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Wish  
you  
a  
Merry Christmas

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What a busy half term it has been! The term has ended with lots of lovely Christmas trips for children in all classes. Our Christmas Fayre was well attended and went really well. Children enjoyed making some lovely items to be sold and there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall. Santa's grotto certainly seemed to be a hit and those children who did not go with parents in the morning went in the afternoon with class staff. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend to support the school. Thank you also to those of you who bought raffle tickets and watched the live drawer via Facebook.

### **Addition of extra classroom in January**

We have an extra classroom being added to the school in the form of a Portacabin in the new year. This is in order to welcome some new children to the school. As you may be aware there are lots of children who are currently waiting for special school places and there is an additional pressure on the school to take more children through the tribunal process. As a school we will continue to endeavour to provide the best possible education for the children and use every space we can within the school to do this.

The addition of the extra classroom is not an easy or a fast process. The decision around changes to children's classes has been decided based upon knowledge of the individual children and the best way to provide them with the provision they need. Any parents of children affected by these changes will have been contacted separately and made aware of the changes their children will be experiencing in school. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to talk this through with you.

### **Proposal regarding further possible expansion**

In January there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and talk to members of the Local Authority to give their thoughts, or ask questions, on the proposal for Hamilton to temporarily expand to include Years 7 and 8 of a secondary provision. The proposed date for this will be January 23rd. Further information regarding this will be sent out at the beginning of the Spring Term. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these meetings.





## Attendance

It has been a tough term regarding attendance for both pupils and staff. There have been lots of bugs going round that have had a negative impact on children's attendance. Please continue to inform school before 7:30 in the morning if your child will not be in school due to illness. Please can you ring the school and leave a message on the answerphone rather than sending a Dojo message to individual teachers.

## Finally

The end of this term sees us saying goodbye to 2 of our Teaching Assistants. Rozina has left us after only a short time at the school. We wish her all the best in her new job. We are also losing Mike who has worked at Hamilton since 2017. Over his time at Hamilton he has formed positive relationships with many pupils and staff and he will be missed. We wish him all the best in his new job.

We have recently recruited 10 new Teaching Assistants many of which have ben working with us for quite a while. We also have a new teacher starting with us in January. We look forward to welcoming them into the Hamilton family!

I hope you all have a fabulous break with your children and we look forward to seeing you all in January for another wonderful term.

*Katie Williams*

Headteacher



*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year*

FROM EVERYONE AT HAMILTON SCHOOL



Another great half term in class 1 filled with lots of activities and great progress all around.

Our topic this half term was 'Festivals and Celebrations'. Each week we have focused on a specific celebration and implemented this focus through all areas of the curriculum.

The children enjoyed ordering numbers in a range of contexts, building with wooden blocks and lego and exploring shape sorters. Some children categorised 2D and 3D shapes as well as sorting objects by height, weight and length.

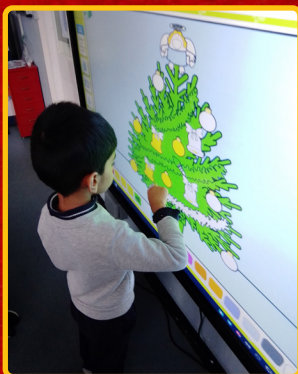
In Art, we have created many masterpieces such as spook-tacular pumpkins, cotton wool ghosts, cake case poppies, tissue paper pudsey bears and many Christmas activities that will be coming home with the children.

In Science, the children engaged so well with the exploding pumpkin task where we added vinegar to bicarbonate of soda to make a reaction. We also made dancing rice to represent Diwali and popping candy canes.

Children are all now baselined according to the early year's curriculum and have all shown some progress in many areas of the development matters.

We look forward to next year with you all!

**CLASS**  
*One*  
Miss Sparrow







It has been a creative term in Class 2, with lots of crafts and messy exploration. We would like to take the time to thank Tim and Beth at Smethwick swimming centre for all of their work during our swimming lessons, the pupils loved it and made excellent progress in their water proficiency.

Over the course of the term we have explore an array of celebrations from cultures around the world. The pupils loved tasks themed around birthdays, Christmas, Remembrance, Diwali and many more.

Have a lovely winter break and we look forward to another fun filled term in the new year.

Merry Christmas!

**CLASS**  
**Two**  
Mr Hart





Another Half Term completed in Class 3. We have had loads of fun this term learning about different celebrations that us and our peers celebrate. Our topic 'Let's Celebrate' has been great fun to learn about other cultures and religions but also our own.

# CLASS Three

Miss Harman

In Art, the children loved making firework pictures for Diwali, Poppy collages for Remembrance day, football pictures to celebrate the world cup and so much more.

