



# Hallam Fields News

December 2022

## Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

What an amazing term we have had here at Hallam Fields. The children have been absolute superstars and have continually superseded expectations. Their hard work, dedication and excellent behaviour has made my time as the day to day Headteacher wonderful.

We are very much looking forward to Mrs Sultana taking the lead role from January, she has now been in to school on a number of occasions to work alongside myself and to see the school in action. As Executive Principal of Hallam Fields I am still looking forward to spending lots of time at the school, supporting Mrs Sultana and the wider staff at school to ensure that we are achieving the highest goals for our children.

The highlight of my time here at Hallam has got to be seeing so many parents back in our school – enjoying open classrooms, the reading events and most recently the Decoration morning. There is a real buzz around the building on those days!

This newsletter features the Highlights of the Autumn term for all our year groups at school. We hope you enjoy reading all about them.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Ms Williams



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# Rabbit Class

We have had lots of fun this term in **Rabbit Class**. The children have settled into school brilliantly. We are so proud of how hard they continue to work.

Trying to pick out just one highlight of the whole term has been hard as there have been so many.

A highlight of term was learning about Remembrance Day. The children learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day. They were very interested and had lots of fun creating their own poppies and their own medals. The children took part in the 2-minute silence and were able to explain why they were doing it.



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# Bear Class

It has been a fun filled term in **Bear Class**! The children have really settled well into Year 1. We are so proud of their hard work and positive attitude towards learning.

One particular highlight this term was learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali and the Sikh festival Bandi Chor Divas. The children learnt what the festivals are and how they are celebrated. They loved learning a Diwali song and dance, and had lots of fun making cards, designing Mehndi and Rangoli patterns, and learning about the story of Rama and Sita.



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# Hedgehog Class

**Hedgehog class** went on a fabulous trip to Tamworth Castle. Children were able to name and recall the different features of a castle and they enjoyed seeing the features in real life.

The children enjoyed standing on top of the tall tower and exploring the terrifying dungeons. The children also learnt how to be a squire and assembled a real-life suit of armour. Wow, it was heavy!

The lady of the castle asked the children to be her servants and they learnt how to set a table for her upcoming banquet. Some of the children had the opportunity to dress up as a lord and lady of the castle. We had a wonderful day!



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# Fox Class

**Fox class** have had an amazing Autumn term!

We started the term with a trip to the Tennis club for an Inspire event. We played lots of different games practicing bat and ball skills. It was so much fun.

During Autumn term, we have learnt about Romans and Vikings. We have compared Viking Warriors to Roman Soldiers and learnt about how they used to live. We designed and made our own Roman shields.

Our favourite part of the term was our decoration morning. We loved making different craft decorations (almost as much as our parents did!). We think the mess was worth it!

All of us in Foxes class would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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# Badger Class

One of the main highlights in **Badgers Class** this year has been our Bosworth Heritage Centre trip.

In English & History we have looked at the Tudors and were fortunate enough to see some of the things that happened at Bosworth Field!

Children took part in an array of activities, starting with a tour around the grounds. Then, we had a masterclass from Master John, looking at all the Tudor weapons used.

Finally, and probably most memorably, was a tour around the museum. Children took part in many activities, including the chance to wear Tudor clothes (seen in the pictures.)



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# Squirrels Class

Pupils in **Squirrels class** have spent much of the Autumn term exploring Ancient Greece. Becoming Greek heroes, they wrote their own myths taking on their own mythical beast creations. Next, the children elevated their status even higher to that of Greek gods and goddesses, creating their own chariots to parade in at the Ancient Greek Olympics. Pupils wrote newspaper reports about these first Olympics and shared accounts of brutal, no-rules wrestling, harsh punishments for athletes who made a false start, and gruelling running races wearing full armour. Squirrels class then learnt about the different Greek city states, their values and their battles, recounting the cunning trickery of the Trojan horse. Away from Greek warfare, the children became Greek potters to design, mould and paint their own Greek pots.

Back in the modern day, pupils have been learning different video techniques such as panning or close-range shots, to combine and edit their own video shoots as well as learning to read music while playing glockenspiel accompaniments to various musical tracks.

Next term, we stay in modern times for the most part but will travel outwards into space.

Well done this term, Team Squirrels! Enjoy your festive break and return in January ready for our galactic journeys.



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# Other highlights...

## **BADMINTON WINNERS!!**

After several weeks of lessons in PE with Greg from Leicestershire Badminton Association, a group of **Year 5** pupils from **Squirrels class** were chosen to represent Hallam in a local badminton tournament at Babington Academy last Tuesday.

The team played as five pairs, all of whom qualified for the quarter-finals. The success continued and the final was an all Hallam affair.

It was no surprise that, with the individual winners (Niam and Tej) and the runners-up (Laksh and Luca), as well as all the quarter finalists that Hallam won the overall competition.

This means that Hallam will now compete in the Leicestershire finals next June. Even more impressive was the sporting manner in which everybody played – so many of our 6Rs and character strengths were evident.

Huge congratulations to the team: **Ellie, Samardeep, Isha, Krish S, Tej, Niam, Jaycob, Isaac, Luca and Laksh**



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# Other highlights...

## Eco School Update

We were thrilled to be awarded our Eco School Green Flag award with Merit last term. Our Eco work doesn't end there though!

New **Eco Ambassadors** have been elected, and they have worked hard this term to complete an environmental review. Following the review, this year's actions will focus on becoming more energy efficient, reducing litter, and encouraging biodiversity.

The Eco Ambassadors have already begun working on a Leicester City Council project to support biodiversity, and have started building a bug hotel.



**Curriculum Ambassadors** have been working with Miss Goode and Miss Jarvis (English Leaders) to support us in further developing our love for reading at Hallam Fields. They have devised a reading system to support our younger children read involving the ambassadors visiting both EYFS and Y1 to listen to readers and to share stories. They have also designed an outdoor reading area and are looking into new and exciting reading books the children would like us to buy.

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