

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday 21st December 2018

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT ARNETT HILLS

It has been an action packed term full of highlights. Here are just a few of them.....

Twelfth Night— Year 5 under Mr Sills' direction performed a magical version of this play at Watersmeet Theatre as part of the Shakespeare Schools' Festival

Football and netball leagues—both squads showed skill, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and determination. The netball team won all 5 of their matches to finish top of their league. Yay!

Year 5 cross country— the whole class took part in a fun run then in the league run, the girls came second overall and the boys first! Some of the children will go on to the county final next term.

Visits and visitors—teachers planned curriculum enrichment through trips to: The Globe Theatre, Tate Modern, Living Rainforest, St Albans Cathedral, an Egyptian day, visits from police, firefighters, STEM ambassadors

Infant Nativity

The infants acted, danced and sang their hearts out in Lights Camel Action as they put a Strictly Come Dancing twist to the Nativity story. They charmed us all.

A host of daffodils

Each child has planted a daffodil bulb in one of our planters and we hope the splash of yellow will brighten up the spring term for all. Many thanks to the Auvinet family who donated a huge bag of bulbs towards this and to Eva in Y5 and some of the Y2 boys who were a big help to me during the planting.

Achievement tables

Thank you to the staff and children who, year on year, strive to do their very best in end of year assessments. These are published on the school website and in national papers. This year some of you may have noticed that Arnett Hills was ranked joint 134th in England, a great achievement. (Data was based on July 2017 end of Key Stage 2 data). Whether performance tables existed or not, I am confident that everyone involved in the children's journey would show the same level of commitment: the children themselves, their families, staff and governors.

The whole school went to the panto on Mondayoh yes they did. A huge thank you to the PTA for providing a ticket for every child to attend..

THANK YOU to all of our families for their generosity. The staff room is bursting with gifts and lovely cards from you and the teachers have been swamped with pressies and kind wishes. We never take it for granted how fortunate we are to be part of this community.

Choir At Tesco

A huge congratulations to the school choir led by Miss Seymour and Mrs Arthurs. They sang at Tesco on Thursday evening in front of their families and the shopping public in order to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. What a fantastic job they did. Their singing was entertaining and uplifting—a truly joyful experience which raised an amazing £242.40 in just one hour!!



ARNETT HILLS PTA EVENTS

What a busy term it has been for our hardworking PTA. They have given up so much time to organise and run a number of events: Infant Halloween party, Roller disco, Junior disco and the Christmas Fayre. Thank you all for supporting these events, they wouldn't be possible without your contributions and your attendance.



The amount of planning that goes into these events is phenomenal and I must thank all of the committee members for the amount of time they have so kindly given up led by Mrs Hiddleston and Mrs Fox and ably supported by Mrs Martin, Mrs Gillespie and an army of helpers. So many of you gave up an hour or three(!) of your time on the day to run stalls—this help was invaluable as was the help setting up on Friday and clearing away at the end of the fayre. A particular

highlight was the return of a group of former pupils who ran the Take A teddy Home stall for us. It really was touching that they gave up their time to do so — **THANK YOU ALL.**



We shall be evaluating the autumn events and learning from them for next year. There will be further events in in the spring term and we look forward to your continued support.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING.....

The last few days of the term have been filled with festive activities: hat making, the Polar Express, crafts, a visit from Santa, Christmas film, sing-a-long and the Christmas lunch. Thank you to the staff for providing fun learning activities for the children and to Mrs Morgan and her team for meeting all the individual needs of the children.

Congratulations to this year's hat day winners—Tayla, Mackenzie, Chenai, Calil, Eesha, Leland, Isabella, Tyler, Lily, Lennie, Samiul, Maisie C, Jude, Jodie, Joshua and Emily. Thank you to the PTA for so generously providing every child with a ticket to the pantomime which they thoroughly enjoyed.



WOW!! It was so lovely to see so many of you crammed into the very warm hall this morning for the Christmas singalong! Miss Seymour and Mrs Arthurs did a great job as did the choir and Y6 who sang In The Bleak Midwinter to a packed hall—a daunting prospect which they managed so well.

ALL THAT REMAINS TO SAY IS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. WE HOPE THAT 2019 BRINGS YOU ALL PEACE, GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS

See you all for the start of term on Monday January 7th. Please note that in the event of extreme weather next term, all information will be posted on the school website www.arnetthills.herts.sch.uk A Parentmail text will also be sent. In addition to this it will be posted on the Emergency School Closure page. You can sign up for this by going to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education