



# Newsletter 4

2023/2024

## The Value of the Month is 'Gratitude'



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a wonderfully festive December in school this year: Our fabulous Year 6 class visited Hadley Lawns Residential home in Barnet on 5th December to sing some Christmas carols as well as some old classics such as 'White Cliffs of Dover' before spending time with the residents, the children were wonderful role models throughout and we are very proud of them; the whole school visited St Paul's, Hadley Wood for our annual Carol Concert on 7th December before our KS1 classes performed some Christmas classics to parents during the KS1 Carol Concert on the 11th. Thank you to Reverend Sam Ashton for hosting us. Christmas lunch was delicious - a big thank you to the Catering Team: Marina, Maria and Mary, who cooked a tasty feast for all the staff and children on the 14th. Our final festive event for the term was the Reception Nativity which took place on 19th December. The children sang beautifully and I was very impressed by how confident they were in delivering their lines. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support.

Thank you to each of the families who supported the two FHWS festive events this month. It was lovely to see the children shopping at each of the stalls during the Children's Christmas Fair and the special visit from both Mr and Mrs Claus was a welcome surprise. All of the money raised from the FHWS events continue to support the school so thank you for your generosity.

Our first ever Maths Bee was a fantastic success. The final was a nail-biting event of quick-fire questions – some of which were pitched at GCSE level! As Maths Lead, I was impressed not only by the ability of the finalists but also by their confidence and resilience. Congratulations to our Year 4 winner on their well-deserved victory!

Finally, on behalf of the staff, Governing Body and myself I wish all our families and friends a Happy Christmas and a restful break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on the 8th January 2024.

Best wishes  
Mrs Worby



We are sad to say good bye to Mrs Albon at the end of this term, who will be taking maternity leave but we looking forward to meeting Baby Albon early in the New Year. We also look forward to welcoming Miss Winer back to Hadley Wood who will be taking over from Mrs Albon in Year 4 for the remainder of this academic year. She is very much looking forward to joining the team



### **January**

Monday 8th - Children return to school/Science Arts Trophy Launch  
Friday 12th - Hadley Wood's Got Talent launch/ Year 6 swimming  
Wednesday 17th—Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
Friday 19th - Year 6 swimming/ FHWS Disco  
Tuesday 23rd - Challenge Football Tournament  
Friday 26th - Year 6 swimming  
Friday 27th—Class Act Event

### **February**

Friday 2nd - Year 6 swimming/NSPCC Number Day  
Monday 5th - Friday 9th Year 6 Bikeability  
Monday 5th—Year 5 & 6 Computing Workshop  
Tuesday 6th - Arts Trophy Final - Science  
Wednesday 7th - Year 2 Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
Friday 9th - Year 6 swimming  
Monday 12th—Friday 16th Half Term Break/school closed  
Monday 19th—Arts Trophy launch Spelling Bee  
Wednesday 21st - Year 6 football match @ Southgate  
Wednesday 28th - Year 6 netball match @ Southgate

### **March**

Friday 1st - Year 5 swimming  
Wednesday 6th - Year 5 & 6 @ Lea Valley/Hadley Wood's Got Talent Show @ 5.00pm  
Friday 8th - Year 5 swimming  
Wednesday 13th - Year 6 football match @ Southgate  
Friday 15th - Year 5 swimming  
Saturday 16th - FHWS Comedy Night  
Wednesday 20th—Year 6 @ Harry Potter Studios/ Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
Friday 22nd - Year 5 swimming  
Monday 25th - Friday 29th CREW Week  
Tuesday 26th - Arts Trophy Final—Spelling Bee  
Wednesday 27th - Year 6 netball match @ Southgate  
Thursday 28th - INSET Day—School closed  
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Spring break - School closed

## **Inclusion Corner with Mrs Bertram**

Each month our Inclusion Corner article will share information and links to inform on Special Educational Needs. Hadley Wood School is proud to be an inclusive Enfield community school and our policies and procedures are guided by the SEN Code of Practice 0 -25: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

At Hadley Wood School we have an open door policy and as well as your child's class teacher our SENDCO, Mrs Bertram, is available to talk through any concerns that you have about your child's education and wellbeing. Please notify the school office if you would like to make an appointment and a member of staff will contact you in due course.

### **Anxiety: Circle of Control**

Just like adults, children and young people feel worried and anxious at times. Children can feel anxious about different things at different ages. Many of these worries are a normal part of growing up. But if your child's anxiety is starting to affect their wellbeing and is getting in the way of their everyday life, they may need some help. When young children feel anxious, they cannot always understand or express what they are feeling. You may notice that they: become irritable, tearful or clingy, have difficulty sleeping, wake in the night, start wetting the bed, have bad dreams, etc. In older children you may notice that they: lack confidence to try new things or seem unable to face simple, everyday challenges, find it hard to concentrate, have problems with sleeping or eating, have angry outbursts, have a lot of negative thoughts, or keep thinking that bad things are going to happen, start avoiding everyday activities, such as seeing friends, going out in public or going to school, etc.

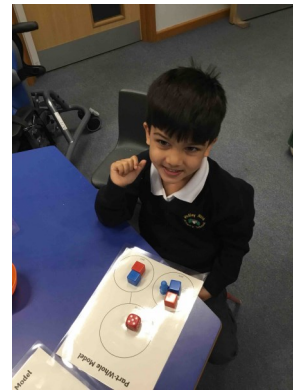
The circle of control is one way to support children with their anxiety by visually showing the things they can control and the things they cannot control. It is a concept that refers to the things in your life that you have the power to change or influence. It is a way of thinking about your life and responsibilities that helps you to focus on what's within your control and let go of things you can't control. It is important for children to talk to a trusted adult about anything that is worrying them, to be listened to and have their feelings understood.





