

### Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 13 December 2021

Dates for the Diary	Dear Parent/Carer,
Autumn Term 2021 Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner & Jolly Jumper Day Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December – 1:30pm Yr1	We hope this finds you all well and coping with the drop in temperature outside. On that note, we would like to advise you that all children need to come to school with a suitable coat even if they are dropped at school by car.
Christmas Carol Concert outside <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> – 1:45pm & 4:15pm Y4 Christmas Carol Concert outside <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> – 3:30pm Yr1 Christmas Carol Concert outside	Another reminder is that the school gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am. Children arriving after this time are deemed late. We do this to prepare our children for the world of work where being late is unacceptable.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Virtual Christmas Concert shared via Tapestry Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December – Last day for Nursery Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Yr3 Choir Performance 2:15pm Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Last day for pupils – 1:30pm finish Spring Term 2022	As you may be aware, the government has moved to Plan B. This does not change a lot of procedures that we already have in place: face masks; social distancing; regular handwashing; and good hygiene, however, we do need you to regularly test using lateral flows or PCRs if you or your child display any symptoms. We have had some parents who have not informed us of positive results, this puts the school and wider community at risk.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day (no pupils) Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January – All pupils return to school Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January – Wear pyjamas fundraiser £1	Within this edition of Snippets, you will see a wonderful poster designed by some of our parents who want to help others. They would like any donations of toys and gifts so that they can be wrapped and given to other children and families within our Hunters Hall community to open this Christmas.
Thrive School of Excellence	Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas celebrations coincide closely with the Winter Solstice, the day of the year when we have reached the peak of darkness in our days and every day beyond that point offers a little more light. Putting up lights helps celebrate this important turning of the seasons symbolically offering hope to all the world. We would like to end our message by asking you to think about what brings you hope.
Thrive School of Excellence 2021	Keep warm this weekend, Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell, Co-Headteachers
We would like all parents/carers to parenthub	Attendance Congratulations to <u>1H</u> in Key Stage 1 who achieved <u>96.00%</u> this week and to <u>4G</u> in Key Stage 2 with <u>98.80%</u>
join us on Parent Hub.	Class     Attendance %     Class     Attendance %     Class     Attendance %
<ul> <li>Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.</li> <li>1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).</li> </ul>	RB       86.43       2M       92.02       4R       89.42         RH       86.34       2T       91.60       5N       92.91         RR       86.69       3D       94.61       5P       92.57         1H       96.00       3G       93.36       5R       95.42         1L       84.21       3T       85.71       6A       88.69         1R       93.96       4E       95.77       6L       90.67         2K       91.63       4G       98.80       6Y       89.42
<ol> <li>Create yourself an account.</li> <li>Choose "Add a School" and enter: @HuntersHallPS</li> </ol>	MATTERS



#### RockSteady Feel Good Fridays

#### **RECEPTION TO YEAR 2**

To register for this event click <u>here</u> or copy this url into your web browser https://webinars.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ref/kHOzxALWzwYGTEwP

#### Band Leader Tommy will cover:

- The 12 Sounds of Christmas: Jingle all the way as we test the children's knowledge of instruments and instrument families in this light-hearted game.
- A Christmas Tale: We challenge the children's listening skills with an interactive story. 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house there were lots of different sounds.
- Seasonal Sing & Sign: Learn the lyrics and Makaton signs for a classic tune that'll have you dreaming of a 'White Christmas'.
- Christmas Performance: Experience a fantastic Christmas Medley that will send everyone into the holidays feeling festive and fabulous.

#### YEARS 3 AND 4

To register for this event click here or copy this url into your web browser https://webinars.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ref/1hDTu8cTsr0IK4Pd

#### Band Leader Paul will cover:

- Quizmas Crackers: We'll be challenging the children's musical know-how in this Christmas themed quiz.
- Space Sounds: As our journey into space-inspired music ends, we enjoy some final festive numbers about the universe and beyond.
- Musical Word of the Week: Choral music is a big part of the holiday season, but what does the word choral mean and how are choral voices used in music?
- Christmas Performance: There's no bah-humbug beats here, as we enjoy an uplifting Christmas megamix performance from some of our professional musicians.





