



NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week we have had here at Hogarth!

Our week began with a great turnout on Sunday at the Hutton Park Run, where a group of young runners, accompanied by Mrs King and Mr Yexley, braved the horrendous weather conditions to complete their parkrun and put HP Striders on the map. Despite the rain, it was wonderful to hear so many positive reports from both children and parents alike. I promise to make the next one—provided my boys don't have sporting fixtures that clash! Well done to everyone involved.

On Monday, our Year Threes, led by Mrs Holbrook, went on a Stone Age adventure, once again braving the cold and wet as they trudged through King George's Park and into the woods at Thorndon for their Stone Age experience. They built dens, lit fires, hunted for the endangered Thorndon Mammoth, and created their own cave art. The weather certainly didn't put them off—although the 10K walk did take quite a bit out of them! I don't think I've ever heard the class so quiet upon their return.

Wednesday saw our youngest children visit Brentwood Library, where they all became members. It was lovely to see such excitement on their faces, to watch how well they managed the walk, and to note how impeccably they behaved inside the library. Now that they have their cards, I hope they will visit regularly and enjoy everything the library has to offer.

On Thursday, our Year 4 explorers set off early for the Science Museum in Kensington. They were incredibly excited—something I'm sure the coach driver can confirm! Feedback from parents and staff was overwhelmingly positive: the children had a fantastic time, thoroughly enjoyed the exhibits, and behaved exceptionally well.

Finally, today our Year 2 children set off on a wildlife adventure to Colchester Zoo, where they were completely absorbed by their surroundings and the animals on show. They participated enthusiastically in their habitats workshop and, I must say, I haven't walked up so many hills in a very long time!

I would like to thank all the staff who took the time to organise, risk-assess, and plan such exciting visits for our children this week.

Thank you also to everyone who came in dressed for the colour hampers and donated such a generous array of goodies. These will be raffled off at the Ho Ho Hogarth event. Your donations are gratefully received and will contribute to the fantastic fundraising work of our wonderful PTA—who, this week, purchased new football kits for both our KS1 and KS2 teams. When we turn up at events, not only will we challenge any team with our skill, but we'll also look the part! I'll be sure to share images of the new kits when they arrive.

A huge thank you also to **Bic's Xmas Cabin, 28 Coxtie Green Road, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, CM14 5PT**, who kindly donated a Christmas tree to the school this year.

If, like many of the staff, your decorations are going up this weekend, I hope the lights aren't too tangled and that the baubles have survived another year in storage.



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Stars of the Week

| RB | 1/2F | 1/2KC | 2Y |
|--------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Hayyaa | Ella-rose | Eleanor | Casper |
| 3H | 4C | 5H | 6C |
| Niles | Sophia | Michelle | Liselot |



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Casper M (2Y) For showing exceptional knowledge about animal habitats on the school trip to the Zoo.



Reading at Home –

| Class | Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home | | | | | | % 3 and more | % 4 & 5 | % not reading |
|-------|---|---|---|---|----|----|--------------|---------|---------------|
| | Times Read | | | | | | | | |
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| RB | 9 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 48% | 37% | 33% |
| 1/2KC | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 61% | 50% | 6% |
| 1/2F | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 75% | 60% | 10% |
| 2Y | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 93% | 75% | 0% |
| 3H | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 13 | 93% | 72% | 0% |
| 4C | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 75% | 43% | 14% |
| 5H | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 16 | 93% | 66% | 3% |
| 6C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 97% | 66% | 10% |



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Weekly Attendance

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| Class | RB | 1/2F | 1/2KC | 2Y | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|
| Attendance | 88.6% | 90.5% | 88.9% | 95% | |
| | | | | | |
| Class | 3H | 4C | 5H | 6C | 92.2% |
| Attendance | 95.9% | 91.8% | 92% | 93% | |

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| 3H | 2Y | 6C |



Yearly Attendance

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| Class | RB | 1/2F | 1/2KC | 2Y | Whole school |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 91.5% | 94.3% | 91.2% | 96.7% | |
| | | | | | |
| Class | 3H | 4C | 5H | 6C | 94.5% |
| Attendance | 95.1% | 94.6% | 96% | 94.8% | |

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| 2Y | 5H | 3H |

| Literacy Word of the Week | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| | habitat | bleak | destroying |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| scurry | bombarded | majestic | captivity |

| Maths Word of the Week | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| | whole & part | fact family | more |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| exchange | factor | denominator | divisor |



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Diary Dates

Monday 1 December – Reception – Height/Weight/Vision checks

Monday 1 December – School Choir – Brentwood Centre

Tuesday 2 December – Tag Rugby event at Brentwood Rugby Club

Wednesday 3 December – International Disability Day

Wednesday 3 December – Reception Walk to the Post Box

Friday 5 December – Reception ‘Biscuit Decorating’ (parents invited)

Monday 8 December – Year 5&6 visit to St Thomas’ Church - PM

Wednesday 10 December - Prospective parent tour for 26/27 – 9.30

Wednesday 10 December – Reception Nativity 14.15 (parents invited)

Thursday 11 December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Donate a bottle)

Friday 12 December – Music Soiree 13.30

Monday 15 December – Panto with Don

Tuesday 16 December – Ho Ho Hogarth event 15.30

Wednesday 17 December – Selected Choir Members out – Warley Golf Club

Wednesday 17 December – Year 1 Christmas Nativity 14.30

Thursday 18 December – KS2 & Yr2 Christmas Performance 9.30 & 14.00

Friday 19 December – Rocksteady Assembly – 14.30

As we approach the end of term, you may have seen that shops and supermarkets are using the end of the academic year to promote the giving of token gifts to teachers to say thank you. I must stress that this has never been and never will be expected by any member of Hogarth School staff. However, if you or your child/ren would like to say thank you in this way, please ensure that you refer to Section 10 of the Trust’s Gifts and Hospitality Policy, available [HERE](#), which details the monetary values that members of staff are allowed to accept from pupils and/or parents/carers.

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