

HEYBROOK PRIMARY AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



December 2016

Bikeability

For two weeks this term Year 5 have been completing the Bikeability training programme. Qualified instructors have provided our children with the experience to complete their Level 1 and Level 2 awards. The children have participated in a variety of fun activities on the School playground and have also learnt how to ride safely on the roads of our local area.

We are very pleased with the children-they have worked hard in difficult weather conditions to complete their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability course. We hope they continue to practice their skills.



We raised £492.40 for Children in Need. Thank you for your help and support. The children painted their faces and wore spotty clothes.

Well done to all the pupils for working so hard this term, especially to our Achievement Prize winners. There will be more opportunity for prize winners next term.

Heybrook Champions!

Heybrook participated in the annual Rochdale Borough 5-a-side tournament which was held at Falinge Park High School. The children involved were Year 5 and 6 pupils; Timmy, Adam, Ali, Jamal, Numair and Hassan. There were six schools that qualified for the finals; Heybrook, Healey, Shawclough, Spotland, All Saints and Meanwood. The tournament was played in two groups with each game lasting a total of 7 minutes. The team with the most points after these games qualified for the final. After a nervy first game, Heybrook turned on the style and got to the championship game conceding just one goal. They then went on to face Shawclough which was a repeat of last year's final. Again, it turned out to be an epic match and after a thrilling and thoroughly entertaining game dominated by Heybrook, they were crowned champions for a fourth consecutive year. "Champions four years in a row is an unbelievable achievement and it just goes to show the consistency in the quality we are producing here at Heybrook. It was a very competitive tournament with some excellent football being played, so to have won it makes us extremely proud of the boys," said Mr Hussain and Mr Gregory, coaches of the team. The team received amazing compliments from both spectators and coaches from the other schools involved.



School will close for the holidays on Friday 16th December at 3.15pm. Pupils return on **Tuesday 3rd January**. We wish all our families a safe holiday!

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Team 1 -

The Reception children have been making Christmas cards for their families and have been on a trip to the Post Office



to send them! They have also visited the Nursery to watch the children's Christmas Carol Concert. They had a great time watching the performance and singing along to all the songs!

Team 2 – Year 1 children have yet again done fantastically well in all aspects of their learning. We are having a really big push on reading throughout school as reading is crucial to a child's development. With this in mind, Year 1 and Year 2 children are being encouraged to read as much as possible at home while Year 1 parents are being welcomed in to school every Monday at 3pm to take part in our Book Library. Thanks to all the parents who have got involved so far! In Year 2 we are encouraging reading even further with visits to the fantastic library in the centre of Rochdale as well as a brilliantly exciting trip to see George's Marvellous Medicine at the Opera House, Manchester. Year 2 have been practicing for their Christmas performance this week.



Team 3 - We have had a brilliant term in Team 3 and have learnt some exciting new things. Year 3 have learnt all about Guy Fawkes and his plot to blow up Parliament in 1605 and Year 4 have been learning about a horrid spider who tricks and traps an innocent fly. We recently had a fantastic time at the pantomime watching Jack and the Beanstalk. The show was full of brilliant characters like Billy and his mother who kept everyone laughing. We hope that the next term will be just as good as this one. Year 4 children will continue with swimming after the break.

Team 4 - Year 6 have been working hard all term. It's important that parents remember to send their children to school every single day as every minute counts. Some children have been working with Mrs Bukhari learning some songs for the end of term Christmas assembly. A group of children went to Falinge Park High School for a session on mask making so that they could then teach the other children in their class. Year 5 and 6 will be attending a trip to the Lowry Theatre on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Parents will need to collect their children from the downstairs hall.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Assembly

Some of the Year 6 children have been meeting regularly in their own lunch hour to prepare for the Key Stage 2 Christmas assembly. The assembly took place on Friday 16th December. The children opened the assembly with a traditional Christmas carol: "Away in a Manger". This carol tells the story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. The Year 6 children then went on to tell the story: "Teach the Children". This is a delightful story which explains many of the artefacts used over the Christmas period by Christians. The story was then followed by a quiz in which pupils in the audience had to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of traditions and culture around Christmas and then the assembly ended with the whole of the Key Stage joining in singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The children have worked extremely hard to learn their lines for the assembly.

We say a fond farewell to Mr Uddin who after more than 10 years at Heybrook is leaving us at the end of this term. We wish him every success for the future.



School Council Events

We now have the Fruit Tuck shop running at break time for Key Stage 2 children. Children can enjoy healthy fruit and vegetables such as bananas, oranges, carrots or pears for 20p. School Council members have recently completed a survey with the children about possible improvements to the school.

After School Clubs will start on Tuesday 3rd January

Mon	Girls football Y2	Drama	Music Band		
Tues	Football KS2	Karate Rec, Y1,2,3	Craft Y5,6	Football	
Wed		Craft Y1,2			
Thurs	Archery	Netball KS2	Cooking Y1,2	Football	
Fri	Karate Y4,5,6		Film Club		

School Uniform - Parents can now purchase our school uniform with the school logo from Tesco online. To order visit www.tesco.com/ues. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name.

Dates for your Diary

3rd Jan - Pupils return

4th Jan – Y5 and Y6 to The Lowry Theatre

24th Jan – Foundation Stage Height and Weight checks

10th Feb – Non uniform day and break for Half Term

20th Feb – Pupils return

