

HANDSWORTH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

A BUMPER EDITION!

HAOS Newsletter 2021



Activities and programs for children, young people and families in Handsworth

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THIS YEARS STORY

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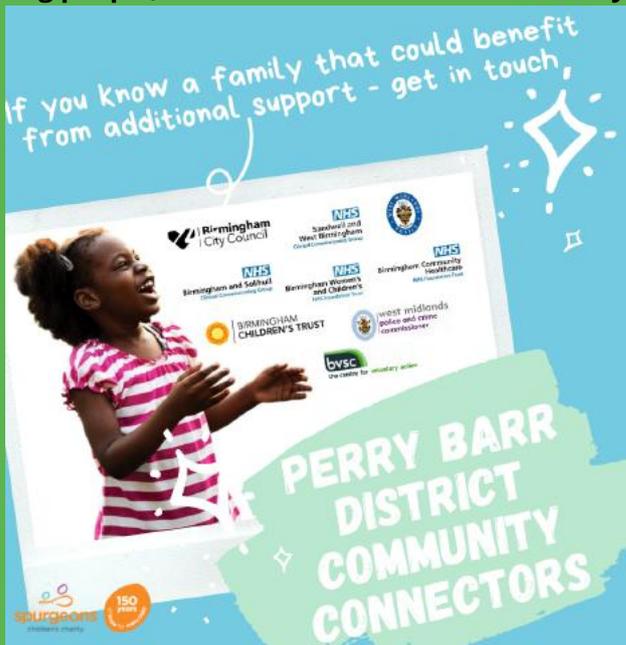
Hello All, (schools, pupils, families and community partners)

Well what a year it has been, pandemics, lockdowns, and everything in between, but through these unprecedented times, our number one priority at HAOS has remained serving as the voice of our member schools, our children and families and our community.

Handsworth Association of Schools (HAOS) aim is to enhance the life chances of our children and young people by bringing together communities in Handsworth and beyond. We are one of the longest standing school partnerships in Birmingham with an active membership of over 25 Primary and secondary schools.

This bumper edition is full of all the exciting HAOS projects and initiatives that have taken place since March 2020.

On behalf of our HAOS team we would like to say a huge thank you for making this an AMAZING time as all this would not have been possible without your support and participation. Thank you for helping us to make it all happen and we look forward to continuing to build the partnership with, schools, children, young people, families and our wider community.



Community Connector Team. HAOS is now home to a team of Community Connectors for Early Help on behalf of the Perry Barr Locality. We are working in partnership with Spurgeons on behalf of Birmingham Children's Partnership. We have almost finished creating an information directory of useful organisations that can be used by workers to support or signpost families and the community. We will additionally be supporting the provision of further training for professionals over the coming year. Schools can signpost families to our referral service if they need additional support with anything from emergency grants to further family support

Aloma Reid-Cameron came to volunteer at our food bank along with her daughters - (Tamoy & Tonya-Lee) in January 2021. She had this strong urge to help those in the community that she felt were in the greatest need, and by supporting the foodbank, she felt she could do this. Aloma and her daughters were a breath of fresh air, they came and just fitted in, and did anything they were asked with great enthusiasm. On her first visit they came with bags of food to donate.

It was with great shock and sadness we learnt of Aloma's passing as she and her daughters had spent that day volunteering with us. Aloma was an amazing woman with an abundance of love for her family and who wanted nothing more than to give to others.

Aloma's family made a very generous offer; rather than receiving flowers in her memory, donations were made to our Foodbank, and that has raised over £400 Aloma will be greatly missed. We are proud to have had the privilege to have met and worked with Aloma as she and her daughters have become a part of the HAOS Foodbank team and our family.

So, we at HAOS want to thank Aloma and her family for giving us the opportunity to have had her in our lives.



IF A FAMILY NEEDS EXTRA SUPPORT

Visit Birmingham Children's Partnership Resources at

www.birmingham.gov.uk

Here you will find Family Connect forms to access the services of the Early Help Team in the Perry Barr Locality

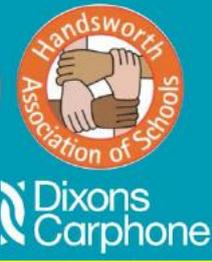
SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY



We've donated 400 tablets to the Handsworth Association of Schools who have distributed the vital tech to the teachers and pupils who need them most.