#### YEARS 5 AND 6

To register for this event click here or copy this url into your web browser https://webinars.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ref/ZS6TPnbujvbclNlt

#### Band Leaders Tommy, Paul, and friends will cover:

- The Theory Lab: With many experiments and investigations under our belts, we explore all we've learnt in a special Theory Lab quiz.
- The Jingle Zone: It's a festive twist on the Production Zone as we add the finishing touches to our composition. But what makes a song sound Christmassy?
- Musical Word of the Week: We explore the word 'carol', a soundtrack to Christmas for hundreds of years. From humble beginnings to understanding why they are loved and how they have changed over the years.
- Christmas Pioneers Performance: Some songs are part of the festive furniture and Christmas wouldn't be the same without them. We take a closer look at these seasonal sound pioneers, celebrating with a Christmas Medley to end the year!

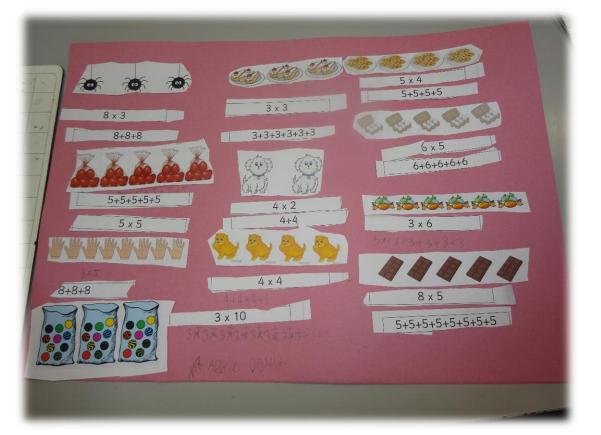
#### **Practical Maths**



Children in Year 3 have been looking at the relationship between repeated addition and multiplication. They used pictorial and concrete apparatus to support their learning this week. The children, working in partners, needed to match the correct calculation to the images for the x2, x3, x4 & x5 times tables. Repeated addition is adding equal groups together. It is also known as multiplication. If the same number is repeated then, we can write that in the form of multiplication.

3 × 3	3 + 3 + 3 = 9 3 × 3 = 9
2 × 4	2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8 2 × 4 = 8
4 × 3	4 + 4 + 4 = 12 4 × 3 = 12
5 × 4	5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 20 5 × 4 = 20





#### Competition

Can you design a poster or comic strip that informs people about the issue of plastic pollution? The winner will have their work made into banners that will be displayed around our school premises and also be sent to our partner school in Nigeria.



