



Friday 1st December 2023

NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment

I can't believe that we are already in December and in the lead up to Christmas.

This week has provided me with the opportunity to speak to a number of parents, on both a professional and personal level. These conversations have really helped me to take the time to reflect on how we praise the successes and achievements of both the children and the school. It is very easy to publish attendance and reading data, to show what isn't happening at Hogarth and how this needs to improve for the benefit of our children. Our attendance is at 92%, which is 3% below the Primary national average, and only two classes have reached over 50% in their reading this week. These results, I'm sure you will agree, aren't good enough. I must, however, mention that our attendance is currently 8% above last year and that the reading percentages are moving in the right direction. I am desperate to award the reading trophy and class 100% attendance awards but alas, this opportunity hasn't presented itself yet.

On the other hand, we also need to reflect, praise and thank those families and children that do read every night at home, that do bring their children in to school daily and adhere to the vision and values of Hogarth. I want to assure you that those children that read and attend school regularly receive positive praise from their class teachers, behaviour points towards their awards and additional extrinsic and intrinsic motivators that help them to understand that their efforts are valued. We have £20 book vouchers to raffle off for children that have 100% attendance and those children will also be sharing hot chocolate with myself.

As parents, we also need to see that the work and support from home goes a long way to the progress and achievement that our children make at Hogarth. Having two boys myself (aged 9 and 11), I understand the stresses of homework and reading but always manage to find 10 minutes a night to listen to my boys read.

At a recent course I attended, we were informed that children spend less than 20% of their year in school so it is vital that we all understand the role we have to play in helping our children succeed. If the school can help you in any way to promote reading or attendance, or you have any ideas, please bring your ideas to us on the gate at any time.

How can reading at home every night with our children help them?

1. Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
2. They perform better academically.
3. Their imagination can run wild.
4. Their creativity skills develop.
5. They develop empathy.
6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
7. Their concentration levels improve.
8. The parent and child bond improves.
9. Their cognitive development is supported.
10. Their social skills and interaction improve.



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Stars of the Week

RKH	RB	1/2A	1/2C	1/2P	3S
Alayna	Albie-Lee	Martha	Malakhai	Andre	Donald
4C	5OD	5Y	6C	6H	
Jay	Jobey-Lee	Harry	Noah	Moses	



Mr Watson's Superstar Award

Mitchell 3S – For making outstanding progress in his writing and attitude towards learning.

Bronze Award Winners

Arthur F 1/2P, Alexandru 1/2P, Bonnie 1/2P, Hedi 3S, Edith 3S, Evelyn 3S, Noah 6C

Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday

Class	RKH	RB	1/2A	1/2C	1/2P	3S
Attendance	93.3%	89.2%	92.4%	77.4%	87.1%	98.6%
Class	4C	5OD	5Y	6C	6H	Whole School
Attendance	94.4%	92%	98%	90.1%	97.7%	91.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3S	5Y	6H

Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6th September 2023

Class	RKH	RB	1/2A	1/2C	1/2P	3S
Attendance	90.0%	87.4%	93.8%	87.5%	93.8%	94.3%
Class	4C	5OD	5Y	6C	6H	Whole School
Attendance	92.4%	94.9%	93.8%	86.6%	95.1%	91.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
6H	5OD	3S



Reading at Home

Class	Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home Monday 27th November- Friday 1st December Times Read						total 4+5	% 3 times	% 4 & 5	% not reading
	0	1	2	3	4	5				
RB	2	0	3	3	2	10	12	14%	55%	9%
RKH	2	4	4	2	4	4	8	9%	36%	9%
1/2A	5	1	3	7	2	1	3	33%	14%	24%
1/2C	5	3	4	3	2	4	6	14%	29%	24%
1/2P	1	3	3	4	4	6	10	17%	43%	4%
3S	5	2	2	0	4	8	12	0%	55%	23%
4C	4	0	0	18	5	5	10	56%	31%	12%
5OD	3	0	2	3	4	7	11	15%	61%	16%
5Y	5	1	5	2	3	4	7	10%	35%	24%
6C	9	1	0	3	4	9	13	12%	50%	35%
6H	1	0	1	6	2	16	18	23%	69%	4%

Please join us!

