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Newsletter

Hello
Autumn

A warm welcome
to all new
students and their
families



Sept - Oct 2022

No. 44

It's been a very positive start to the new academic year so far. I would like to welcome all our new families to the school. We have had 22 new children start at the school this September. All children are settling in gradually and staff are getting to form good relationships with them.

Class Dojo

We now have the majority of parents across the school using Class Dojo. It is proving to be a good way to communicate with parents that both helps to make communication between home and school easier as well as helping families to feel more part of the school community. If anyone is not yet joined up on Class Dojo then please let us know if we can help you to get joined on. I know some people choose not to use it and would rather have the books. Please talk to us if this is the case for you. We would rather use Dojo as a way of being more environmentally friendly by using less paper. It also helps us to keep school costs down as the increase in the cost of living has had an impact on the school's financial situation.

Speech and Language Therapy Team

We now have a new Speech and Language Therapy Team working in the school. Their names are: Richella Heekin, Mark Mallen and Mollie Davies. They have been working closely with class teachers to put in place assessments on all children. They will then be looking to provide appropriate communication and interaction outcomes for all children that will feed into their EHCP reviews. They will also work closely with class teams to ensure they have everything in place to support the children's communication needs on a day to day basis.

Charity fund raising

Staff at Hamilton worked together to raise money for MacMillan by bringing in cakes for staff to sell. We raised a total of £251.18 for this very worthy cause which was really great! Friday 18th November is Children in Need so please keep an eye out for information regarding what we will be doing in school to raise money for this cause.

Independence at lunchtime

We have been working really hard on improving children's independence skills at lunchtime. Over the course of the next half term we will be looking at communication at this time to give the children as much opportunity for independence as possible.

Attendance

So far this term attendance levels have generally started off well. We hope to keep the levels as high as possible so if any families feel they require any support please contact Sarah or Charlie.

The following table shows the attendance levels in classes across the school:

Class	Attendance for this academic year	Class	Attendance for this academic year
Class 1	94.84%	Class 7	89.71%
Class 2	96.71%	Class 8	87.85%
Class 3	97.11%	Class 9	97.04%
Class 4	94.86%	Class 10	90.74%
Class 5	89.71%	Class 11	86.89%
Class 6	94.24%	Class 12	95.68%

Our aim is to have attendance in each class above 93% and this is the case for just over half the school. We would really appreciate your help in trying to make this the case across the school as the year goes on.

New staff and staff leaving

We have had two new members of staff start with us. Gabriella Fokti our new Assistant Head who is the teacher in Class 4 and Rozina Kauser who is a Teaching Assistant in Class 12. We are pleased to have both of them as part of the Hamilton team.

This half term we have lost one Teaching Assistant, Tanzeela, as she has taken up a job opportunity elsewhere. We wish her all the best in her new job. We would also like to wish Bakhtawar, one of the Teaching Assistants in class 12, all the best as she goes on her maternity leave.

Finally

Thank you to all parents for your support this half term. We look forward to another fun half term when we return on 31st October.

Katie Williams

Headteacher

One CLASS

What a busy start to our school year! We have been so creative in all of our lessons together.

It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the children in class 1. We feel we have learnt so much about each and every one of you and cannot wait to continue to support you.



Our topic this half term was 'Autumn Days'. We have been busy exploring Autumn sensory stories in English, one we all particularly engaged with was 'Hatty Hedgehog'. We have developed our mark making skills using sensory materials such as corn flour and shaving foam. We have collaged with a range of natural materials such as leaves and twigs and have painted with pine cones and conkers.



In Maths, we have all worked incredibly well with exploring 2D shapes and building with a range of resources such as lego, wooden blocks and stickle bricks.



We have enjoyed cooking on a Wednesday, getting very messy and trying new foods. We loved our yummy chocolate hedgehog cakes.

We look forward to next half term where we will continue to work hard and learn new things.

Well done Class 1!

Miss Sparrow



CLASS
Two

It has been a busy start to the year in Class 2. We have been working hard on settling back into our school routine and building positive relationships with staff and class mates.

