. Using Google Maps, we went on a tour of Hampton and spotted different features virtually. We have also looked at the symbols used on maps and learnt what these means, using a key.

In Art, we have been looking at the London-born artists Chantelle Martin and Bridget Riley. We created our own patterns and used these to help us produce a larger scale piece of art inspired by these two artists.



In Maths, we have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. We have been identifying the differences between 2D and 3D shapes, and looking at their various properties. We noticed that 2D shapes are the faces on 3D shapes, as well as looking at the number of sides, edges, vertices and faces of the various shapes. We investigated which shapes could be stacked and which could not, discussing the reasons for this and why certain shapes were better than others. We looked around our classroom to see if we could identify various shapes in everyday objects, and sorted shapes using various criteria, e.g. number of faces and sides, curved edges, etc. We

also had fun creating various patterns using shapes.

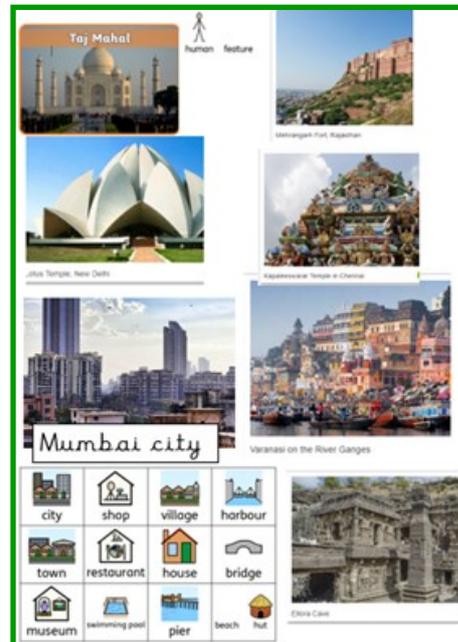
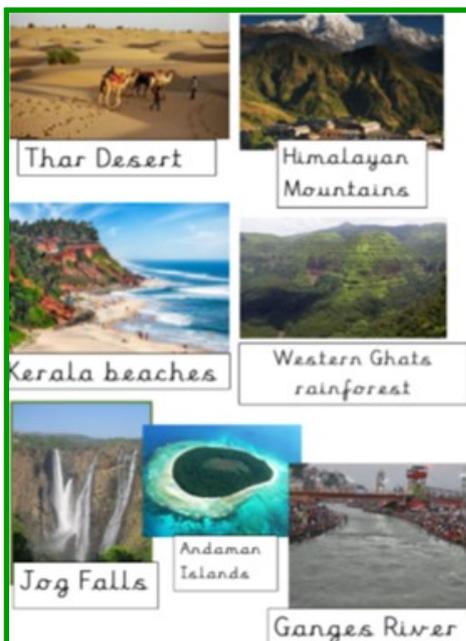


# YEAR 2

In maths we have been practising adding and subtracting two-digit numbers using concrete resources such as diennes and moving towards drawing these in our books. By partitioning the two-digit numbers into tens and ones, we have also begun to explore exchanging when crossing the ten.



In geography we have continued to think about hot and cold places around the world. This week we took a trip to India and discovered the human and physical features we would visit there. We considered what the climate and weather would be like and how this would affect what we would pack for our journey.



In English we have been looking closely at non-fiction texts and the features they include. Last week, the children wrote their own non-fiction book about themselves, including: their appearance, personality, family and hobbies. We included subtitles to show what each section will include and challenged ourselves to use conjunctions to expand our ideas.



# Wellness

## The YoungMinds Wellbeing Calendar 2022



Looking after your wellbeing as you count down to the winter break.

28 - MONDAY

### Festive sing-a-long

Get the month off to a great start by singing along to your favourite festive tunes.



29 - TUESDAY

### Affirmation station

Spread some winter joy to your classmates by writing positive affirmation cards, then having your teacher collect them and pass them around. For example: 'I am loved', 'Anything is possible'.



30 - WEDNESDAY

### Mindful walk

Take a wintery walk outside in silence. What do you hear? What do you see? What do you feel?



1 - THURSDAY

### Random act of kindness

Do something nice for someone else today. Doesn't it feel great?



2 - FRIDAY

### Mindful colouring

Enjoy some quiet colouring in and let your creative juices flow.



5 - MONDAY

### Winter wishes for the world

What do you think would make the world a better place for everyone in 2023?



6 - TUESDAY

### Belly breaths

Start your day with some deep, mindful breathing. Breathe in and fill your belly with air before slowing breathing out through your nose.



7 - WEDNESDAY

### Ready, set, go!

Play a game together as a class or in small groups - play it safe with a classic or try creating your own.



8 - THURSDAY

### What makes you, you

Draw a picture of yourself and, around it, write positive comments and things you like about yourself. Are you kind? Are you smart? Do you have a great talent?



9 - FRIDAY

Name five things you can see, four things you can touch, three things you can hear, two things you can smell and one thing you can taste (or one thing you love about yourself).



12 - MONDAY

### Stretch it out

Have a much-needed stretch and wind down with a yoga session. There are loads of free videos online!



13 - TUESDAY

### Things in Common

Discuss in small groups things that you have in common - except that you go to the same school! Preferably with people you don't usually hang out with.

14 - WEDNESDAY

### Snowman says...

Just like the classic game of 'Simon says' but with a wintery twist.



15 - THURSDAY

### Worry dolls

Get out your craft box and create your own worry doll. Your doll is a great listener for any worries you might have, but don't forget you can also talk to an adult about them too.



16 - FRIDAY

### Dance-a-thon

End the term with a good ol' dance-a-thon to your favourite songs - you deserve it!



# HPP PRINCIPLES



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**Be The Best You Can Be**