

# Harlesden Times



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Dear Parent/carer,

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!). We've had a busy and productive term with lots of competitions, choir events, afterschool clubs, Christmas concerts, off site learning trips and recently our parent and children Christmas dinner event, all of which have been a huge success this term!

In addition to this, our Christmas performances from the reception and nursery children are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception! The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of performance they gave - fabulous! Well done to our talented children for giving their best, and thanks to staff who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully.

Watch this space for our new Harlesden school website which is in the process of having a huge makeover and is currently being updated with lots of new photographs and information. In the spring term we will be launching a variety of extended day activities. A timetable of what will be on offer will be circulated very soon by Miss Ellis. Please be patient while we organise all clubs and tutors for the New Year ahead.

In January we will be launching an '**Attendance Month**'. Pat and Mrs McArthur have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure that we start the term with a bang! We want 100% attendance from all our children for the month of January. There will be lots of prizes to be won and fun and games along the way. More information of this up and coming event will be given soon. Keep your eyes peeled!

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to a number of teachers this term, Miss Leonard from the Nursery, Miss Green from Reception, Miss Abbie from Year 1, Mr James our PE teacher and Miss Tamara from year 4. All of you have been an integral part of our school community and will be missed by all the children, parents and carers and the teaching team. We would like to thank you all for your commitment to the children of Harlesden Primary and wish you all the very best for the future.

Finally, a thank you to everyone -parents, staff, governors and especially the children for everything you do to make Harlesden such a great school. Your energy, commitment and hard work for the good of all the children is why we have such a great school. I wish you all the season's greetings, Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2019.

Have a happy and peaceful holiday. I look forward to welcoming the children back to School on **Tuesday 8th January 2019.**

Mrs Wawn and Mr Rentall



## Year 5 Wattle

The past term has been very busy in Wattle Class. We have been writing poems that we are going to publish in a 'Wattle Class Seasonal Poems' book. We have been working on these for the past 8 weeks: planning, drafting, conferencing, drafting again and finally publishing using the computers. A copy will be available in our library for all to read. Wattle students have really enjoyed learning about Earth and Space and last week all of Year 5 went to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich to further our learning of Earth and Space. We watched an amazing planetarium show and had a tour of the observatory.

Wattle class have worked so hard this term and have made great progress in all subject areas. Miss Ellis is extremely proud of them all!

*Summer, Summer in the sun,  
Flowers grow and bunnies run.  
Pretty flowers in the spring,  
Violets bloom and birds sing.  
Grass hoppers, ladybirds and bees,  
Hop about bare toes and knees.*



*The wind blows hard across the hills,  
And shakes the yellow daffodils.  
The fog comes on without a sound,  
Grey, silent all around.  
Rain, rain on the window pane,  
Splashes once and splashes again.  
Jagged lightning splits the sky,  
Thunder rumbles and wild winds cry.  
Orange pumpkins, gold corn,  
Crimson grapes, and frosty morn.  
Smoke is drifting all around,  
From raked leaves on the ground.  
Snowballs, snowballs in the snow,  
Snowflakes fall and cold winds blow.  
Walk across the icy snow,  
Footprints follow where ever you go.  
Starlight, starlight frosty bright,  
Fills the spaces of the night.*



*By Romaysae*

# EYFS Christmas Concert!

Over the past few weeks we have been working hard to prepare for our Christmas concert. Each child made a special hat. Buttercups made Santa hats, Daffodils made Reindeer hats and Bluebells made Elf hats. The children learnt the lyrics and actions for 8 different Christmas songs. Some children even introduced the concert and the songs with so much confidence. On the day we performed two different concerts. The children looked and sounded **AMAZING**. We are all extremely proud of each and every one.

Well done and have a very safe and happy holiday.