Over the course of the half term we have been engaged in the topic 'Ourselves'. Everyone has enjoyed exploring their senses to learn all about themselves, from scented slime in science to funny food faces in cooking.

This half term some of our pupils have also had the opportunity to restart their swimming lesson. A very welcome return to the curriculum!

Mr Hart



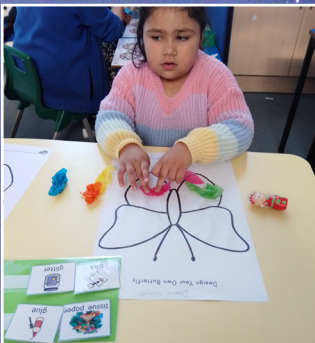
The children have settled really well into Class 3 this half term. Our topic has been 'Ourselves', we enjoyed learning about all the children but also encouraging the children to show

CLASS Three

their interests and hobbies. In English, the children loved exploring Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. The children enjoyed copying the actions and singing along. We also explored 'The Hungry Caterpillar', where the children listened to the story of how the caterpillar became a butterfly. The children then were able to explore the fruits the caterpillar ate in their cooking lessons, where they made fruit kebabs.

Well done to all the children in Class 3 for all your hard work this Half term!

Miss Harman



This half term, in Class 4, we focused on getting to know the children and making sure they are settled in their new classrooms with their new teachers. The children have all settled in quickly and we are especially proud of the three new starters who have adapted to the routines and structure of the school remarkably well. With our Topic being 'Under Attack', in English we learned about 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' story then we ventured off into space and read the Aliens Love Underpants story. We enjoyed many activities planned around aliens, such as making playdough then using it to make aliens with pipe cleaner antennas and googly eyes. We have also been learning about the importance of keeping ourselves clean by washing our hands, sneezing into our elbows or a tissue and how to use the toilet. The children all deserve a lovely break and we look forward to another excellent half term.

CLASS Four

Miss Gabriella



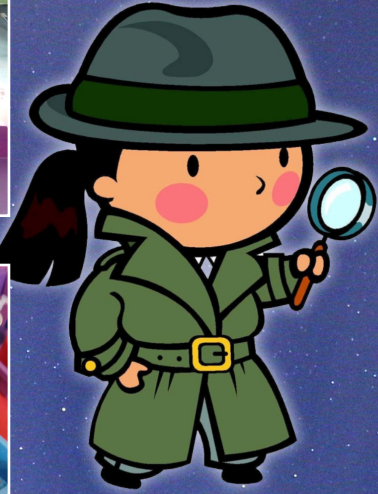


CLASS Five



This term, in class 5, we have been focusing on the topic 'Under Attack'. This has led us to explore dinosaurs, pirates, knights and many more themes. The children have really enjoyed making dinosaur bones and dressing up as princesses or princes to find the dragons around school. The children have particularly enjoyed their science lessons where they have learned about different forces and hot and cold items. We hope you have a lovely half term!

Miss Lakhwinder



Our topic this half term was “Under Attack”. Class 6 have been doing a lot of sensory exploration and developing our fine motor control. We have explored many sensory trays and engaged with lots of cause and effect activities. The children have really enjoyed science where we have been developing our observation skills.

Mrs Carter



CLASS
Six



Class 7 have had a wonderful start to the year. We have all settled in well and are getting stuck in with lots of different activities.

CLASS Seven

Our topic this half term is 'Under Attack.' We have been learning about superheroes, pirates, dinosaurs and aliens.

In English, we have been reading the book 'Monkey Puzzle' and have been working on our writing skills from mark making to writing sentences. The children have loved this book and have engaged extremely well with the story.

In Maths, we have been busy learning about quantities and numbers. We have been completing many different activities practically as well as written work.

We have done some exciting science experiments this year; we made slime and added our own colours and decorations. We also made our very own rockets and watched them launch.

Curriculum lessons have been a blast; we have learnt a lot, we have been exploring a wide range of different topics in our tuff trays.

