



Hotwells Primary School

Newsletter – February 2019

Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter of Term 3 and I would like to wish all our families a very happy half term break. We have had a fantastic STEM week here at Hotwells. Thank you for your donations to this enrichment week so far – there is still time to send these in to the Office.



The children have enjoyed visits from engineers, doctors and computer scientists, to name a few! Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave up their time this week to help our children have such an exciting experience. I know every class has also enthusiastically taken part in a range of science experiments and technology projects, both led by their class teacher and by experts. We've received an incredible range of Stem home learning projects which have been celebrated in assembly today – there were so many creative ideas complete with hypotheses and examples of children thinking scientifically. Check our website for photos of highlights, including our visit from Dara of the Bloodhound SSC project.

A special mention must be given to all the women who came in and gave presentations on their subjects to the girls in Years 5 and 6: a doctor, an engineer, an environmental planner, an ecologist, a forensic scientist and an optometrist! The children gained so much from this and were inspired into considering careers in science in the future! Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered.

High Tea this term has welcomed Amior and Lilla from Class 6, Emil and Mubarak from Class 5, Nicholas and Honour from Class 4, Gabriella and Hunnie from Class 3, Hayden and Joshua from Class 2 and Amran and Shayla in Class 1 for demonstrating our school value of this term which is compassion.

Reception enjoyed their third Forest School visit last Wednesday. Although it may have been too windy to go to the forest that didn't stop us bringing the forest to school! **Class 1** had a fantastic forest school session at school, taking part in the RSPB's Big Bird watch, bug befriending and making magic pottions! **Year Two** performed a wonderful dance at Ashton Park dance festival. **Class 3** partnered up with Class 1 to work on their technology and engineering skills.



Above: Class 1 and Class 3 during their Recycling Workshop

We were visited by professionals from Peter Brett Associates who work on engineering, economic and urban planning projects. They told us all about how they use recycling for building materials. **Class 4** have been learning all about computer coding. As part of their project on Antarctica and Shackleton, **Class 5** have been building a dog town and dressing up as explorers aboard the Endurance. They have been sketching, making origami penguins and building dioramas. In **Class 6** Jenny Chandler, (cooking expert and ex-parent), came in to help the children to make a dal to help celebrate British Dal Festival, tasting all sorts of different herbs and spices! She was also particularly impressed with the children's extensive knowledge of herbs and spices!

Finally, we welcome Kelly White who has joined the Admin team in the School Office, we hope you will be very happy here at Hotwells!

With best wishes for half term. We return to school for Term 4 on Monday 25th February.

From Mrs Delor

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

Below: Year 6 during their Dal Workshop



Left: During our Rolls Royce Bloodhound Assembly and car building workshop



Above: Some of our STEM Week activities!