EYFS Team xx





## HARLESDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL ACHIEVES YOUTH SPORT TRUST BRONZE QUALITY MARK

HARLESDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust **BRONZE** Quality Mark for its commitment to physical education (PE) and school sport at its school. The Youth Sport Trust is a national charity that builds a brighter future for young people through the power of sport. The Quality Mark is an online self-review tool which provides schools with a nationally recognised badge of excellence for the quality of its PE and school sport. The tool supports schools to audit their PE provision and identify priorities for its development.

Mrs Wawn, said:

“We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the Bronze Quality Mark from the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible sporting experiences for the young people at our school.

“There are a whole range of educational, health and wellbeing benefits from delivering high quality PE and school sport, and we see on a regular basis that when it is delivered well it can transform the lives of all pupils.”

Harlesden Primary School students have been participating in two hours of timetabled Physical Education each week as well as having the opportunity to participate in various extra-curricular activities such as boys and girls football teams, athletics club, and various interschool events. There are plenty more opportunities in the upcoming terms so be sure to be demonstrating the school values in your PE lessons!



## E- Safety – Newsletter - November 2018

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. There are many websites and resources online to support you in helping your child to stay safe online. Check out the useful websites below and a brief summary of the content.



### Useful websites and links

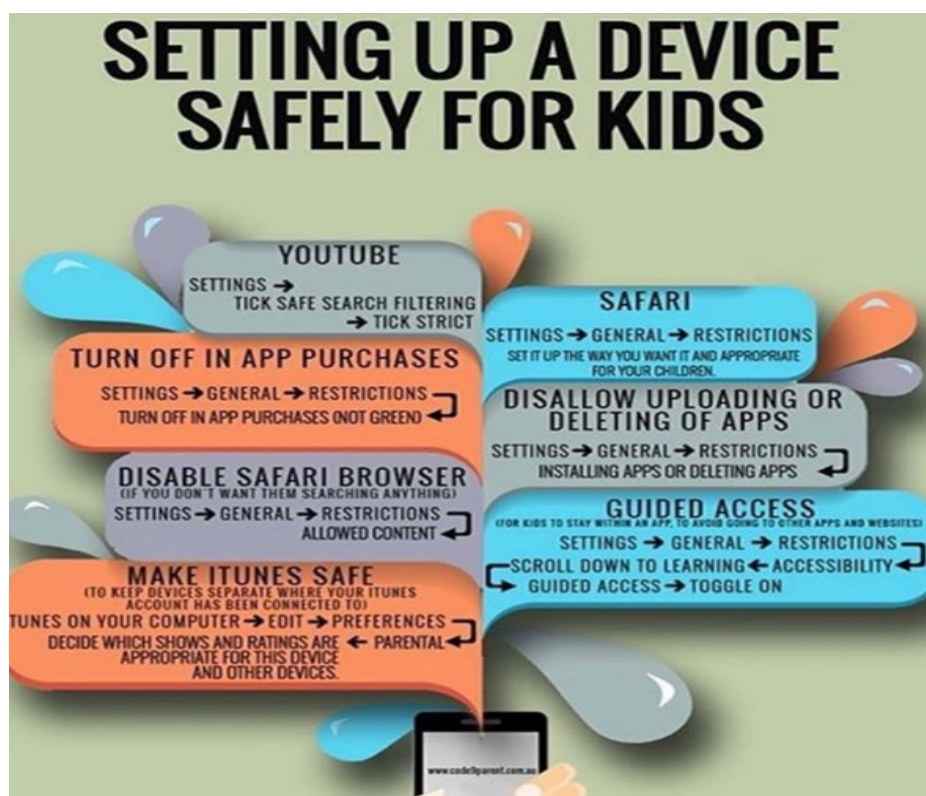
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

A fantastic new website – they are the experts in digital family life. Parent zone provides support and information to parents, children and schools, working globally to help families to navigate the internet safely and confidently.



- <https://www.childnet.com/>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.



If you would like any further advice for online safety please contact Miss Oliver our Computing Leader at HPS.

# Well done to Rose for achieving 100% Attendance.

## ATTENDANCE FOR PUPILS ATTENDING HARLESDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 14.12.18