We have had a lot of fun and can't wait for Autumn 2.

Miss Anna





WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT



Eight CLASS

This half term, our topic was 'Ourselves'. Pupils have been looking at various things about themselves such as parts of our face, parts of our body, photos of ourselves both old and new.

Pupils have completed various art projects such as sticking on body parts in the correct places, making faces with playdough and looking at various feelings and emotions.

In English our focus has been based on 'The Hungry Caterpillar' which pupils have learned about in great depth. Pupils have listened, watched and read the story while completing a wide range of activities to help broaden and expand on their knowledge of the story.

In Forest schooling pupils have focused on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. These lessons have been outside where pupils got to explore the nature, bugs, birds and mini beasts. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these lessons and have shown great learning.

Overall, Class 8 have had a great start to the year and settled in really nicely.

Miss Sarah

CLASS Nine

Class 9 have had a lovely start to the academic year. We have all settled into our new classroom. Our topic this term has been "Under Attack".

We have been working on writing skills within various concepts in English. In reading, we enjoyed reading the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'. It has been a lot of fun reading the story and completing various activities relating to it. In Maths, we have been looking at a range of concepts within the areas of Number, Shape, Space and Measure and using and applying.

In our curriculum lessons, we have loved exploring different sensory tuff trays relating to our topic, such as dinosaurs, pirates and sea animals. In science, we have loved carrying out various science experiments such as vinegar and bicarbonate reactions and looking at objects that can float and sink.

We have been working on key skills such as grating, mixing and cutting in cooking. We have loved making recipes such as pasta salad, sandwiches and strawberry trifle.

We have had a lot of fun this half term!

Miss Lucie

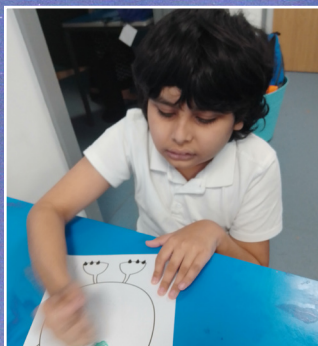


Class 10 had an excellent start to this academic year. Children have really enjoyed our topic 'Under Attack'. Children had excellent opportunities to learn about solar planets, aliens, dinosaurs and some fun superhero's fiction. In English children have read 'The Little Old Lady that swallowed a fly' and 'A Squash and a Squeeze' book. Children completed and participated in writing activities related to our books and recollecting passages of these stories. During our mathematics sessions children have completed activities related to 'Number, Shape, Space and Measure' as well as "Using and applying". Children participated in fantastic forest school lessons where they went on a "Bear Hunt" around our lovely Hamilton garden. During this lesson, children were able to look for and identify creepy crawlies hiding in soil.

All children are working very hard to develop their cooking skills such as; chopping, peeling and washing dishes. This term children cooked yummy trifle, sandwiches, pasta salad and made their own lemonade using fresh lemons.

I am proud to say that all children have settled in their new class well and are extremely eager to learn and participate in all lessons. Well done to all SUPERSTARS in class 10.

Michaela Vo

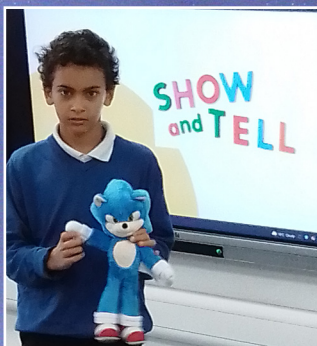


CLASS
Ten



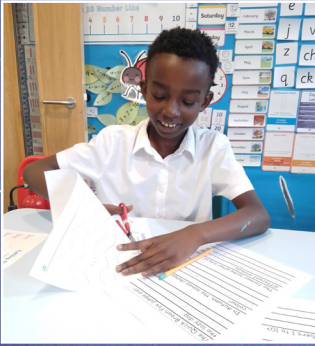
We have had lots of fun during our 'Myths and Legends' topic this half term. Our story of 'Room on the Broom' has added some magic and mystery. In Art, we have created paintings of the book cover with a night sky and a sparkly moon. In Computing, we have described castles and different mythical beasts such as trolls and dragons. In Cooking, we have made Mermaid's tails out of breadsticks and melted chocolate, Unicorn poop out of meringues and Troll rainbow fruit skewers.

