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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

### Hamilton School

September 2022 Dates

Mon 5 Sept  
INSET Day

Tues 6 Sept  
School open to students



**SPORTS DAY 2022**

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It's been a lovely end to this academic year with lots of sunny weather for us all to enjoy! This term we have gradually worked at getting the class trips back up and running. Classes have been to a variety of places such as Cannon Hill Park, Sandwell Valley and Wibbly Wobbly's. Some classes have also begun to do walking trips to the shops as well. The children have massively enjoyed these opportunities and really benefited from them!

## **Parent Meetings**

It has been lovely to see some of you at the parent coffee mornings we have had in school. It is really great to get back to face to face meetings and we look forward to doing more of these in the future.

## **Sports Day**

Our two Sports Day events that we held were well attended by parents and the children enjoyed the activities. Ryan from The Albion Foundation, Jess (Deputy Headteacher) and Laura (Class Teacher) all worked hard to ensure the events ran smoothly and there were a range of activities for children to take part in. We linked our Sports events to the commonwealth with each class representing a country. Classes made their own flags which helped add to the commonwealth theme.

## **Achievement**

Here at Hamilton we always strive to provide the best possible education for our children. While the majority of our children are unable to access end of Key Stage tests all children here do make great progress over their time at the school. This year we have had 3 children in Year 6 who were able to sit the Maths SATS tests. All 3 children did incredibly well and we are very proud of them! We also had 1 child sit the Year 4 multiplication test and again, he also did really well. Sitting tests for our children is incredibly difficult and their Autism does cause a massive barrier so being able to even sit and complete one of these tests is a huge accomplishment!

## Attendance

In the last newsletter I put some information regarding attendance. We are aiming at getting all classes attendance at 93% or above. The below table shows the attendance figures for all classes across school. The whole school attendance figure is currently at 92%. This is definitely very positive.

Class	Attendance for this academic year
FS	85.9%
1JH	89.7%
1HH	94.9%
1SS	90%
2LM	92.7%
2CP	94.9%
2LB	94.2%
2LCo	91.9%
2BJ	93.9%
2SR	90.4%
2PB	91.8%
2LC	92.1%

Please remember that if there is a reason you are unable to get your child into school on time or are struggling to get your child into school for whatever reason, please contact a member of the pastoral team (Sarah or Charlie) for support. We are here to support parents as much as we can and will do all we can to help.



## Staff Leaving

At the end of this year we say goodbye to 5 members of staff. Three of our teachers are leaving, Shabana, Bianca and Laura, and 2 of our Teaching Assistants, Chrissy and Farhia. We wish them all well in the future and hope they all keep in touch. They will be very much missed.

## Finally

It has been a busy and, at times, unusual year but also a very enjoyable one. It has been lovely to see the children develop and grow over the course of the year. To all our children moving onto new schools, we wish you all the best and we will miss you all! Please keep in touch! I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday. If anyone needs any support during the summer holidays for any reason please contact our safeguarding team on [safeguardingteam@hamilton.bham.sch.uk](mailto:safeguardingteam@hamilton.bham.sch.uk) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to September for a new year with new challenges and opportunities.



Katie Williams  
Headteacher

**You will see throughout this newsletter that each class is represented by a flag of the Commonwealth.**

**To tie in with the Commonwealth games this month being in our home city of Birmingham, each class randomly picked a commonwealth county to represent in our recent Sports Day.**

**You can see photos from our Sports Days towards the back of this newsletter.**

The logo for Sports Day, featuring the word "SPORTSDAY" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline, slanted upwards. Below the text is a stylized shield shape with a blue and white pattern.

The logo for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. It features a stylized, colorful graphic of a person in motion, composed of blue, green, and yellow lines. Below the graphic, the text "BIRMINGHAM 2022" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the words "commonwealth games" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, with a small graphic of three lines above the word "games".

What a fabulous end to an amazing year! The children have enjoyed the topic 'let's get active!' We have been active in many ways including PE circuits, trips to the local park, races in the big playground and morning wake up shake up activities.

The children have all engaged extremely well in Maths this half term. All children have moved up a level and mastered skills in strands such as recognizing 2D and 3D shapes, ordering numbers, making groups of numbers and creating their own patterns.

In English, the children enjoyed the Peppa Pig sports day story. Children were able to match non-identical photos linked to the story throughout. The children learnt of many sports activities within this story and then completed some of these outside. Children then made their own medals and trophies with glitter and sequins to present to each other! Some of the children took photos of this using the class camera as part of their computing learning outcomes.

