

HEYBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER



December 2017

CHILDREN IN NEED



Our primary school and nursery raised a whopping £682.54 for children in need! The money was raised with children and staff having a non-uniform day and staff having a “guess the number of chocolates on the cake” competition. Mr Hughes was the lucky winner!

We are the Champions!

Heybrook participated in the annual Rochdale Primary School 5-a-side Football Tournament which was held at Falinge Park High School. Heybrook were crowned champions for a fifth consecutive year! Well done to all the boys. The team received amazing compliments from both spectators and coaches from the other schools involved.



Team 1 –

Nursery have enjoyed the Christmas activities this term and have been practising for our Christmas songs that we will be performing for parents on the last day of term. Father Christmas



visited and gave every child a present at the end of our party day. We enjoyed our visit from Irene Peachy from the library service where she read a story to each class and gave every child a book each to take home. Next term we will have some new children joining the nursery. We will be learning about winter and about how we care for the birds outside.

Team 2 – In Reception we have been learning all about Christmas and the ways in which people celebrate around the World. We have made cards to send to our families and have posted them to our homes. The children are enjoying sharing stories with their friends this half term. In the new year we will be reading and exploring the Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. Thank you for your support over the term.





Year 2 performing Snowmen at Sunset

Team 3 - The children in Key Stage One have had a very busy and successful half term. We are all feeling very festive now and have been reading stories that fit in well with the snow we have had. Year 1 have recently enjoyed their Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime; Year 2 are busy preparing for their performance of Snowmen at Sunset which will take place on the last day of term on Wednesday 20th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Dance Festival - On Thursday 23rd of November, our school was invited to the IPLCN (Inspirational Professional Learning Community Network) Dance Festival 2017. Nine children from across KS2 participated in the event and demonstrated great enthusiasm and self-confidence- it wasn't an easy task performing in front of (more than 100) unfamiliar people. The children practised their dance routine by compromising many of their break and dinner times. They enjoyed the event immensely.

After School Clubs

These are the clubs we will be running next term. If your child is interested in joining, please see Mrs Tahir in school.

Mon	Music, Dodgeball KS2, Multi sports
Tues	Football Y5/6, Cooking club KS1, Karate Rec, Y1/2/3
Wed	Football Y3/4, Craft Y1/2 and Cooking club KS2
Thur	Football KS1, Craft KS2, Fitness Club Y5/6
Fri	Karate Y4/5/6

Dates for your Diary

20th Dec – Break for Christmas Holidays
 4th Jan - Pupils return
 9th Feb – Break for Half term
 19th Feb – Pupils return

Team 4 – Year 3 made a snowman from 300 plastic cups! Year 4 have had a busy half term. The children have continued to go swimming every week and are getting more and more



confident - lots of them do not need to use arm bands any more. In English and history, we have been looking at the Stone Age and reading *Stig of the Dump*. The children have produced some fantastic writing and taken part in lots of different reading activities linked to the topic. Last week, team 4 all enjoyed the pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* at Middleton Arena and are already wanting to go back next year.

Team 5 - Team 5 have had a very exciting half term. Both Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant trip to Oldham Coliseum to watch Dick Wittington. The children really enjoyed themselves and loved joining in with the songs and actions. Year 5 have currently been working on A Christmas Carol in their English lessons and have really enjoyed watching clips of the film to help with their creative writing.

Year 6 have been working on Beowulf in their English lessons. They have created some fantastic descriptive writing detailing the battle between the brave warrior Beowulf and the ghastly monster Grendel. Both year groups have worked incredibly hard and have created some fantastic work. Children in Team 5 are expected to continue to read over the break and write comments in their Reading Record. Year 6 children will also have work in their homework books to complete along with a reading task for their next English text 'Running Wild'.

Staff Changes - We say a fond farewell to Mr Jeffery who is leaving at the end of this term. We wish him every success for the future. We welcome Miss Rana for Saffron class.

School will close for the holidays on Wednesday 20th December at 3.15pm. Pupils return on **Thursday 4th January**. We wish all our families a safe holiday!