Dixons Carphone Donations



Peters Books Donations

HAOS have been successful in receiving a donation of 400 refurbished Samsung tablets from Dixon Carphone. We teamed up with Soho Road BID and Network Neighbourhood to help bring laptops and/or internet access to families who needed it most during the Covid pandemic



Thank you! Peters Books donated thousands of free books for disadvantaged pupils in Handsworth working alongside Birmingham Education Partnership and @OneEducation @BEPvoice. All schools have been gifted a range of new books. We know that the children and families enjoyed the new books and schools were able to put some of them in their library areas for use by all children now and in the future.



A special thanks to all our funding partners this year!



RETURN TO LEARN

The Covid-19 Pandemic has now impacted on all of us for 12 months. As well as the terrible impact on health and wellbeing, there has been a huge increase in anxiety and stress, and a loss of confidence in messages from local authorities, especially in some of our BAME communities. Schools in HAOS Pastoral Care Network report that they know that many children and families are anxious about return to school, have experienced family bereavement or suffered impact from separation and isolation and will have needed and continued further wellbeing support .

Handsworth Association of Schools (HAOS) has received some funding from West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit (WMVRU), Heart of England Community Foundation and NHS Your Trust Charity to support families during Covid-19. We made available small grants to six local schools to provide services and resources, e.g. books, videos, other learning resources which supported children and families with anxiety, loss or other family related impacts in re-settling into school, building resilience.

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Play the Part' Youth Advocates Project

This was a youth led performing arts project focused on creating an online space to inspire, normalise and create acceptance of youth voices in times of change. DISRUPT was a festival created in partnership with Barbican, Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance and Guildhall School of Music & Drama Museum of London. The project aimed to inspire local youth action and help young people deal with the social and emotional issues they are experiencing relating to COVID-19. We partnered with young people (12-16) with high quality performing arts practitioners to devise theatre from their own experiences and empower their collective voice.



WWW.DISRUPTFESTIVAL.ORG

YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR LOTS OF EDUCATIONAL CONTENT - JUST SEARCH HANDSWORTH SCHOOLS



GREEN INFLUENCERS

Our Green Mentor will link with your Eco staff leads to see how they can work with your school to engage young green influencers who will work on projects to raise awareness of Environmental issues and campaigns to address how we resolve those issues and make our community/world more environmentally friendly.

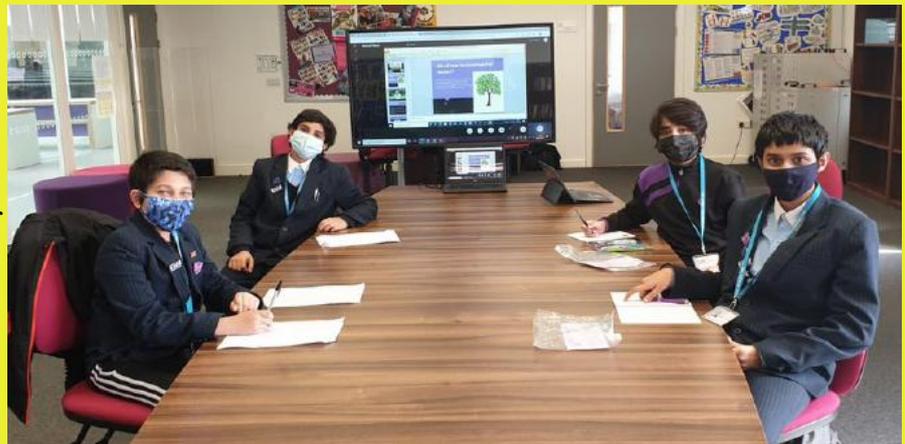


YOUNG PEOPLES PARLIAMENT

Youth Social Action during a difficult year



Some sessions have been able to go ahead this year but Covid has made it challenging to bring schools together. Our YPP delegates were able to hold a number of zoom meetings to ensure that positive action was still being talked about. We provided interactive virtual sessions, where the delegates were able to watch videos and take part in online quizzes and conversations.