# CLASSROOMS



## Life Below Water

Tackling plastic pollution through creativity and critical thinking



### Get involved with the Winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme in Barking and Dagenham!

Postcode	Venue	Dates	Ages
RM8 3AR	Artbash at Valence School	29 Dec & 30 Dec	Age 5 to 11
RM8 3AR	Ballerz at Valence School	20 Dec to 24 Dec	Age 5 to 11
IG11 8JA	Ballerz at Northbury School	20 Dec to 24 Dec	Age 5 to 11
RM9 5NU	Disablement Association of Barking and Dagenham at Parsloes Avenue	22 Dec & 23 Dec, 29 Dec to 31 Dec and 4 Jan	Age 5 to 18
RM9 5TB	Dagenham Eagles at Five Elms School	20 Dec to 22 Dec	Age 5 to 12
RM9 5TB	Dagenham Eagles at Five Elms School	29 Dec to 31 Dec	Age 12 to 16
RM6 5NJ	Dagenham Eagles at Marks Gate Community Centre	28 Dec to 30 Dec	Age 5 to 12
IG11 7LX	Everyone Active at Abbey Leisure Centre	21 Dec to 23 Dec	Age 4 to 16
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active at Becontree Heath Leisure Centre	22 Dec & 23 Dec and 29 Dec & 30 Dec	Age 4 to 16
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports at St Peter's School	22 Dec & 23 Dec and 29 Dec & 30 Dec	Age 4 to 11
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sports at William Ford School	22 Dec & 23 Dec and 29 Dec & 30 Dec	Age 4 to 11
IG11 8LF	Malearn at Abbey Community Centre	21 Dec to 23 Dec	Age 5 to 11
RM8 2QR	Premier Education at Becontree School	21 Dec to 23 Dec and 29 Dec & 30 Dec	Age 5 to 11
IG11 0FJ	Progressive Sports at Rivergate Centre	20 Dec to 23 Dec	Age 5 to 12
RM9 6XW	Right Development at Goresbrook School	20 Dec to 23 Dec	Age 7 to 17
RM10 7PR	Studio 3 Arts at Heath Park Centre	23 Dec & 24 Dec, 27 Dec to 31 Dec and 3 Jan	Age 12 to 18
RM10 8TR	The Wright Education at Dagenham Parish Hall	20 Dec to 24 Dec	Age 5 to 11
IG11 OLH and RM9 4UN	Thames Ward Community Project at Sue Bramley Centre and Castle Green Leisure Centre	22 Dec & 23 Dec, 27 Dec to 31 Dec and 4 Jan	Age 5 to 13
IG117JA	Ultimate Vision Sports at Gascoigne School Annex	20 Dec to 23 Dec and 27 Dec to 30 Dec	Age 4 to 14
IG11 7QS	Ultimate Vision Sports at Ripple School	22 Dec & 23 Dec	Age 4 to 14
RM8 1DN	Ultimate Vision Sports at Robert Clack Leisure Centre	20 Dec to 23 Dec and 27 Dec to 30 Dec	Age 4 to 14
RM10 7HX	Ultimate Vision Sports at William Bellamy School	22 Dec & 23 Dec	Age 4 to 14
RM9 4UN	West Ham United Foundation at Jo Richardson School	20 Dec to 23 Dec	Age 11 to 16
RM7 OPH	YMCA at Thames Gateway	20 Dec to 23 Dec and 29 Dec & 30 Dec	Age 4 to 12

For more information and to book, please visit www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-winter-activities

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme is open to children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefit-related free school meals. To check eligibility please visit www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-school-meals-0

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#### Parking Madness

We have been contacted by a parent who is also very concerned by the irresponsible driving and parking of parents/carers around the school.

## *"I never thought I could be shocked by the parking I have seen in all my years at Hunters Hall but over the last couple of weeks I have!"*

We urge you to prioritise the safety of our children.







#### Raffle

The tickets will be on sale from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the raffle will be drawn on the last Monday (20<sup>th</sup> December) of term.

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## Year 6 fundraising raffles Four perfect Christmas presents...



Child's mountain bikesuitable for ages 7-10



Official FA Premier League Football (RRP £150) signed by West Ham legend Mark Noble.



Child's BMX-style bike. Suitable for ages 5-8



Two tickets to a Dagenham and Redbridge football game

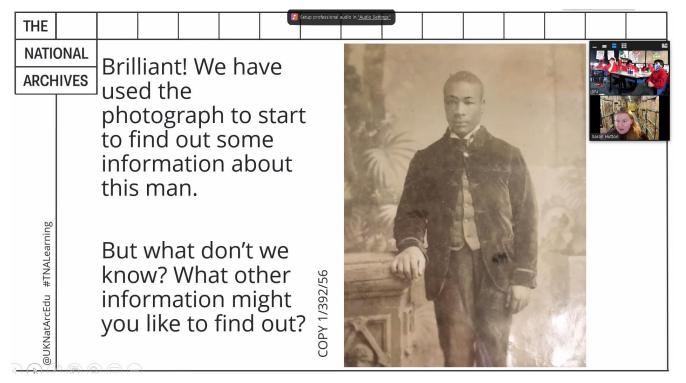
Tickets on sale outside Mr Read's classroom after school every day between 3.15 and 4.00.

50p each or five for £2.00

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#### Victorians

As part of our History topic on the Victorians, Year 5 took part in virtual seminars with the National Archives, where they were able to investigate original documents (newspaper clippings and census data) belonging to Black Victorians. We also learned the reasons why few black people are documented during this era and how important it is for us to learn about diversity.

