



# Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

## Newsletter - December, 2014

*Established Strength "The good care, guidance and support offered to all children and the way in which the children reciprocate by caring about everyone else in the school community." SIAS 2011*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another opportunity to showcase our special talents and achievements through the activities we have enjoyed doing over the last half term!



### *Cock-A-Doodle Christmas*

*Key Stage 1's Christmas production was based in the farmyard on Christmas Eve. Father Christmas not only brought the Sheep, the Cow, the Pig and the Cockerel their best Christmas presents ever, but also the whole cast from the story of the Nativity, making it a most spectacular night!*



### Sports Hall Athletics

On Wednesday 26th of November, the Year 5 and Year 6 children had a wonderful opportunity to take part in an athletics event held at Manor Croft Academy. 18 children took part in the after school event. The children competed against 2 other local schools, where they did a mixture of track and field events. The children performed brilliantly, they showed determination and teamwork as they cheered on the school. We were proud and delighted that the children came 2nd. Well done!



### Class 2 assembly

On Friday 5th December Class 2 presented their class assembly for parents. They did a brilliant job of teaching us all about healthy eating, Queen Elizabeth and Henry VIII. To keep us all entertained the children sang three songs and performed like true professionals. The highlight of the show had to be the drama work in which the children took on the roles of Henry VIII and his wives. This provided us with a comical insight into how Henry treated his wives!

### Remembrance Service

As part of their topic learning about World War 1. on 11th November, our key stage 2 children presented a service in remembrance of all the soldiers who have lost their lives fighting for our country. The service included why we celebrate Armistice Day as well as the symbolic significance of wearing poppies. The children created a superb atmosphere for reflection and certainly gave us all something to think about as well as displaying their fantastic learning.

### Biscuit Making topic!

As part of our food topic, Key Stage 2 held a 'Great British Bake Off' style competition. The children were given the task of making a Christmas themed biscuit to sell at our school Christmas Fayre. Each team were given a basic biscuit recipe to follow and could choose extra ingredients such as chocolate, ginger and fruit to personalise their recipe. They also had to consider their designs and how they would decorate their biscuit to make it look attractive to our customers! They then thought of creative names for their biscuits such as 'The North Pole Crumble' to tie in with the Christmas theme. Finally, the children presented their biscuits to Mrs Thompson who had the tricky but lucky task of tasting each one! The winning group then set to work making batches of their biscuits and decorating each one by hand ready to sell the following day.

As well as learning all about product design, the children also did some excellent cross-curricular writing about their biscuits including adverts, persuasive descriptions and instructions. The children had a fantastic time taking part in this real life and purposeful activity and we managed to sell every single one to raise money at our Christmas Fayre!

### World Food Tasting

To tie in with our Food topic, Key Stage Two sampled some more exotic foods from around the world.

Class 3 were treated to a virtual trip to a European Christmas Market as they sampled continental cakes and sweets including Belgian waffles, German lekbuchen, hot chocolate and croissants. They then wrote postcards home about their experience.

Class 4 turned up the heat and travelled to the East to sample foods from China and India. The children learned about staple foods in these countries and some of us discovered new foods that we had never tried before but would love to try again.

Class 5 took to Italy to try pizzas, pasta and fruit juice and produced some impressive descriptive writing from the session.

The children agree that this was an enjoyable (and tasty!) experience and an opportunity to try something new and learn about other countries and cultures.

### Our Christmas Fair



Friday 28th November was a very busy day because we had our Christmas Fair. We had all been busy baking and decorating biscuits and so had our Mums, Dads and other friends of school judging by the cake stall.

Our special visitor was kept very busy most of the afternoon and we all had lots of fun playing games, winning prizes, having faces and nails painted, buying books, candles and Christmas crafts and having a well earned cup of tea and mince pie.

We made a massive £1060.39 with thanks to you all for your generous support.