Minet Junior School Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

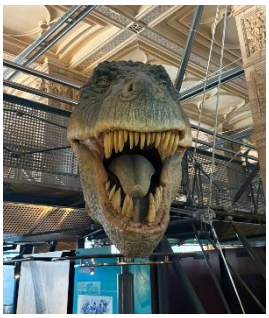
23rd November – Interfaith morning for all children
24th November – Year 5 workshops at Uxbridge College
26th November – Year 6 World War Two Escape Room
10th December – Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
14th December – Nasal flu vaccination catch up
17th December – School CLOSES at 1:15pm

Our FAB FOUR for October:

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

1. 5R 99.29%
2. 3S 97.57%
3. 4R 97.28%
4. 6S 96.95%

Great attendance!



Year 4s Fantastic Day at the Natural History Museum!

Our Year 4 students recently enjoyed an incredible educational adventure at the Natural History Museum for a day filled with curiosity and enquiry. The children were captivated by the powerful Volcanoes and Climate Change: Fixing our Broken Planet gallery, where they explored the science behind our changing Earth. They also uncovered ancient Roman history in the Volcanoes and Earthquakes zone; the children stood inside the interactive earthquake simulator to experience the tremors the Romans felt, and they viewed the poignant plaster casts of Pompeii victims preserved by Mount Vesuvius. The children represented our school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and boundless desire to learn- well done, Year 4!

Year 5s Incredible Visit to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium



The Year 5 children dived right into an array of hands-on exhibits that reinforced key science concepts like forces, light, sound and space. They especially loved testing out interactive displays on pulleys, levers and magnets, alongside experimenting with light and shadows.

A standout moment of the trip was the immersive planetarium show, which took the class on an awe-inspiring tour of the night sky. They explored the solar system, discovered how stars evolve, and watched constellations light up above them, perfectly tying into our science unit on the solar system.

Beyond expanding their scientific knowledge, the students demonstrated wonderful teamwork, curiosity, and critical thinking. Their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm made it a truly memorable and inspiring day for everyone involved!

Choir entertain at the Switching on of Hayes Town Christmas Lights



On Thursday 12 November Mrs Taylor and Miss Burke took the children to the switching on of the Hayes Town Christmas lights by the Mayor, Councillor Reeta Chamdal. It took place in St Anselm's Church in Station Road and prior to the big countdown the choirs of Belmore, Charville, Dr Tripletts, Hayes Park and Minet Junior Schools entertained everybody with a variety of Christmas songs. The children who helped the Mayor also placed notes on the tree with their Christmas wishes.

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Cinderella Pantomime



On Wednesday 18th November, the pantomime came to Minet Junior School. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching Cinderella and joining in with the songs and action. Some children shared their favourite parts from the performance:
"I liked how funny it was."
"I loved seeing my teachers dancing."
"I liked the part when they changed the pumpkin into a carriage."
"I liked the singing."

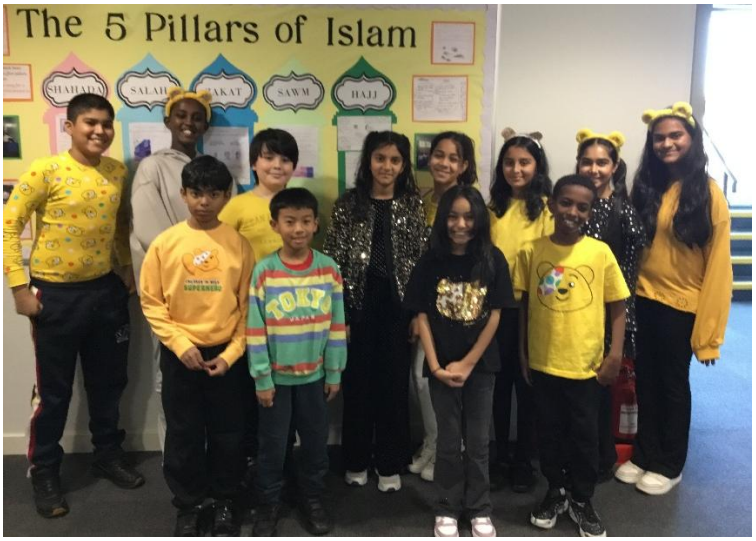
Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, the children wore spotty clothes to school in aid of Children in Need. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause. As a school we raised £144.20.









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Five children at Minet Junior School won some lovely prizes in this year's Hayes Town Treasure Hunt. Children from across the school won a laptop computer, £25 cash, £20 cash and some wireless earbuds.

There were 424 entries which is the highest number in the 14 years organising the event and a total of 67 prizes donated by local traders.



'Is it fair that some countries have to do more than others?

Please discuss this question with your child. They can then share their family's ideas with the class. There are no right or wrong answers.



Leaders from around the world are meeting in Türkiye for COP31, to discuss how to protect our planet from climate change. They will talk about how countries can work together and whether richer countries should help those affected by floods, droughts and rising seas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you think is the biggest problem facing our world?
- Do you feel it is important for countries to work together to tackle climate change?
- Should richer countries help poorer countries? Explain your view.
- Is there anything families could do at home?



Local partners, including the NHS, GLL and Hayes Town Partnership present the Hayes Winter Festival.

- Monday 30 November
- 2pm to 6pm
- The Claretian Oasis, Botwell Ln, Hayes UB3 2AB

Residents of all ages will be welcomed to meet their community. Our focus will be on a healthy heart as partners from GP Confederation, CNWL and Better Gyms help local people stay healthy. The culture of Hayes will be on full display turning this event into a festival atmosphere as we support the launch of the Hayes History Walking Tour led by Hayes Town Partnership Chair David Brough and MP John McDonnell.

There will be food, music and games! Don't miss it!