In Music we enjoyed exploring different songs, alongside these we enjoyed playing the drums and piano to listen to the sounds we can make.

We have had great fun in Science exploring the forest area, we have found loads of different insect and even made our own pretend bonfire using twigs.

We have had a lovely term in Class 3, we are looking forward to the New Year. Have a safe break and we will see you in January.







# CLASS *Four* Miss Gabriella



What a busy and fun half term it has been! We started the term by reading Charlie's Superhero Underpants, then moved on to Messy Martin and Smelly Bill. These stories linked nicely to our topic PSHE topic of hygiene. We continued learning about the importance of showering, brushing our teeth, getting our hair and nails cut and wearing clean clothes. This half term we also enjoyed some lovely outdoor activities during our Forest School lessons. The children especially enjoyed working together to fill a parachute with leaves and throw them all up in the air. The highlight of the weeks for some were our trip to Farmfoods and buying the ingredients for our cooking lessons. This half term, we made oven baked pancakes, tortilla pizzas, oven baked omelette, muffins, French rolls, cheese toasties and reindeer rice crispy cakes for our Christmas Fayre. We also welcomed Mrs Baxter back after her maternity leave who is now the class teacher in Class 4. The Class 4 team wish you all a lovely holiday and a Happy New Year.



## Christmas Wishes



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We have had a lovely term in Class 3, we are looking forward to the New Year. Have a safe break and we will see you in January.

**CLASS**  
*Five*  
Miss Lakhwinder







This half term our topic has been festivals and celebrations we have enjoyed exploring a number of sensory trays in topic relating to different celebrations and festivals.

In science we have looked at exploring colour, we have made playdough with different colours and textures and explored exploding cupcakes watching colours mix together.

CLASS  
*Six*  
Mrs Carter







# CLASS *Seven* Miss Anna



This half term our topic has been “Come and join the celebration!” We have focused on several different celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire night, Children in need, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

In art, we have made Diva's for Diwali, firework pictures using chalk on black card for Bonfire night, Pudsey hats for children in need and Christmas cards for Christmas.

In English, we have been focusing on Non-fiction texts and have been reading booklets relating to each weeks topic. We have learnt about a range of celebrations and in the different ways that they are celebrated by lots of cultures.

The children have settled extremely well into class 7 and we have had a fabulous end to 2022. We look forward to seeing what 2023 brings!



This half term Class 8 have been looking at celebrations around the world. Pupils have worked on a range of celebrations such as Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali, St Andrews day, the World Cup, Remembrance day and Christmas.

In Art, we created fireworks for Bonfire night, tartan patterns for St. Andrews day, Various flags and countries involved in the world cup and creating lots of nice gifts and treats for the Christmas craft fair.

In English, our focus has been on the Three little pigs which pupils have learned about in great depth. We have watched, listened to and took part in activities based upon the story. Pupils enjoyed engaging and taking part in this story.

We have learned a lot about the Geography and History of the various celebrations around the world and how they all have their own traditions, foods and activities.

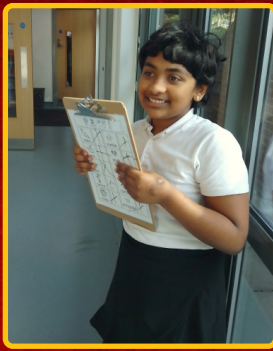
We have enjoyed taking part in Christmas related activities such as singing songs, making decorations, learning about what happens over Christmas and how it can be celebrated in various different ways.

Happy Christmas everyone!

*Eight*  
**CLASS**  
Miss Sarah







Class 9 have had a fun and exciting term. Our topic this term has been "Come and Join the celebration".

We have been working on writing skills within various concepts in English. We enjoyed reading the stories "The little old lady who swallowed a fly" and "The night before Christmas." The pupils engaged well and enjoyed exploring the different stories. We have also done some fantastic work in Maths.

In science, we have loved carrying out a range of experiments. These experiments have been from fizzing pumpkins to looking at objects that can float and sink in water. In our other curriculum lessons, we have made a range of art pictures and have been working on important skills in cooking.

This term, we have been swimming. We loved going and enjoyed being in the water, having fun and splashing around.

For the Christmas fayre, we decorated some brownies to make them look Christmassy and made our own Christmas tree ornaments.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**CLASS**  
*Nine*  
Miss Lucie





# CLASS Ten

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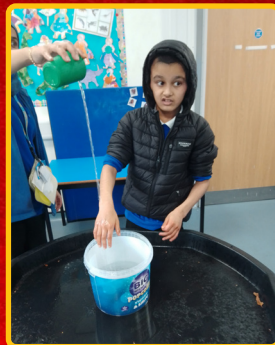
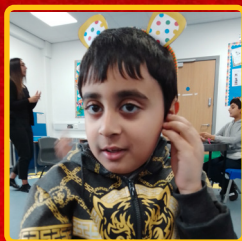


Class 10 has had another fabulous term. This term's topic was "Come and join our Celebrations". Children have participated in learning about Diwali, bonfire night, children in need, Thanks giving, and Christmas.

