

# ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



## February 8th 2018



### BEST OF LUCK TO MRS DAY...

as she begins her maternity leave. We had planned to wish her farewell (temporarily) during last week's assembly, but the snow put that on hold! Instead Mrs Day returned today (Feb 8th) so that the current Reception could give her goodbye hugs and the whole school could treat her to a heart-warming song in assembly. Miss Hacking had rewritten the lyrics to Billy Joel's 'Always a Woman To Me' entitling it instead "What a Wonderful mummy You'll Be" It was gorgeous.

Mrs Day will need to put her feet up and read the wonderful messages in the cards made by each class for her.

Unfortunately

Mr Day was not able to be in attendance ( car trouble) so we carried out the baby shower hamper from all of Mrs Day's friends and colleagues at Arnett Hills. Pictured Mrs Day with Year 6, the very first Reception class with whom she worked.

**PEEPO!!!!** Can you spot the character popping out of the top of this 'nappy cake' (one of Mrs Mehdwan's clever creations made from eco friendly nappies)?

We can't wait (me especially!) for March 12th (or thereabouts) for the arrival of Baby Day. Girl or boy? We don't mind! We shall be sure to let you all know. We wish Mr and Mrs Day the very best for the arrival of their little one.



### INTRA SCHOOL SPORTS

On February 6th Years 2 and 4 took part in rapid fire cricket sessions run at school by members of the Schools' Sports Partnership

This involved the classes splitting up into 4 teams, using batting, bowling and fielding skills, and generally having lots of fun while exercising and competing.

### NETBALL FINALS

At the end of last month the school netball team, having won all their league matches, went through to the finals. They played against 5 other league winners from Watford and Three Rivers finishing 4th. The competition was tough but our squad showed determination and made us all very proud. Well done.

## HALF TERM IS MONDAY FEB 18th TO FRIDAY 22nd

Some of you may be interested in gymnastics fun sessions for boys and girls aged 4 to 12 (all abilities)

This is being held in the sports centre at The Royal Masonic School on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th Feb from 10am to 2pm .

## INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On Monday Feb 4th children from Reception Class through to Y5 took part in workshop sessions from Perform Drama Company. In these they explored in a sensitive way many issues connected to eSafety.

Teachers and Learning Support Assistants were very impressed by the delivery and by the responses of the children. On Tuesday Feb 5th, Internet Safety Day itself, Years 3,4, 5, and 6 had workshops with Splat again exploring how to stay safe on the internet. They each rehearsed a scene then put them together to perform a play to the infants. The day was energetic and fun.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Following meetings held by the School Council, the classes all focused on environmental awareness at the end of last month. Activities included: an environmental quiz; our own version of Dragons' den where children pitched environmentally friendly products for consideration; a range of different art work using materials collected from lunch boxes and creating a pledge to the Earth. Children shared what their classes had been doing in assembly this week.



The school also invited a representative from Three Rivers Council to discuss our ideas to reduce, reuse and recycle more. Amongst other things, and with this in mind, we are asking you and your children to take home any rubbish generated from packed lunches. We are waiting for food waste caddies and a bin from Three Rivers for school dinner waste.

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## YEAR 2 SCIENCE WORKSHOP

The children thoroughly enjoyed this event funded by the PTA. They spent the morning carrying out a number of experiments on materials to find out which ones were waterproof. The children had a wonderful time. thank you to the PTA for funding this.

**Lottery winners— 1st—Mrs James, 2nd—Mrs Smart, 3rd—Mr Hurrell. Congratulations to you.**

I end this newsletter with terribly sad news. This week we learnt of the passing of Lou Rudge. Many of you will know Lou either as a fellow parent or as a midday supervisory assistant.

Lou's passing was unexpected and our thoughts and sympathy go out to all of her family. We especially hold her partner Mr Clarke, her daughter Hannah and her son Jamie in our thoughts. We wish them the strength they will need to cope with this terrible loss. As for us at Arnett Hills, we will remember a kind and patient lady with a very gentle nature.