FAMILY FOOD HUB

OUR BUSY FOOD BANK OFFERS SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST EMERGENCY FOOD

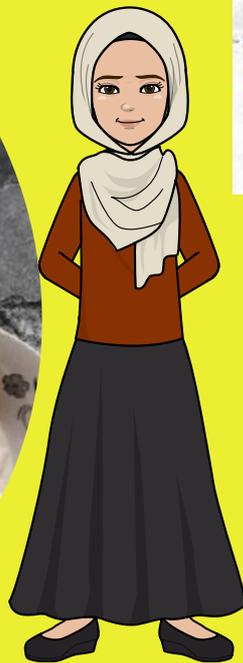


During the Covid 19 crisis there was a need to support the children and families within our local communities. Like many organisations and schools, we were not able to operate as normal, so it was decided that we would, in partnership with our member schools and other schools within our local community work together and provide food/care packages as a way to offer some relief to the many struggling families that would be suffering during this difficult time.



NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION AND FAMILY WELLBEING

Foodbank service referrals need to be made by the Tuesday of each week and a confirmation email will be sent for collection on the Thursday. Each school can choose up to 5 families per week, but if you need to increase the numbers just let us know and we will do our best to help.



MORE THAN JUST A FOODBANK

We have a team of amazing community volunteers supporting our foodbank activities. We also have a number of community partnerships with donations from SewaDay, Gurdwara Aid and donations from Tescos through the Fareshare Programme who help to make everything possible. We have also secured funding to produce nutritional family cookbooks and run cooking workshops with families. We also run seasonal related competitions for families in need.

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SCHOOL NETWORKS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING



We have increased our commitment this year to provide high quality training to professionals who work with children. Through our networks and our wider online training offer we have provided a range of training options including DV awareness, suicide awareness, Early Help info sessions and more.

To keep up-to-date with all our upcoming training visit our website or search for Handsworth Schools on Eventbrite

OUR ASSOCIATION NETWORKS

School Improvement Networks went Virtual

HAOS has managed a number of professional networks this year. Staff working in schools have been able to connect and share their information and experiences. A variety of groups have met regularly throughout the year with professionals from all over Handsworth and provide invaluable peer-to-peer support to help with a wide range of educational issues.

Our Networks include our Head Teachers Consortium, The SENCo Network who meets half-terminly in order for SENCO staff from local schools to support each other, the Pastoral Network and the EYFS Network who as the newest HAOS network they recognise that the early years is a unique stage in its own right and so they are working together to look at the challenges, identify training and planning what next.

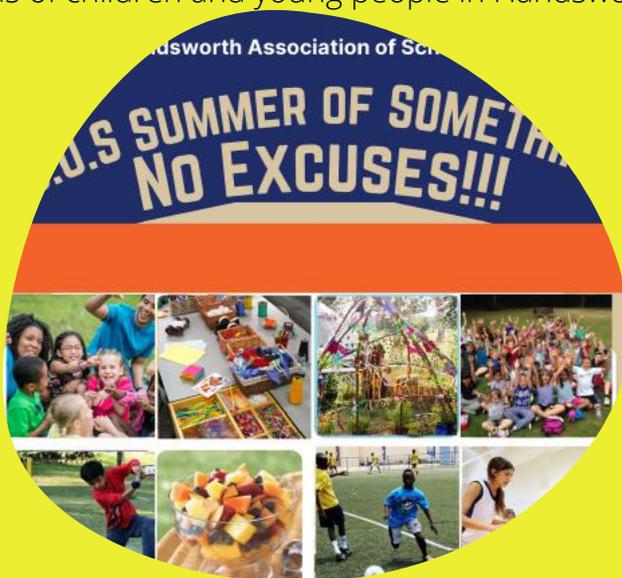


COMING SOON!!!!