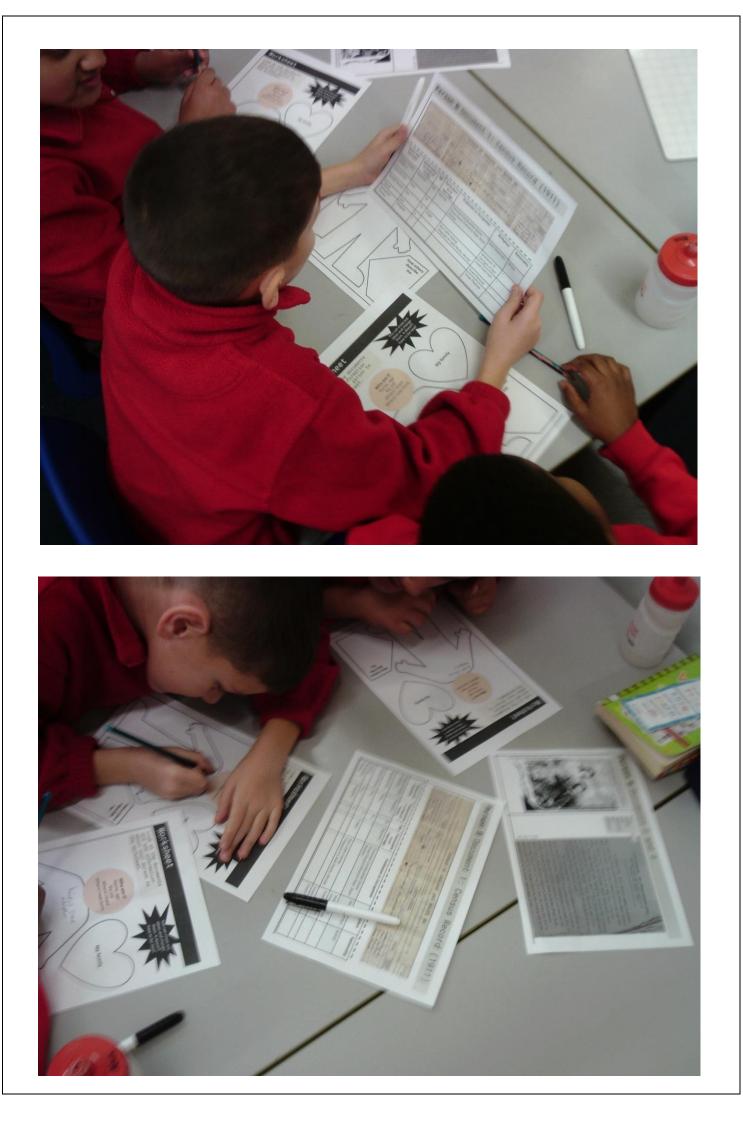


Yesterday, Sarah told us why we don't really talk about the Black Victorians. Sarah was from the National Archives. My favourite part was when we did the worksheet because it was fun looking at at the information about Ira F Aldridge. He was born in Africa, was married and was 43 years old. He was a famous tragedian who changed peoples feelings about black people. ~ Evie P

At the virtual visit with Sarah on Zoom, we learnt about Black people in the Victorian times. Sarah was from London nd worked at the National Archive. We looked at different documents to learn all about two famous Black Victorians. My favourite part was we investiaged and completed the worksheet. I learned about a man called Knight Donald Adolphus, who was 38 years old and worked at a dangerous explosive place. ~ Khalid

Yesterday Sarah taught us about black people in the Victorian era. We didn't hear about many black people because they weren't famous and didn't have a lot of power. There is something called 'Hidden History'. Sarah is from the National Archives, where they keep documents from history in a room. My favourite part was when she told us about the archives. ~ Liyana







Year 2 Visit ~ St George's Church



On Tuesday we went to St George's Church. In there we listened to a lady called Shona (who has the same birthday as me) about lots of different things about the church and what we can do there. We sang songs and learned about the church. We even learned that the church is 80 years old. Then she showed us a picture of Mrs Roche getting married in the church. I go there every Monday to Little Fishes. Shona also told us that on Christmas Eve the most important food is bread and wine. At the end of our visit to the church we could go and look around what was inside the church. Then we got back into our pairs and went back to school. I really liked the school trip it was so good!

By Emilia (2K)

Festive Violas

Please click this link to hear 5R performing "Jingle Bells" on their violas. <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/photos/share/du8b1X5IXxUT9cpKTTaOuPhmr2eI1ulKflSaCwptClf/gallery/xuQLK\_7</u> <u>SNoORmAuXJR16-A</u>

