

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

16th December 2022

Term 2, Week 7



MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Wow. We have had a fun-packed term of adventures again at Hamsey and I think we are all ready for a rest!

Thank you to the PTA and parents/carers/volunteers for helping out with the ever-popular Elfridges - we hope you enjoy opening the presents your children purchased!

The Hedgehogs and Foxes children did us proud this week with their wonderful performances of 'Born in a Barn'. I felt very proud of them and it was fantastic to see so many family members in school. Thank you again for your support with costumes and learning lines.

The Badgers and Owls children really upped the festive feeling with their Victorian Christmas performance. The singing was beautiful and it was lovely to hear the children sharing their knowledge about Victorian traditions. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers. The school really feels like a community and I thank you all for that.

From all the staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES



JANUARY 2023

- Tuesday 3rd - INSET day
- Wednesday 4th - Start of Term 3
- Monday 9th - Y4 swimming (1 of 6)
- Wednesday 11th - Owls to Cumnor
- Thursday 12th - Open Day
- Friday 12th - Y5/6 Cross Country final
- Wednesday 18th - Foxes to Cumnor
- Wednesday 25th - Hedgehogs to Cumnor

FEBRUARY 2023

- Wednesday 1st - Badgers to Cumnor
- Friday 10th - End of Term 3

SINGING CLUB

It's lovely to begin each week with the sound of Alex Kidgell's singing club in the hall.

Alex is taking some of our children to the service at Offham Church on Friday 23rd December. Flyer attached to the bulletin, if you would like to attend.

TERM 3 TIMETABLES



Performing Arts:

We are very excited that Miss Berry is back with us at Hamsey next term! She will be singing and dancing with each class on **Wednesdays**.

Forest School:

Year 3 and Reception will have their sessions with Katie and Toby on **Thursdays**.

PE:

Sports Cool will continue to work with each class next term, with gymnastics as the focus. PE will be on **Tuesdays** for all classes.



ONLINE SAFETY

Please see the bulletin for The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas.

Please can I urge you to be extra vigilant during the Christmas break and ensure that you know what your children are accessing online. Remember to set up new devices with parental controls and to remind your children of how to stay safe online.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

All classes got involved with some food technology this term.

Hedgehogs, Foxes and Badgers Classes stayed warm by making delicious hot chocolate; Owls designed and made flatbread pizzas and our lovely kitchen staff cooked them for us.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to all those children who we have celebrated in the last few weeks.



Kindness Awards:

Lilly, Betty, Jem, Bronwyn, Darius, Jackson, Mimi.

Creativity Awards:

James, Tegan, Evelyn, Nevaeh, Dora, Rowan, Teya, Freddie.

Learning Awards:

Harriet, Grace, Lauren, Bertie, Rafe D, Orla, Raffy.

HAMSEY CHOIR WITH MRS ROBERTSON

A big well done to our lovely Hamsey Choir for another term of beautiful singing! It has been fantastic to see your confidence grow and to see some of you feeling ready to sing solos or in small groups in our Harvest and Christmas performances. Choir is open to all children every Thursday lunchtime. This picture was taken during our final choir of the term where we had a good old Christmas sing-along!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The whole school came together for our annual Christmas lunch - thank you to Claire and Wendy in the kitchen for preparing it all.



SCARLET FEVER & STREP A

You will have heard in the news about the rise in cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep A. Please be very vigilant and get your child checked by a doctor if you have any worries. If antibiotics are started early, infection can be minimised.

To keep everyone else in the school safe, please do not send in your child if they have any of the symptoms and have not yet been checked by a doctor:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

More information here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

A reminder of our Therapeutic Behaviour Policy. The children are used to talking about pro-social, un-social and anti-social behaviours.