Added to all of this, we have had a great time learning how to swim at Ladywood Leisure Centre. Well done Class 11!



Mrs Jay

CLASS
Eleven



This half term in Class 12, our topic has been 'Magic and Mythology'. We have really enjoyed learning about different mythological creatures such as dragons and trolls and have worked hard to develop our understanding of things that are real and not real. We have linked many of our lessons to this topic including English, music and art.

Twelve

CLASS

Miss Brailsford



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Sign In App®

Arrived late at school?

Leaving early with your child?

Dont forget to sign your
child in / out
at Reception.



Our New Visitor Management system allows us to see who is on site in case of an emergency when we need to evacuate the building.

To make sure all reports are up to date in case of an emergency you will need to sign your children in or out depending upon circumstance.

This means you need to come into reception to sign your child in if you arrive after 9am, or sign them out if you collect your child before 3pm.

If you require any assistance with this, please let our office staff know.



Shower Room

Thankyou to the Handsworth
Lions for our new Shower
Room.



This will allow us to be able to do further work with our children
to support their personal development.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2

Mon 31 Oct to
Fri 16 Dec

Holiday

Mon 19 Dec to
Mon 2 Jan 2023

Spring Term 1

Staff CPD Training

Tues 3 Jan and
Wed 4 Jan 2023

Thurs 5 Jan to
Fri 17 Feb 2023

Half Term

Mon 20 Feb to
Fri 24 Feb

Spring Term 2

Mon 27 Feb to
Fri 31 Mar

Easter

Mon 3 Apr to
Fri 14 Apr

ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



Our pupils are growing up in a world of ever-changing technology. While we feel that the use of technology is a largely positive aspect of modern life, we cannot ignore the risks that can be associated.

We understand that much of our pupil's use of the internet will occur at home, away from the school filters. Below are a list of useful websites, advice and resources that you may find helpful when navigating the issue of online safety with your child.

Useful resources and links:

Thinkuknow <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. It aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them.

Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

A comprehensive web resource with a wide array of tips and advice on how to navigate the online world with your child. Some of their guidance we attach below but you can find even more by visiting the link.

National Online Safety

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

National Online Safety's mission is to make the internet a safer place for children. They aim to do this by equipping school staff, parents and children with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers and how best to react should an incident arise.

NSPCC <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

The NSPCC are the first to admit that the internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? That's where the NSPCC come in.

Childnet <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Childnet International is a registered UK charity that aims to make the internet a safe place for children and young people. Packed with resources it is a great resource for parents.

Simon Carden

Pastoral Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the first Parents and Carers coffee morning of the new school year. It was lovely to see so many new faces. The coffee mornings will be held on a Wednesday, half termly on the following dates:

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Wednesday 10th May 2023

Wednesday 28th June 2023



The coffee mornings start at 9.45am and we finish the session at 11.15am. I will also be posting the dates on Class Dojo.

Food Parcels



Following on from my post on class Dojo, we are happy to refer our

families for a weekly food parcel. Just send me a message on class Dojo and I will get that sorted for you.

Parent workshops

We will be starting up our parent workshops again this year. The first one of the year will be an autism awareness course. I will be posting the date on Class Dojo. For those who cannot attend, but would still like to know more about autism, we are looking into ways to send the information to you so that everyone that would like it has access to this.

Look out for future workshop dates on a range of topics on Class Dojo.

Sarah Eaton



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Please activate your child's parent pay account if you haven't do so already. If you need any help please let us know.

Dinner and snack money

Just a reminder to pay your child's dinner money and snack money weekly

The cost of dinner money is £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week

Snack money is £1.00 per week

Thank you

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