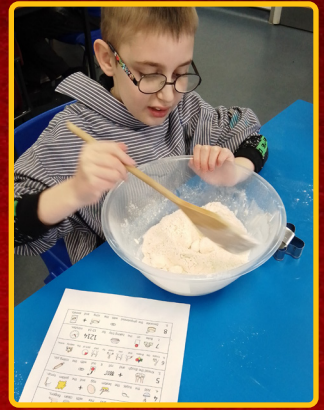
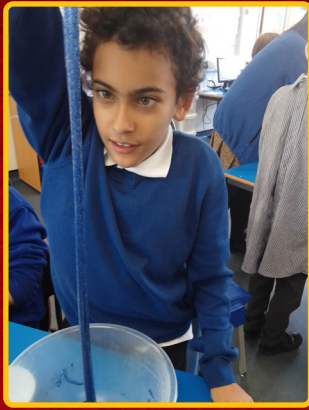
We have also learned and had fun celebrating two Birthdays. This term children have read 'Monkey Puzzle' and non-fiction 'Celebrations around the world' books. All children have worked very hard in writing and some began to write digitally on computers. In maths, we have covered counting, number songs, shapes and patterns. Children really enjoyed baking Christmas pizza trees for the school's Christmas fayre.

Class 10 children have really enjoyed 'pass the parcel' during our group music sessions, children had to open the parcel and choose a sweet when the music stopped. Most of all children have enjoyed exciting science experiments such as; self-inflating balloons, fizzy paint, and firework's in the jar.

We would like to wish everyone Happy Christmas and will see you again in the New Year.







This half term the topic has been Celebrations. We have learned about Diwali including learning a dance in PE. For Remembrance Day we have created poppy wreaths and expressed good thoughts about peace in the world. We celebrated Children in Need with some silly games as well as learning about some children who have specific health needs and where the money raised goes to. Thanksgiving gave us an opportunity to be thankful for all the fun we have at school. We made thanksgiving turkeys in Art. As part of the learning about Christmas we visited the German Market and went on the Carousel! Happy Holidays everybody!

**CLASS**  
*Eleven*  
Mrs Jay







This half term in class 12 our topic has been 'Come and Join the Celebration'. We have done lots of work on different celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and of course Christmas.

# Twelve

**CLASS** Miss Brailsford

As an early end of year trip, we went to Sandwell Flyers Gymnastics Academy. We all had lots of fun rolling, balancing, jumping and learning lots of new skills.





# Hamilton School



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.



# Christmas Raffle

**The Raffle was drawn live on  
Facebook On  
Wed 14th Dec**

**Winners should have been  
contacted by now**

**Thankyou to everyone who  
bought tickets**



## Dates for your Diary

### 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

### Autumn Term 2

Mon 31 Oct to  
Fri 16 Dec

#### Holiday

Mon 19 Dec to  
Mon 2 Jan 2023

### Spring Term 2

Mon 27 Feb to  
Fri 31 Mar

#### Easter

Mon 3 Apr to  
Fri 14 Apr





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A horizontal banner with a white background. On the left and right sides are various colorful circular icons representing different online activities: a smartphone, a magnifying glass over a person, a laptop with an 'X', a game controller, a tablet, a speech bubble, a person icon, a hashtag, and a question mark. In the center, the text reads: 'Keep your kids safe on the web' in pink, followed by 'Now we can help you make the right choices for your family with internetmatters.org.' in blue. Below this is 'Let's talk' in green with a play button icon. A small green box with 'internetmatters.org' is also present.

Children across the county will unwrap a vast range of electronic gifts this Christmas - raising safety concerns from parents. Phones, Smart TVs, gaming consoles & smart speakers may well be under the tree this year, but what can you do to keep your kids safe?

## Parental Controls

Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online.

Step by step guides from Internetmatters.org will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

### What are parental controls?

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings these can help you protect your children from the things they shouldn't see or experience online.

Visit [internetmatters.org/parental-controls/](https://internetmatters.org/parental-controls/) to view guides from all Tech angles to help keep your children safe.









# Thank you

**Thank you to PK Education for the selection boxes and the Sanghera Family for their kind donation of gifts for each child.**

**We would also like to thank The Toy Appeal for their kind donation of toys for the children at the school.**

**The children really appreciate all donations and we would like to wish all our Sponsors a very Merry Christmas**



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