



Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

Newsletter - December, 2013

"Because of the positive impact of the school's Christian ethos, its high quality care and nurture of all pupils and its all embracing whole school family atmosphere, this is a very effective learning community" Inspection of Anglican Schools report, June 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

The half term running up to Christmas is always a busy one—and this half term has been no exception! We have enjoyed plenty of exciting events in school!



EUREKA!
the national children's museum



November 14th saw 60 Key Stage 1 children and 10 very excited grown ups descend on Eureka in Halifax for a fantastic day. We spent a lot of time looking at different parts of our body in the All About Me section, had a chance to look around Marks and Spencer, the Halifax bank, see the inside of a working garage and also mend the road!



Unfortunately the money they gave us in the Halifax bank wasn't real and we set the alarms off when we got into the vault where they kept the money. We had great fun in our workshop testing fruit juices, painting with different fruits and investigating fruits very closely. We had a fantastic day and would love to go back.

Children in Need

This year we raised funds for Children in Need in style when we all dressed up. Our challenge was to wear spots and/or stripes and as usual, the children of Hanging Heaton came up with some weird, wacky and wonderful outfits!

As well as having fun, we raised an impressive £170 for children less fortunate than ourselves.

Well done to all!

Athletics event

On Thursday 21st November a team of 21 Year 5 and 6 athletes took part in an Inter-schools athletic competition. Events included both track and field, the Paarlauff was a particularly interesting one, since nobody knew what it was beforehand (but we do now!) Competition was stiff and our team did us proud—most of them having to double up for 2 or more events. Well done to all of them!

Ravenshall twinning.

On Friday 6th December we were very lucky to have some year 5 and 6 children from Ravenshall School visiting us. They took part in some literacy activities with our year 6 children. A fun time was had by all as the children composed their own riddles and kenning poems. The session ended with a performance of these to the group and an opportunity for the group to guess the answer.

Some of the poetry was even performed with actions! Our children behaved very well and once again we were very proud of them!

NSPCC Workshops

The children in year 5 and year 6 have been working with NSPCC. They took part in an assembly and workshop about Childline. They discovered about how to keep safe and what to do if they are concerned or worried about anything.

They also received an activity kit and completed an online quiz.

The main message that they received from Childline was:

“ Every child has the right to be happy and safe.”

We Love Books!

As part of our whole school focus on reading the children in all classes have been taking part in various reading activities. These include: get caught reading, where everybody in school had a 15min reading session at the same time; a visit from Kirklees Mobile Library Service and Reading Buddies Training. We will be introducing reading buddy sessions at lunchtime when we return after the Christmas holiday. We hope to do further whole school reading activities next term—so watch this space!

**EDEN
CAMP**

Key Stage 2 trip to Eden Camp

On 7th November, to link in with our topic work on the Second World War, Key Stage 2 paid a visit to Eden Camp near Malton in North Yorkshire. Originally built as a prisoner-of-war camp for German soldiers, the museum is now home to thousands of historical artefacts from during the War.



Everyone enjoyed looking at all the interesting exhibits. Each of the 24 huts was about a different period during the War, from the Blitz; to Evacuation; to a re-creation of a row of 1940's shops.



“I think my favourite part was the puppet show because it was exciting and I really liked the music. I liked the hut about the blackout too, it was really scary!” - Macie, Class 3.

“I liked the hut where we found out about the Blitz, it was really creepy and fun! I wish we had more time to look around.” - Jack, Class 3.

Our first Nativity

*We had great fun performing 'Our First Nativity'
We practised very hard and were so happy to see all our families there to watch us.
We particularly liked singing the songs, our favourite was 'I'm a little angel' - though maybe our parents would disagree with this statement!
Thank you all for coming to see Our First Nativity.*



Christmas

...And, as we go to press, we still have Christmas treats to look forward to! Both KS1 and KS2 are looking forward to their Christmas parties where I am sure great fun will be had by all. Also, we are looking forward to our Christmas Carol Concert to round off an extremely busy term and celebrate together.

So from all of us here at Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School:-

“We wish you a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year!”