



Maney Hill Newsletter

21st November 2014

Dates for your diary

November

28th – PTA Xmas Fayre

December

2nd & 3rd – KS1 Production

11th – Christmas Dinner

10th & 11th – KS2 Production

17th Carol Concert

19th last day of term

January

5th – Staff Training Day

6th – School re-opens

29th – Y1 Inspire Workshop

February

w/b 2nd Governor Visits Week

w/b 9th Parents' Evening

10th – Y5 Inspire Workshop

13th – break up for half term

23rd – School re-opens

March

4th – Reception Inspire Workshop

w/b 23rd – Easter Bonnets

24th – Y2 Inspire Workshop

27th – last day of term

April

16th – Y1 Inspire Workshop

30th - 16th – Y1 Inspire Workshop

30th – 4 Inspire Workshop

w/b 20th Parents' Evening

w/b 20th – Governor Visits Week

13th – School re-opens

May

6th – Y3 Inspire Workshop

11th – 14th Year 6 SATs

11th – 15th Year 5 Residential

22nd – break up for half term

June

1st – Staff Training Day

2nd – School re-opens

w/b 8th Sports Day

w/b 29th Reception Buddies

Afternoon

July

w/b 6th Reports to parents

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a great week in school. Christmas preparations are well under way. The children have been making beautiful 'Christmas Hoops', school is filled with the lovely sound of Christmas song rehearsals and the PTA were busy with the big job of organising the Christmas Fayre, including collecting many bottles on Friday's Mufti Day.

Meanwhile, Year 3 started preparations for their mummified fish. More of that to follow!

Mrs Whitehead

Top 600 Schools

I am delighted to share the news that *for the first time ever*, Maney Hill Primary School has joined the list of top primary schools in England and Wales.

Some of you may have seen this week's list of **The Top 600 State Primary and Independent Preparatory Schools** in The Sunday Times. Our school comes in at 462nd in the list. Only one other Sutton Coldfield school (St Jospeh's RC Primary) features higher than us.

We know our school is exceptional and I can assure parents that we will continue to work hard to ensure we are in the list every year from now on.

Governing Body Visits Week

Last week was Governor Visits Week and it was a pleasure to welcome many of our Governors into school.

The Governors were able to take part in lessons, have a school lunch, monitor the children's books with senior leaders and help the School Council write the newsletter. In addition, Reverend Rhodes (who is also a Governor) led an assembly.

We enjoyed it and here are some comments from Governors:

I ended up getting involved in a lot of activity which was great.

I had such an enjoyable, informative day.

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The new website is live!

As part of our 50th Anniversary, we have invested in a new website. It is the result of months of preparation from looking at website providers to the preparation of content. It has been very much a team effort but I would like to thank our Bursar, Mrs Mills, for all her hard work in co-ordinating the project.

We are delighted with it and hope you will love it just as much as we do. Our new website has a comments section called *Guestbook* in *Contact Us*. Please do have a look at the new website and share your comments and feedback.

Multi-skills Tournament

On Tuesday, ten children from **Year 2** took part in a multi-skills tournament between local primary schools. Out of ten schools, Maney came joint 6th. The children had lots of fun and put on a spectacular performance! Thanks so much children, for making it such an enjoyable event and thank you parents, for supporting your children in taking part in extra-curricular events such as this.

Mrs Samson



On Wednesday 12th November, ten **Year 4s** took part in a multi-skills tournament at John Willmott School. We competed against nine different local schools and finished in fifth place. Events included things like speed bounce, bean bag in the hoop and throwing and catching. These events took place in the boys' and girls' Sports Hall. We would like to thank Mr. McNicholas and all of the parents for supporting us.

By Skye Hollier & Eve Freeman



Maney Hill Christmas Fayre

School Hall

5pm – 7pm on Friday 28th November

There's lots to eat, so come hungry; fabulous hot dogs, mini kebabs, chicken curry, samosas and cakes.

Visit Father Christmas in his grotto.

There are exciting games for boys and girls.

Girls can have hair braids and curls - and nails painted too! Children can be creative and decorate a cake, or make something special in the craft room.

Get in the festive mood and listen to our school choir, whilst sipping a glass of mulled wine.

Don't forget mufti day, Friday 28th November. Wear something sparkly or Christmassy and bring in some cakes or bottles to school.



Class of the Week

Congratulations to Year 1 who are our 'top class' during lunchtimes.



Reception	Cody Dawe Joseph Lowe
Year 1	Bella Tross Caleb Freeman
Year 2	Emily Cully Ruhani Shinh
Year 3	Leo Phelps Gregory Rushton
Year 4	Joseph Nugent Heidi Webber
Year 5	Darcey Farr Isabel Jones
Year 6	Joel Stainthorpe Olivia Hammond