We look forward to the continued support of our partnership schools, community partnerships and funders in the next academic year. We especially look forward to working with our Membership schools:- Anglesey Primary School, Benson Community School, Broadway Academy, Canterbury Cross Primary, Cherry Orchard Primary School, Eden Boys School, Eden Boys Leadership Academy (East), Grestone Academy, Hamilton, Hamstead Hall Academy, Holyhead School, James Watt Primary School, King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls Academy, Oasis Academy Foundry, Rookery School, St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, St. Clare's Catholic Primary School, St. James C of E. Primary School, St. Matthew's C of E Primary School, St. Michael's C of E Primary Academy, Wattville Primary School, Welford Primary School, William Murdoch Primary School

S.O.S Summer of Something in Handsworth

This summer, along with many other organisations in Birmingham. Handsworth Association of Schools will be delivering the government funded Holiday Activities Programme. We are looking to offer energetic sports and science activities to make a big difference to the lives of hundreds of children and young people in Handsworth this summer.



WE WILL BE RESTARTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLES PARLIAMENT AND OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT NETWORKS WHEN SCHOOLS HAVE RE-OPENED FROM SEPTEMBER 2021.

Upcoming Training for Professionals

Free sessions organised by the Perry Barr Community Connectors and Early Help Team

- Early Help Information Sessions
- Domestic Violence Awareness Sessions from NCDV
- Suicide Awareness and many more.

Sign Up on our Eventbrite Page



Our new Green Mentor will be running exciting environmental sessions for young people throughout 2021-22

HANDSWORTH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS



Membership Offer - We are inviting YOU to be part of something Great!

Handsworth Association of Schools (HAOS) enhances the life chances of our children and young people by bringing together communities in Handsworth. HAOS is one of the longest standing school partnerships in Birmingham with an active membership of over 20 Primary and secondary schools. We also bring communities together by working with the school association members and community partners to improve the lives of families.

Handsworth Association of Schools (HAOS) would like to invite you to become active members of one of the longest standing school partnerships in the city. HAOS is a dynamic organisation that supports its member schools across the Handsworth locality and beyond. Our strength is dependent on the sustained membership of schools like yours and we appreciate the commitment given to us by our member schools. Your membership is VITAL to accomplish the many exciting and valuable projects provided through HAOS.

We would like to offer schools the opportunity to take up membership for 2021/22 at a discounted rate of £1,200 + VAT.

Including a Special Offer Bundle for new members

- ★ 5 Refurbished Samsung Tablets (Almost new devices, which can be loaned or given to pupils to support their remote home learning)
- ★ 10 Play Together Learn together Summer Fun Resource books for Reception aged children with lots of fun activities for children and their families. The magazine is about confidence to return to school following re-opening of schools, and the magazine also provides curriculum based learning activities linked to age appropriate stories using fun characters.
- ★ 10 brand new mixed age storybooks for your class or school library.

DO NOT MISS OUT ON ALL OUR LATEST NEWS
MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW US ONLINE

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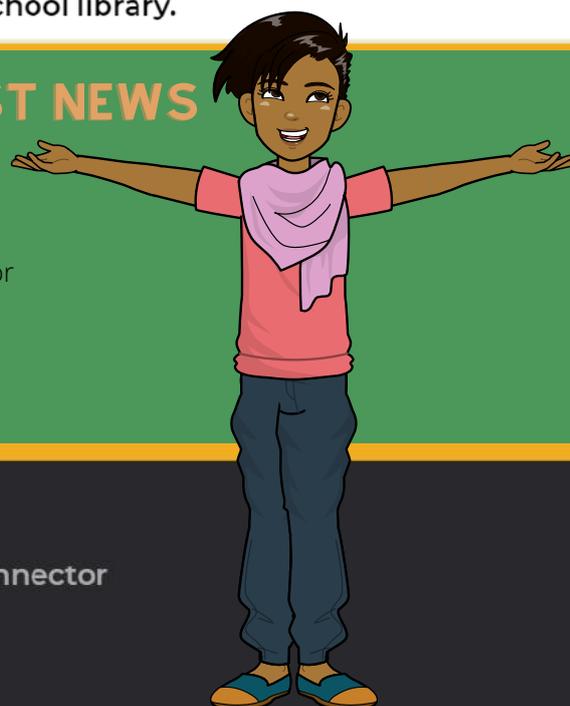
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