	Behaviours	Actions
Pro-social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We are kind, gentle and forgiving ✓ We celebrate our school community and the world around us ✓ We value our learning and creativity ✓ We feel safe to be who we are ✓ Our pro-social choices create a safe space for everyone ✓ Our learning behaviours are: curiosity, determination, independence, pride and respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Positive reinforcement ➤ Celebration Assemblies ➤ Team points ➤ Certificates ➤ Whole-class rewards ➤ "Thank you for..." ➤ "Well done for showing pro-social behaviours" ➤ "Thank you for making a pro-social choice"
Un-social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving your place without permission • Calling out or talking over others • Not listening to instructions • Playing or fiddling with equipment • Not doing as instructed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use de-escalation script ➤ Refer to Zones of Regulation ➤ Verbal warning given ➤ Reminder of pro-social choices ➤ Personalised discussion ➤ Agreed therapeutic response
Anti-social SLT to support if it is persistent or disruptive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued un-social behaviours • Swearing, answering back or name calling • Lying or stealing • Refusal to carry out an adult's request • Deliberately disrupting learning • Throwing equipment • Leaving the classroom without permission • Damage to property or pushing over furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repeat de-escalation script ➤ Refer to Zones of Regulation ➤ Miss 5 minutes of play ➤ Discuss behaviour with class teacher ➤ If behaviour continues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Miss 15 minutes of play ❖ Discuss behaviour with class teacher ❖ Teacher to discuss with parents or carers
Dangerous Anti-social Likely to need SLT support or intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving the premises • Deliberately hurting others • Pushing aggressively • Physical fighting • Spitting • Bullying • Throwing furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SLT to support or intervene ➤ SLT to phone parents or carers ➤ If a child leaves the classroom or site, notify a member of SLT immediately

HEDGEHOGS CLASS



This term we have enjoyed working together and taking turns inside and out! We have made some delightful decorations in Forest School and explored our senses in science. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the North Pole on the Polar Express and a hot chocolate around the camp fire whilst it snowed around us. We explored ice, and talked about the changes from ice to water and about the animals that live in the cold. We will be continuing to learn about the Poles next term.



FOXES CLASS



Foxes Class were visited by Mrs Baker's good friend, PC Upton, who flies drones for his job in the police. The children were able to ask questions about what drones are used for and were intrigued to find out how far and how high it could fly. We were then excited to see the drone in action! It was amazing to see our school from a 'birds eye view'.

In our science sessions we have been exploring our five senses and which body part is associated with each sense. The children took part in a special taste test with our school fruit snacks. They were challenged to see if their sense of taste changed if they shut their eyes and pinched their nose!

As part of our Flight project we found that the school hall had been set-up as an aeroplane! We each made our own boarding pass and were served in-flight snacks and drinks by the lovely cabin crew. We even experienced some turbulence, but enjoyed our onward journeys to our chosen holiday destinations.

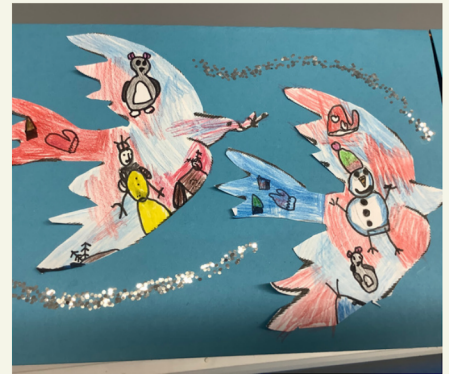


BADGERS CLASS



Badgers Class have had a very festive end to the term. We have been busy crafting and made beautiful Christmas decorations and cards. We have loved the frosty weather and had great fun building snow people on our beautiful school field.

We were very proud of our Victorian Christmas performance and were excited to take our Christmas wreath decorations home.



OWLS CLASS



Owls Class had a fun and festive time cooking Christmas pizzas as part of their technology work this term. Thank you to Mrs Whitehorn, Mrs Johnson and Mr Everitt for supporting groups with their culinary delights! I think we can agree they were a great success.

The snow was so exciting, we couldn't resist making snow-people and a snow-dog on Monday! A fabulous afternoon was had by all. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

We are very proud to announce that Mila has been selected as St. John Ambulance Badger of the Year, which we celebrated in assembly. We are in safe hands!

