

# Years 5 & 6 Newsletter - Autumn 2, 2016

Welcome to the Years 5 and 6 end of term newsletter. The children have been continuing to work really hard across all areas of the curriculum and have been proudly showcasing their work and during the weekly 'achievements assemblies'.

Thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 parents who attended the maths workshop on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November; your attendance and evaluations were greatly appreciated and I hope to carry out more parent workshops in the spring term.

Children have enjoyed performing in their phase *Christmas Production* on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the parents support in making this a successful event.

## Exciting science sessions at Pinner High School...

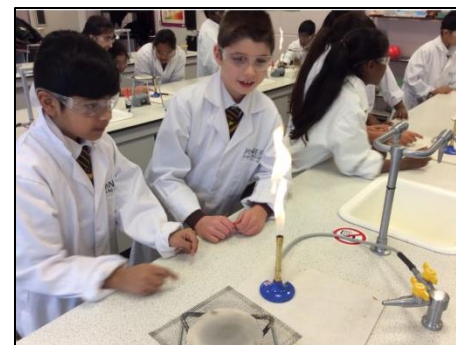
All our Year 6 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend science sessions at Pinner High School this half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about acid, alkaline and neutral substances by referring to the PH factor scale.

*"Visiting Pinner High School for a science lesson was great fun. I enjoyed learning about the safety setting on a Bunsen burner. We heated carbonated water containing Iodine in order to find out whether the solution was an acid, alkali or neutral."*

**Freddie 6V**

*"I really enjoyed visiting Pinner High School for the science investigations. It was very interesting to find out about how to safely use a Bunsen burner."*

**Fizza 6RS**



### Year 6 Trip to the RAF Museum

The Year 6 pupils visited the RAF Museum on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. It was a fantastic day and children extended their learning about World War II.

All the children visited the *War Aircraft Hangar* that contained over a hundred aircraft, many of which dated back to 1914!

Children also participated in the workshop: the wartime classroom. This interactive session transported children back in time to 1940. They made their own gas mask cases and learnt about the children lives at school during World War II.

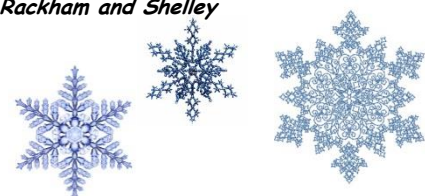
*"I thoroughly enjoyed my day at the RAF Museum. I thought the Lancaster Avro was the best aircraft. It travelled at 462km an hour and could carry over 6000 kg. This particular plane flew 21 missions and was most used during the last three years of the war. The driver of this plane was Roy Chawdwick."*

**Suraj 6RS**



*"A team of Year 5 and Year 6 Cannon Lane gymnasts competed with other Harrow schools. They performed really well; the Year 6 team came first and the Year 5 team came second in the borough! Welldone!"*

**Miss Rackham and Shelley**



# Mandarin lessons in Years 5 & 6...

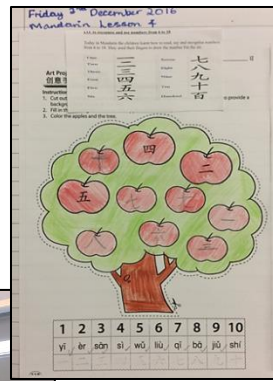
All our Years 5 and 6 pupils have been learning Mandarin. Mr. Yenchaio Fang teaches Mandarin every Friday to the pupils, as well as their teachers!

*"Our Mandarin lessons are great fun. I am able to now say a few simple greetings and can also count up to 20 in Mandarin!"*

**Katherine 6RS**

*"Mandarin lessons in Year 5 are very enjoyable and I like to sing songs and play maths games using Mandarin numbers!"*

**Ishan 5J**



Children's work displaying puzzles completed using Chinese numbers.

## Year 6 Cluster Carol Service:

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December all the Year 6 pupils attended the Cluster Carol service at the Pinner Baptist Church. Their music ensemble was fantastic: children played an array of different musical instruments and the choir sang beautifully!

*"The Cluster Carol Service was amazing. The band played many musical instruments such as: the violin, trumpet, piano, cornet, trombone, flute and clarinet!"*

**Sam 6RS**



*"I was part of the Cluster Carol Service's choir. We sang beautifully and in tune with the band!"*

**Rahee 6H**



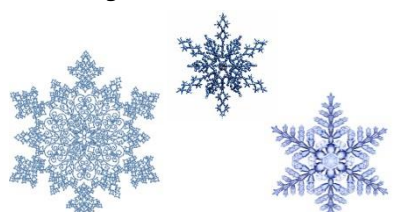
## Years 5 and 6 Google Expedition workshops:

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December all the Years 5 and 6 pupils participated in virtual reality workshops. Year 5 learnt more about Earth and space and Year 6 researched about the Amazon and Mayan civilization.

## Values

Every month we focus on a different value throughout the school. These *values* will be shared with the children through assemblies and class discussions. The values shared this half term were 'justice' and 'humility'. Next term's values are 'happiness' and 'thoughtfulness'.

Please spend some time with your children discussing these values to help them to understand their importance and significance.



## Dates for your diaries

### Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Children are requested to wear a festive jumper and kindly bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 for Save the Children UNICEF.

### Christmas class parties

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - more information to follow by your child's class teacher.

### Year 6 visit to the Natural History Museum

Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Class assemblies:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - 6RS

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - 6V

On behalf of all of the staff in Years 5 and 6, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and restful Christmas break. We are all very grateful for your support this term and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Please feel free to come and see me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

With best wishes,

Mrs S. Saad