



# Hotwells Primary School

## Newsletter – February 2018



Our Key Stage 2  
Spelling Bee participants.



Year 2 artists  
at work.



Year 4 learning about life in Africa  
as Mrs. Lambert talks about her  
visit to Uganda.



Dear Parents,

This week we have welcomed back to school Mrs Maitipe to Class 4 and Mrs Patel (Miss Bleach) to Nursery after their respective maternity leaves. We also have the happy news of the birth of Ms. Attride's baby daughter, Florence – warm congratulations to the family!

This is the final newsletter of Term 3 and I would like to wish all our families a very happy half term break. Here at school we have had a wonderful term of fun and learning.

Reception enjoyed their second Forest school visit on Wednesday and Year One performed an amazing dance at the Ashton Park dance festival! Year Two have been very busy creating wonderful works of art and Year Three are busily practising for their Stages performance next month. Year Four have been learning all about life in Africa from Mrs Lambert and Year 5 enjoyed their 'Diorama Day' yesterday and produced wonderful dioramas, each one completely unique! Meanwhile Year 6 produced some wonderful Dal for World Dal Day.

Our first **KS2 Spelling Bee** took place this term. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves – both audience and competitors. A special mention goes to Jemimah in Class 4 who excelled in spelling some extremely tricky words in front of a spell bound audience.

We also took part in the **NW24 Bake Off** this term (NW24 is the cluster of schools of which we are a part) – Alma, Imi and Oliwia represented in Hotwells in the inter-school competition which resulted in some a delicious batch of chocolate and lemon swan shaped biscuits!

Today's **Celebration of Work assembly** featured stories written by children across the entire school from Reception to Year Six. It was wonderful to see the skills of story writing progress, from our very youngest writers in Reception to our seasoned authors in Year Six, with such creativity and flair.



**High Tea** this term has welcomed Bea and Cherry from Class 6, Luqman and Zach from Class 5, Annisa and Nusaybah from Class 4, Archie and Ola from Class 3, William and Katerina from Class 2 and Berry and Sennen from Class 1 for upholding our school values every day.

The whole school benefitted this term from **storytelling and interactive assemblies** highlighting the importance of On-line Safeguarding. Thank you for your contributions towards these events. You can still pay on line via Parent Pay if you have not yet done so.

Another feature of Term 3 has been the annual **Governors Learning Walk**; a group of our governors visit school to experience the learning and teaching taking place. The focus this year was Mathematics and governors enjoyed getting to grips with 'maths mastery' at all levels of the curriculum.

I hope that those of you have been able to attend the **Parents' Workshops** offered by teachers have enjoyed your visits and taken away some useful strategies and ideas. There will be more workshops to follow in the coming term.

With best wishes for half term. We return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

From Mrs Delor

*'The future depends on what we do in the present'*  
- Mahatma Gandhi

**Below:**  
Our in-school  
Bake Off and Year 6  
making delicious Dal!



**Below:**  
Year 1 perform at the  
Ashton Park Dancefest



**Above:**  
Our super writers who had their  
work shared in our  
Celebration of Work assembly