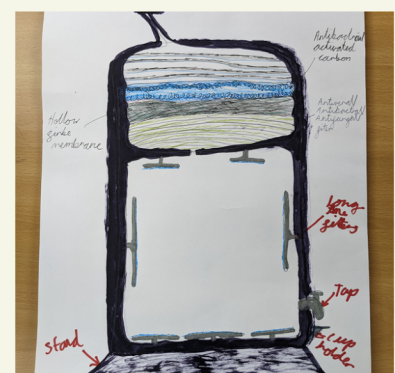
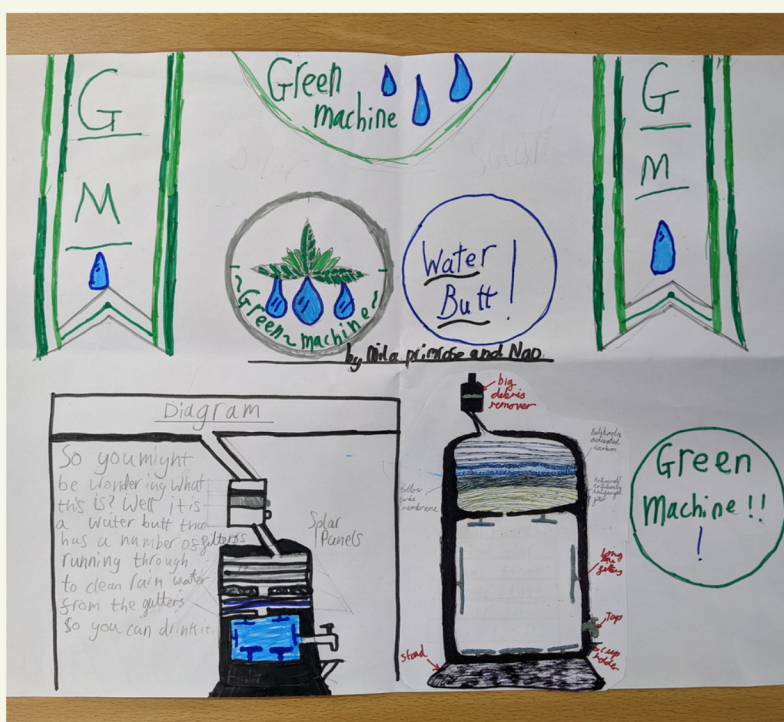


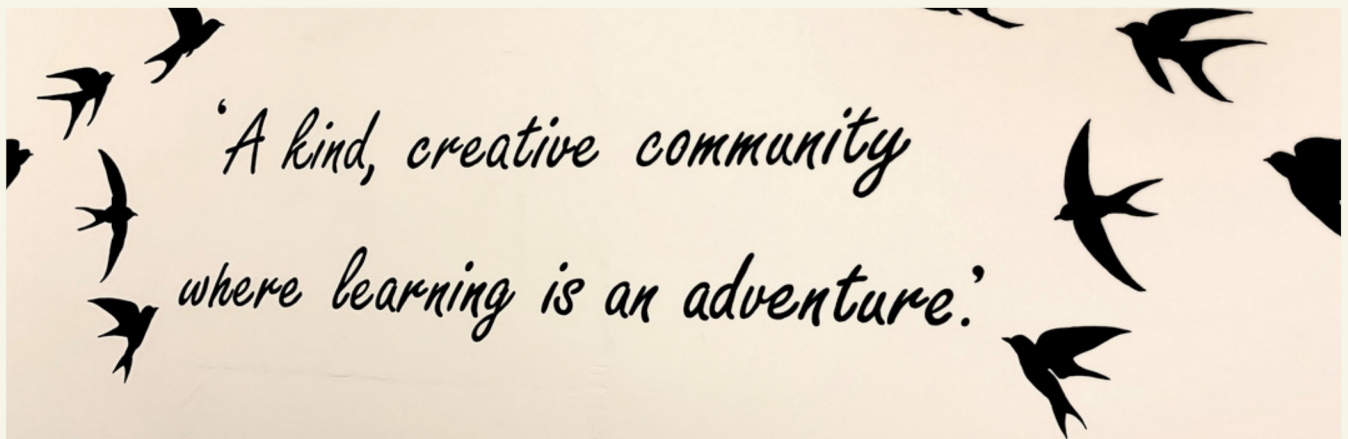
ROAR

We are delighted to announce that our Hamsey team won FIRST PLACE in the national finals of ROAR 2022, representing the southeast region! The children competed against 25,000 children at over 100 other schools - an *amazing* achievement!

Owls pupils, Primrose, Mila and Nao created the design, prototype, and sales pitch for 'The Green Machine', a solar-powered device that purifies dirty water into drinking water. The judges at 8BillionIdeas were particularly impressed that the group had chosen to solve a current global issue. Owls Class, along with Primrose, Mila and Nao's parents, joined the live final via Zoom where the winning schools were announced - it was a truly joyful moment!

As well as medals and a trophy (to be presented next term by members of The Lions Club) the team has won free access to the 8BillionIdeas platform - a digital platform with courses, live sessions, and dedicated mentors to equip students with the entrepreneurial skills for tomorrow. We look forward to their future creations!





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