Wednesday 13th December @17:30 in the School

RSVP Required: kfowler@hogarth.essex.sch.uk

HOGARTH PTA'S AGM

POINTS TO DISCUSS:

Elect new members of the PTA Committee
Recruit PTA Reps for every class
2024/2025 Fundraising Ideas



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Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th December – KS2 Christmas Carols 2:45pm

Wednesday 6th December – KS2 Dance event- Shenfield High

Thursday 7th December – MHST Parent Workshop ‘Managing Challenging Behaviour.’ 9.00am

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day (on top of school uniform)

Thursday 7th December – PTA Christmas Market event – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Friday 8th December - Food Discovery Year 4, Cooking Session

Wednesday 13th December - Kazen Kai Assembly

Wednesday 13th December – PTA - AGM

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity for parents 9:30am & 2:15pm

Monday 18th December – 100% attendance - Hot chocolate event for children

Monday 18th December - EYFS Christmas Nativity 2:15pm

Tuesday 19th December - Open afternoon 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas class party day. Non-school uniform

X (formally Twitter)

We are now up to 186 followers on Twitter. That means that there is still a large proportion of our school community who are not following us. We are sharing lots of our learning via this platform so please ensure that you sign up! Please tweet any of your children’s achievements and these will be reposted through our page.



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Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat with them at school to put on at break and lunchtime. It is getting colder and we want to ensure that the children stay healthy in the run up to Christmas.

KS2 Christmas Carols

On Monday at 2:45pm (weather permitting), our KS2 children will be performing a range of traditional and current Christmas songs for the school community. This will happen on the KS2 playground. School gates will open at 2:35pm and you will be directed onto the playground. This performance should take no longer than 30 minutes and the children will be dismissed at usual time. If your child has a sibling in Reception they will be held onto by the class teachers until after the performance, so please do not worry about being late.

Children are also encouraged to bring in a Christmas hat, tinsel, decoration to wear for the performance (not all day).



Ho Ho Hogarth Christmas event

Just a reminder that Thursday 7th December sees the first Ho Ho Hogarth Christmas event. This will start at 3:30pm and everyone is invited to attend. There will be a range of stalls, games and activities (many run by staff). All of the proceeds will go back to the school and the children. More information will follow via ParentMail over the next few days. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

School Shoes

A polite reminder that ankle boots, long boots are not permitted to be worn to school as replacement to school shoes. I understand that the weather has changed recently. Children are more than welcome to wear wellies to school but must change into school shoes upon arriving. Children in Reception are also permitted and encouraged to bring in wellies to wear in the outside environment to keep their feet warm, dry and clean.

Thank you to Bic's Xmas Cabin

Hogarth would like to thank Bic's Xmas Cabin for donating a substantial Christmas tree to our school. The children will see the tree standing proud in our school hall next week.

**REAL
CHRISTMAS TREES
AT
BIC'S XMAS CABIN
COXTIE GREEN FARM**

SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREES
CHRISTMAS WREATHS

FIR CHRISTMAS TREES
**CAST-IRON CHRISTMAS
TREE STANDS**

**28 COXTIE GREEN ROAD
PILGRIMS HATCH
BRENTWOOD
CM14 5PT**

**CASH & CREDIT
/ DEBIT CARDS
ACCEPTED**

santa@bicxmascabin.co.uk

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10AM-5PM
TUES-SUN**



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Ho Ho Hogarth PTA Event



Hogarth PTA's

Countdown to Christmas

Thurs 7th Dec; 3:15pm

- Rainbow Raffle & additional prizes!
- Special Guest Visit from a Children's Author
- 50p Games (cash only)
- Tombolas
- Domino's Pizza
- Drinks Stall
- Cake Stall
- Brownie Stall



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