

# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

4th October 2019



Hello everyone

There has been lots of exciting learning around the school this week. It was great to see Year 6 exploring the grounds and classifying the living things they found - as Carl Linnaeus would have done in the 18th Century. Year 3 have spent the week immersed in their science experiment to discover how shadows change when you move them closer or further away from a light source.

We have changed the English curriculum this year so that it links much more closely with the 'enquiry' work that the children are doing. This means that writing is more purposeful and learning more connected. You should be able to see this if you come to the open morning on the 17th October.

Next week we are holding the first meeting to discuss with you how the government's new relationships and sex education will look at Hannah More. I know that many of you are concerned about this and I look forward to working with you on it. More information about the meeting is inside this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher



Thank you to the PTA  
for their hard work!

**THANK YOU SO  
MUCH FOR COMING**

**WE HAVE  
RAISED**

**...£167.00!**



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



**Year 1: Menal and Abdelrouf**

**Year 2: Malachi and Salma**

**Year 3: Attika and Mohid**

**Year 4: Muhamed and Ashley**

**Year 5: Zakaria and Subaida**

**Year 6: Mohamed and Rajwa**



Is your child starting school in September 2020?

Reception Open Mornings



H a n n a h M o r e  
P r i m a r y S c h o o l

Tuesday 8th Oct  
Tuesday 19th Nov  
Thursday 16th Jan  
9:30-10:30am



Please contact  
the school office  
to book and  
come to see our  
school values  
in action!

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Congratulations to Khalif, our Somali Achievement Manager, who has been highlighted in TWO articles for his work with encouraging mature learners and people from minority groups to get back into education. Well Done Khalif!

You can read the articles here:

<https://www.bristol247.com/lifestyle/learning/making-higher-education-accessible>

<http://bit.ly/UOSautumn>



Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, please make sure that your child is wearing a warm and waterproof coat to school!



Hannah More  
Primary School

Parent Open Morning



Thursday 17th  
October

A chance for parents to come in and see the teaching at Hannah More and to experience your child's learning environment first hand. More information will follow, keep an eye out for an email with information on how to book your slot.



## Relationship and sex education

**Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 am**

**New statutory guidance from the Government says that schools must review their work on Relationship and Sex Education from September 2020**  
**At Hannah More, we want to work with our school community to develop a programme that will support children to grow as confident and tolerant members of society.**

**Find out about the new guidance, share your views and plan a way forward so our school has a programme of learning that the community are confident with.**



Friends of Hannah More secures grant funding along with financial support from local businesses to provide some of the 'extras' for the school community. For example, the group funds some parent courses, trips, playdays, family swims, and creche.

Friends of Hannah More raises approximately £20K per year. We are looking for new people to join the committee and support the work of the group. To find out more, please email [ruth.cochran@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:ruth.cochran@bristol-schools.uk) or come to our next meeting on Monday 21 October 11.15-12.00 in the community room.



Find your child's class to read about what they have been learning this week - and how you can help at home!

## Reception

This week we learnt about blending sounds together to make a word (e.g. 'r' 'a' 't' = rat). We also developed our fine motor skills during our Funk Finger exercises. At home, please play 'I spy' with your child e.g. 'I spy with my little eye something that goes 'h - a - t'. This will help our blending skills.

## Year 3

This week we investigated what happens to the size of a shadow if you move the object further from the light - ask your child what they found out! We also wrote our own versions of Rama and Sita and explored place value counters as mathematicians. At home, encourage your child to practise their times tables and read with them as much as possible.

We have been historians and scientists this week, learning about the work of Carl Linneus and Charles Darwin and learning about living organisms on our playground! As mathematicians, we secured our knowledge on long multiplication and short division and as authors we wrote a narrative about our own version of the kidnapping scene in Beetle Boy. What a lot of learning! At home, please read with your child for 15 minutes daily and ask them questions about what they have read.



**The Lost Property boxes are overflowing! If you have lost something check here first!**  
**PLEASE NAME YOUR CLOTHES! If it has a name in, we can return it!**

## Year 1

We had a special visit from a nurse from the Children's Hospital this week. We also learnt about 'one more' and 'one less' than a number, and wrote adjectives for two characters from our book; 'Avocado Baby'. At home, read with your child every day for 10 minutes. Practise adding one more and taking away one from any number up to 20. Please check your child is writing all their letters the right way round.

## Year 4

As Authors, we wrote setting descriptions of a Castle from our book called 'Frogspell'. As Mathematicians, we practised counting in 1000s and adding and subtracting 1000 from numbers. We also researched different historic eras in British History such as the Romans, Vikings, Victorians, Saxons, Tudors and Georgians. Then we worked out who came before who in chronological order. At home, make sure your child practises their weekly spellings.

## Year 2

This week, as Authors Year 2 retold the story 'Pattan's Pumpkin.' In maths, we practised adding and subtracting by counting on and back. We have also been fantastic Scientists, we looked at what makes a healthy diet and where food comes from. At home, read with your child every day for 15 minutes - this is so important! Practise counting forwards and backwards to 100. This with help them to add and subtract.

## Year 5

As Authors, we wrote story openings that engaged the reader - using all of our new year 5 sentence techniques. We finished our place value unit in maths, learning to read and write Roman Numerals. Our enquiry has led us to thinking about jobs and trades in our local area in the past 100 years. On Monday we will visit a glass factory to find out how glass is made. At home, practise your times tables up to 12 x 12.