We have tasted and explored lots of different fruits and vegetables. We printed with apples, peppers, corn on the cobs and many more with paint. We had a fruit tasting session and children identified their likes and dislikes, mango was a big hit!

It has been wonderful to watch the children grow and blossom into such mature, kind and independent children. We are all so proud and cannot wait to watch them continue to grow in their new class.





We've been enjoying the sun and getting super active this half term in 1JH. It has been wonderful to see the staff and pupils engage in a range of sports activities, and exploring equipment from an array of disciplines. We've had basketball artwork, and introduction to cricket, and an exciting swimming themed water play session. To top it all off, we had a blast at Wibbly Wobbly World of Play for our end of year trip!

Thank you all for making this year so special for us all. It has been a pleasure to see all of the pupils flourish and grow as the year has gone on. From all of us in 1JH have a lovely summer!



This term in 1HH our topic has been 'Let's Get Active'. The children have enjoyed getting active in many ways throughout their lessons. In P.E we have enjoyed participating in loads of fun activities, the children are great at copying actions and have loads of fun jumping and running about.

In English we have and reading and listening to different books and songs about sports. The kids really enjoyed singing Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes, while copying the actions.

The children loved their end of year trip to Wibbly Wobby's where they all managed to do some running and climbing.

Well done to all the children in 1HH for all your hard work this year. Good luck in all your new classes!





Our topic this half term has been 'Let's Get Active!' For us, this has included a variety of activities including gardening, soft play, cooking and lots of sport.

In Cooking, we have explored healthy and unhealthy lunch boxes and we have loved making sandwiches, smoothies and fruit skewers!

In Science, we have been on minibeast hunts around the garden and we loved finding the butterflies, frogs and bumblebees!

In PE, we have worked on our fundamental movement skills such as running, throwing and jumping in preparation for sports day. We have also been very lucky to visit Wibbly Wobbly twice for soft play fun! All the children were very active and loved exploring the different slides and ball pits.

We have loved learning about the Commonwealth Games and creating medals and trophies. Our Commonwealth team was India and we created various Rangoli patterns, elephants, tigers and flags to represent our country! The children had a great day participating in our sports day too.

What a fantastic end to the year we have had! Well done 2LM.





What an amazing end to the year. This term children learned all about getting active through experiencing different sports and movements. Children also enjoyed learning about body parts and healthy eating. This term children were well excited to go on a trip for child's birthday. They really liked Space Hoppas and a Mcdonal's lunch.

Children absolutely loved reading 'The little old lady who swallowed the fly'. Most of the children learned the story so well they could predict what animal the old Lady ate next.

Have a great summer holiday



This term 2LB have explored the topic 'Let's Get Active' where each week, they have learnt about their body, different foods and sporting events such as Wimbledon and Tour De France. During this term, the class have created healthy recipes, split pin bodies and we took part in sports day! We have visited Cannon Hill Park where the children went for a walk and a climb. The children have learned about different sporting activities that they can also do at home. We hope you can enjoy these over the summer holiday!

We also wish our leavers good luck for their next step into secondary school!



This term, 2LCO has been looking at the topic of 'Let's Get Active'. We have been looking at key sporting events such as Wimbledon and the Commonwealth games.

In science, we have had a lot of fun making bouncy balls and carrying out the mentos and coke experiment. We loved seeing the reaction. We have been working on key skills to carry out the experiments.

We have worked hard in Maths and English and have enjoyed reading the different stories.

During the Art lessons, we have loved exploring and using different tools and materials to create our own sports equipment and pictures.

We loved participating in sports day. Our commonwealth team was Jamaica, so we all wore the colours green, yellow and Black. It was a lot of fun, and we enjoyed showing the key skills we have learnt throughout the year.

It has been an amazing and fun year in 2LCO. We wish you a happy summer break and will see you in September.



In 1SS this half term, our topic has been at 'Let's Get Active'. We have explored outdoor areas with various activities including hopping, jumping and going for walks.

We have put some focus and emphasis on the Commonwealth Games and Botswana, which is the class country for sports day. We have learned the colours of the Botswana flag, which are blue, white and black. We have also worn these colours for sports day.

During PE, we have been working on various tasks in order to prepare for sports day. We have been looking at discus, long jump, racing, hurdles and many more.

During our curriculum lessons, we have tried to engage in getting active through our learning by exploring the garden, playing movement games in outdoor areas, dance, yoga and relaxation.

We have had a fun summer term enjoying the nice weather and making the most out of the outdoor areas when possible.



2BJ have had a wonderful time exploring this terms topic 'Let's Get Active'.

