

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday December 20th 2019

Dear Children, Families, Staff and Governors.....

I can't believe that another academic term has come to an end and that not only a calendar year but a decade has come to an end. Where does the time go? I prefer to see it as the start of 'The Twenties' and a few steps closer to spring!!

Although time has passed quickly, we have had no trouble filling it at Arnett Hills! Here are a few of the highlights....

INFANT NATIVITY—most recently the wonderful children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 entertained us with 'A King Is Born' They sang, danced and acted like professionals! The Y2 children learnt their lines and delivered them so clearly that you could hear every word from the back of the hall. It was lovely to see so many family members in the audience including an extremely well attended dress rehearsal. Donations amounted to £214.66 which the children will be sending off to charities of their choice in the new year. Thank you to the entire infant staff team for encouraging the children to learn so many songs and to do their very best

NETBALL RESULTS

Three cheers for the school netball team for winning the local league. They played and won all five of their matches. This is the second year in a row where the school team has been undefeated. The netball club members are a joy to coach; full of energy, good humour and willing to take on board advice. I have seen their skills increase over the last two years. Congratulations to the squad: Holly, Eshan, Sophie, Lucy, Nahia, Phoebe, Eva, Evie, April, Lara, Zion and Heidi. Thank you to the family members who gave lifts and support throughout. Netball club will continue next term as well as football club. All football league matches will be played by half term.

ACHIEVEMENTS.....

TAE KWON DO—well done to the members of the club which runs at school every Saturday morning—they all took and passed their grading this term

CHESS—Congratulations to Eshan, Ben and Will for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place respectively in Chess Club

CHEERLEADING— I have noticed how proficient the children have become as they practise their routine in Friday morning club. Well done to Poppy and Amy-Rose who took part with children from a number of schools in a routine at half time at Allianz Park

GYMNASTICS & SWIMMING—many children have moved on stages in both gymnastics and swimming through practice and determination. Congratulations to Eva Y6 who has been selected to represent Amersham Swimming Club in the Bucks County Championships.

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL

Year 5 astounded us all with their interpretation and delivery of Twelfth Night. Undaunted, they performed on the stage at Watersmeet in front of a very appreciative audience. Their comic timing raised many a laugh. Thank you to Miss Mallouppa for her Herculean efforts directing the play and to Miss Seymour for her support of the children.

VISITS & VISITORS THIS TERM—These have included.....

Reception: police squad car, ambulance, fire engine and a nurse as part of their topic 'People Who Help Us' They also enjoyed a rainy walk to post letters

Y1— The Tiger Who Came To Tea Day

Y2—Living Rainforest, Polar Express Day

Y3—Egyptian Day

Y4—St Albans trip

Y5—Globe Theatre

Y6—Parliament and Buckingham Palace trip

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to the committee members of the PTA and their band of helpers who between them organised a very successful and well attended Christmas Fayre. There were plenty of pocket money type activities for the children to enjoy including the very novel 'Human Fruit Machine'. The winners of the raffle hampers and secret envelopes were delighted with their prizes. Donations at the door were so generous—we cannot thank you enough. Everything you donated, including your time, contributed to the overall success of the fayre and the funds raised for future purchases for the children.

PANTOMIME

A huge thank you to the PTA for providing every child with a ticket to attend the panto at Watersmeet on Tuesday afternoon. The children had a fun time watching Peter Pan; cheering, singing, booing in all the right places!!

JUNIOR DISCO

Another successful and energetic PTA disco took place yesterday evening. The children had a great time showing their moves on the dance floor, competing in the girls vs boys dance competition and being sprayed by the snow machine!



SINGALONG

There was such a festive atmosphere in the school this morning as all the children and many, many family members squeezed into the hall to join together in song. We were treated to In The Bleak Midwinter from Year 6 and another from our wonderful choir led by Miss Seymour and Mrs Arthurs (who also accompanied us all on the piano). A special feature (and a first at Arnett Hills) was the performance of Jingle Bells by the entire Y6 on their cornets. It was very uplifting. Thank you to Lewis Rowlands, our brass teacher, and to Herts Music Service for their support in delivering weekly lessons to Y5 and Y6.

The last week of term also included, hat making, Christmas dinner and the children's film. Thank you to Mrs Morgan and her catering team for their hard work at Christmas and throughout the year. Father Christmas clearly heard how hard the children have been working and how kind they have been because he made a special visit to judge their hats. The winners received a selection box prize.

YUM!!

How many schools have home made cakes EVERY Friday without fail—not many I would guess. We are very lucky at Arnett Hills as Mrs James bakes all manner of delicious cakes for us. Thank you Mrs James, it is hugely appreciated by us all. In addition to this Mrs Roy sent us one of her intricately piped and equally delicious cakes. It was a carrot cake but I fear there will be none left for poor old Rudolph by Christmas Eve!! Thank you Mrs Roy. Many thanks to all of the families who have so kindly sent in cards and presents to staff. Your generosity is amazing.



FINALLY—A huge thank you to ALL of the staff, governors and volunteers who ensure that Arnett Hills runs as smoothly as possible and that the children are well cared for. I wish you all a happy, restful Christmas : Good health, happiness and success to all in the Arnett Hills community for 2020. Warmest wishes Miss Ali