**Moore Class (Reception)** took part in an autumn walk this month as part of their seasons topic, exploring the changes in nature at this time of year. The children enjoyed walking around the local area and identifying changes they can see, hear and feel.

**Moore Class** enjoyed meeting the Marlborough Highway Maintenance Team who kindly came into school and taught the children all about road safety during their workshop. **Moore Class** have also enjoyed learning how to use part whole models this month during their mathematics lessons and can now successfully partition numbers up to 6.



**Attenborough Class (Year 1)** have really enjoyed answering their Big Question 'How can we make fantastic fruit kebabs?'. They were able to bring their designs to life and use a range of kitchen utensils safely. They tell me that the best part was eating the kebabs!

**Attenborough Class** have been very busy learning about our local area. They have explored maps of the local area, identifying the different symbols and road names. On their walk of the local area, the children created maps of the physical and human features they saw along the way. They were also able to recount their walk, label the features and identify compass points. We are very proud of the work they produced!



Last week, **Parks Class (Year 2)** enjoyed an amazing trip to the National Portrait Gallery. They had a wonderful time exploring the different techniques used by famous artists when creating portraits. The workshop provided the children with the opportunity to look at paintings in more detail and to ask the professionals who showed them around some really interesting questions. The children are looking forward to putting their knowledge into action this week, when they paint their own self-portraits.



**King Class (Year 3)** have been enjoying their gymnastics lessons this half term. They have learned the difference between point and patch balances and used these to create a sequence of their own by carefully transitioning from one balance to another.

**Turing Class (Year 6)** visited Hadley Lawns Care home to sing Christmas carols to the residents. The children not only sang beautifully, but conducted themselves impeccably throughout the duration of the visit. The class also had the opportunity to have a chat with the residents and they were lucky enough to discover that a couple of them lived through World War Two, the Year 6 history topic for this half term. They therefore had the wonderful opportunity to ask them questions about evacuation and rationing. It was a lovely afternoon for both the residents of the care home and the children, who genuinely enjoyed this experience.





**Thunberg Class (Year 4)** have enjoyed learning about earthquakes during their geography topic this half term. In class, the children have explored how they can prepare for an earthquake and the devastation left behind by some of the worst earthquakes to hit our planet.

At the end of the unit of work, the children designed and built their own earthquake-proof shelters during their design and technology lessons. **Thunberg Class** were only allowed to use paper straws, masking tape, paper and card to build their structure. The children used their knowledge of cross-bracing to support a 250g weight whilst also withstanding a violent earthquake. **Thunberg Class** certainly have some budding architects!

Over the past few weeks, **Mandela Class (Year 5)** have enjoyed learning about the features of explanation texts in their English lessons. The children have been writing them on the theme of 'The Seasons'. Mandela Class' compositions were thoughtfully structured, featuring essential elements such as the title, informative subheadings, and illustrative diagrams. The children also enjoyed the opportunity to develop their editing skills, refining written paragraphs to elevate the overall quality of their writing.

In their geography lessons, the children have been exploring Europe. **Mandela Class** have immersed themselves in discovering the diverse countries and their respective capital cities. This exploration naturally led the class to engage in thoughtful discussions surrounding the migration crisis, providing them with an opportunity to express and exchange their perspectives on this pertinent global issue.

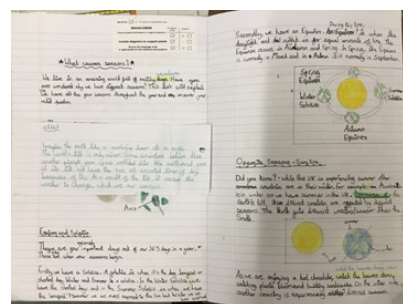
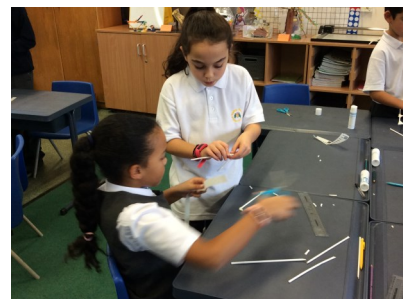
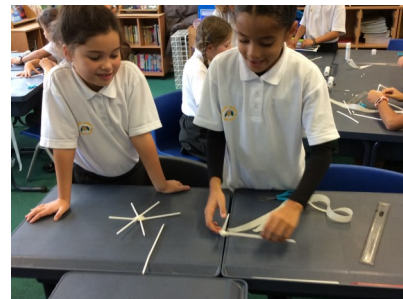
In their PE lessons, **Mandela Class** have continued studying their fitness unit. The children dedicated their efforts to refining various skills, including strength, coordination, speed, and balance, contributing to a holistic physical development.

Finally in their design and technology lessons, the class have explored a range of circuits, both in series and parallel. The children used this knowledge to create their very own fairground ride, which brought their imaginative designs to life.



### NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all of the children who donated £1.00 to wear their Christmas Jumper on 7th December. We raised a total of **£137.98** for the NSPCC charity.



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Poppy Appeal throughout November. We raised a total of **£252.11** for The Royal British Legion.



## Value of the Month

**Our value for December is 'Gratitude'**

Our shared understanding of Gratitude as a school is:

- is to be thankful for what we have
- the ability to show appreciation for and to return kindness