From creating sporty activities in art, cooking healthy nutritious foods, working on our fitness levels in PE and learning about different sports in UW, 2BJ have enjoyed a jammed action packed term of fun activities. In cooking 2BJ have explored different types of healthy foods that help fuel and energise their bodies. Exploring the flavoured packed tastes of freshly cut salad, rich taste of pasta salad and fruity colourful porridge drizzled in delicious golden syrup. Whilst in PE 2BJ have loved the circuits of different sporting activities to explore such as javelin, shotput, high jump and biking.

During their Understanding the World lessons 2BJ have discovered diverse types of sports and learnt about the differences between the sports, this has helped the students acknowledge the contrast in activities as well as picking sports they are fond of. Art has been a colourful whirlwind of sensory packed activities, jazzy tuff trays showcasing different types of sports using foods and objects to recreate a basketball, football fields and many more.

2BJ have had fun creating a flag of Barbados ready for sports day and had a game of basketball with water balloons outside to keep cool. This term 2BJ have had fun running around on their feet with explorative activities that have helped them get to know sports and the importance of keeping active.

A big well done 2BJ for ending this term with delightful energy!



In 2SR, we have had a lot of fun this half term focussing on our topic of 'Let's Get Active'. In art, we got creative with paper mache and made different types of balls related to different sports, e.g. football, basketball, tennis ball and golf balls. The pupils really enjoyed making the mixture and getting messy! We also had fun marble painting and popping water balloons with colourful painting. In Science, we looked at how the body gets hot, cold during exercise, and healthy eating.

To end the year, we had a fun and an enjoyable trip to Sandwell Valley where the pupils explored the lakes and the greenery. We also had the opportunity to cross the bridge and wave to the drivers passing by. We got lucky as we got many 'BEEEEPS' from the Lorries passing by, this put many smiles on the children's faces. Overall, 2SR has had a great summer term. We would like to wish our leavers all the best in their Secondary school - Eissa, Zeeshan and Davvier . We will miss you very much!!!

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday from class 2SR.





This term we have been cooking healthy foods as part of our 'Let's Get Active' topic. We made vegetable crisps with sweet potatoes, beetroot and carrots and fruit slices with strawberries and blueberries. They were delicious!

As part of our 'Let's Get Active' theme we also designed our own medals. We drew our designs outside using chalk and made tennis rackets with paper plates and lollipop sticks.



Our topic this half term was “Where the Wild Things Are”. We have learned about the story of Max and the Wild Things in English. We created our own adventure stories about Max’s new adventures with strange creatures in far off lands.

In our topic work, we studied different habitats such as the rainforest, the desert and the polar regions. We learned about the different plants and animals that live in these wild places. We have created factfiles and posters in Computing, made fruit and veggie minibeasts in Cooking and used pastels to draw landscapes in Art. Our Science has involved planting seeds and observing how they grow in different environments.

Finally, we had a great time celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee!





# SPORTSDAY



Following on from our successful recent Class Dojo trial with selected classes we are pleased to say that from September we will be a Class Dojo School.

All remaining parents should now have had a class Dojo invite in readiness for the new academic year.

Hamilton School is committed to keeping parents regularly informed of information regarding their children and school activities but we find that sending letters home is not fully effective. We are also increasingly aware of the costs associated with and the environmental impact of printing paper copies of messages and communication.

Class Dojo will allow us to make improvements in both those areas and will support you because;



- It will be the one place to access all school information including messages, news and updates.
- We can send more personalised and relevant information to you.
- We can send messages directly to parents.
- Parents can contact teachers directly.

Class Dojo is also supported by a smartphone application for Apple and Android devices. You can locate the free app in your Android Playstore or Apple App Store by searching for 'Class Dojo.'

Please make sure you accept the invite from Class Dojo and set up your free account as from September Class Dojo will become one of our primary forms of contact with Parents/carers along with essential phone calls.

Keep an eye on your emails and don't forget to check your junk & spam folders.



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## PARENTS AND CARERS COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you again to everyone who made it to our coffee morning on 6th July. It was so lovely to talk to so many Parents.

In the new school year we will be hosting a coffee morning once a half term. Look out for dates on Class DOJO.

We will also be reintroducing Parent and Carer workshops. We will be advertising these on Class DOJO too. ☕

In the meantime, if you need help or support please email either

Charlie (Inclusion Manager) or myself. We will be happy to help.

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I hope you have a great Summer holiday. See you in September.

Sarah Eaton  
Strategic Pastoral Manager

Pathway to  
a new

Adventure . . .

**2022**  
**LEAVERS**

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