

HANDSWORTH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

HAOS Newsletter Spring 2022



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

'BRING IT ON BRUM' HOLIDAY SCHEMES

GREEN ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FOOD HUB

'MISS-ADVENTURE'

YOUNG PEOPLES PARLIAMENT

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Easter Holiday Activities Wait List

Follow the link and leave your name and contact details and we will add your child's name to Handsworth Association of Schools FREE Easter play scheme waiting list. You can also contact us directly to leave your details. Tel: 0121 464 7770 Email: adminhas@handsworth.bham.org.uk

We will contact you nearer the time with more details.

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Hello Everyone!

Well here we are, where has the time gone? HAOS have been busy as usual and we have created a range of opportunities for our member schools as well as the wider community. I know that Covid has had a huge impact on our day to day life personally and professionally and this has meant that we have had to be creative in our engagement with schools and the community.

We are still doing our best to provide opportunities and support for children, young people and families including Early Help, Foodbank, special events and projects. HAOS are also continuing to offer EYFS, SENCo, and Pastoral School improvement networks to support Head Teachers, and School staff

I hope that you enjoy reading this bumper filled edition of HAOS Spring Newsletter. We want to share with you all the exciting projects and activities that we have as well as the new projects coming up.

Happy Reading

Deborah Bonnique
Education and Engagement Manager



Building on success of holiday schemes – 'SOS' and 'WOW'

Last year over 450 Free scheme places offered, 7000 + hot and healthy meals served with thanks to our host schools Rookery School, Welford Primary School, Handsworth Wood Girls School Academy. Our Summer of Something and Winter of Wonder schemes helped provide healthy food and activities over the summer to hundreds of children many of whom would otherwise have limited access to healthy and hot food. We look to develop this strand of work further during the years ahead partly funded by BCC Bring it on Brum program.

The Commonwealth Games are coming!

There will be a number of exciting projects coming schools way this year in the lead up to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. 'We Made Birmingham' is just one of them - a new project which focuses on the recording and sharing stories of heritage, community activism and migration from as many of Birmingham's diverse communities as possible in celebration of the Commonwealth Games. The aim is to promote wider public understanding by both residents and visitors, of how different patterns of migration and settlement have shaped Birmingham, its localities and communities and the connections which exist between its places and people. The Studio School will be responsible for training youth community journalists who will be gathering the stories from local people. We are the Village will be responsible for converting the stories into a digital record of peoples' lives in Birmingham

Going Greener for 2022

Our Green Mentor has more exciting plans for this year. The scheme is pupil lead with the guidance and support of their Green Mentor. The aim of the project is to develop the knowledge , skills and sense of agency to empower the participants to become life-long Green Influencers.

Welford Primary-A Zero Food Waste School. Welford have committed to turn all food waste into compost on site. This means all cooked food scraps as well as every apple core will be processed through a 'hot bin' composting system that converts the food, waste paper and leaf litter mix into rich compost in as little as 30 days.

William Murdock Primary-Biodiversity. The school grounds will maximise the possibilities to share the environment with as rich and diverse a population of flora and fauna as possible. This will be achieved through extensive planting and habitat construction (e.g. bird and bat boxes and bug hibernation spaces). Un-used space will be designated as wildlife only zones and trees will be planted, to not only provide habitat in these areas but in play spaces and against fences to maximise carbon sequestration.



Cherry Orchard Primary- 'Food and Stuff'. The pupils will develop displays, demonstrations, food tastings and events to explain alternatives to wasteful habits we often unwittingly follow. The project will help our carbon literacy so that participants can navigate their own path to a low carbon lifestyle.

Rookery Primary-'Clean School' The project will audit all aspects of waste and pollution in the school and create strategies to reduce waste, mitigate air pollution and clean up the school grounds. Using Craftivism, pupils will campaign for less wasteful and polluting practices in the community.

Hamstead Hall-'Carbon Weigh-in' workshop . Materials and displays will be created as workshop resources to teach carbon literacy. Multiple kits will be made so that HAOS. schools can access the resource. The first display will be shown at the National Green Mentors Conference on 1st March, (part of the Green Influencers Scheme).

Stronger Communities Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund 'The Green Heritage Trail Project'

The HAOS Green Heritage Trail will link the past with the present, bringing to life the industrial, social and cultural tapestry in relation to the environment of the Perry Barr District. We will research of the lands and manors that existed in our area and explore green themes of constant change and growth.

Through the creation of a Green Family Heritage Trail, families can follow the map, and discover some of the locality's historical highlights. Families will be able to independently hunt outside areas of significant interest and go on guided green walks which will give them access to audio, video and printable resources on a variety of topics.

A 'Stage for Stories'

Birmingham 2022 Festival presents a Stage for Stories, a Creative City Project generously funded by Birmingham City Council. A collective mix of fun storytelling workshops, drama sessions, poetry writing for children, young people and families culminating in a united community performance retelling the cross-cultural and Commonwealth tales of families living in Handsworth. Every story deserves a stage. We will pair local creatives with schools and community groups to prepare for a 'Stage for Stories' Community Day where they can showcase their talents and tell the stories from people across the Commonwealth. We will also collect everyone's contributions as digital stories as a way of creating a long-lasting digital presence. Stories will be inspired by what the Commonwealth Games represent: Humanity, Equality, and Destiny. The hope is that young people become custodians of their community's stories. Family stories should not be lost.



Reading Volunteers

Through the support of reading volunteers, Handsworth Association of schools has developed the Reading Volunteer programme to help children struggling with their literacy skills to become confident and able readers, to access the education they deserve and achieve their potential. This year for the first time HAOS are partnering with Birmingham Literacy Trust to bring Birmingham University graduates into primary schools to support childrens reading. We have also been gifted a selection of new books which will be shared with participating schools.

Spring Beets

A HAOS supported half term and online project to focus on local history and the musical heritage of Handsworth. The aim is to work on an intergenerational project inspired by the Commonwealth Games. Young people will take the lead in recording our community's local stories and connections and use these as inspiration for music composition. The activities will include a heritage walk or site visit, photography and composition workshops. The music created will be recorded, and performed at a fun celebration event.



MISS ADVENTURE



Girls Cycling and Mentoring Group

Youth led cycling group for girls aged 11 to 16 to inspire a love for cycling through adventurous out-of-school activities. Encouraged by trained Youth 'Miss Adventure Champions' and our cycling instructors, and young people will plan and participate in on/off road cycle rides, social action cycle ready projects and help to promote Bikeability across schools with low take up for girls.

We have limited spaces so if you are interested please contact:

impactforlife046@gmail.com



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Young Peoples Parliament

We are absolutely back for 2022. We found the success of our virtual meetings worked well and we will continue to deliver our termly meetings in this way to start the year off.

There will also be a range of funded opportunities for the YPP Delegates and this year we are joining up with The Next Generation Awards. This is a project set up by the Birmingham Civic Society. It aims to promote citizenship and engage young people to use their voices and ideas to make a positive change and have an active role in their city and is a perfect match for Handsworth YPP.



Check us out coming to a bus stop near you soon!



CIN EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS



HAOS is now a referrer for the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme, delivered by Family Fund Business Services. Schools can contact us directly if they have identified a family who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services.

A special thanks to all our funding partners supporting us this year!



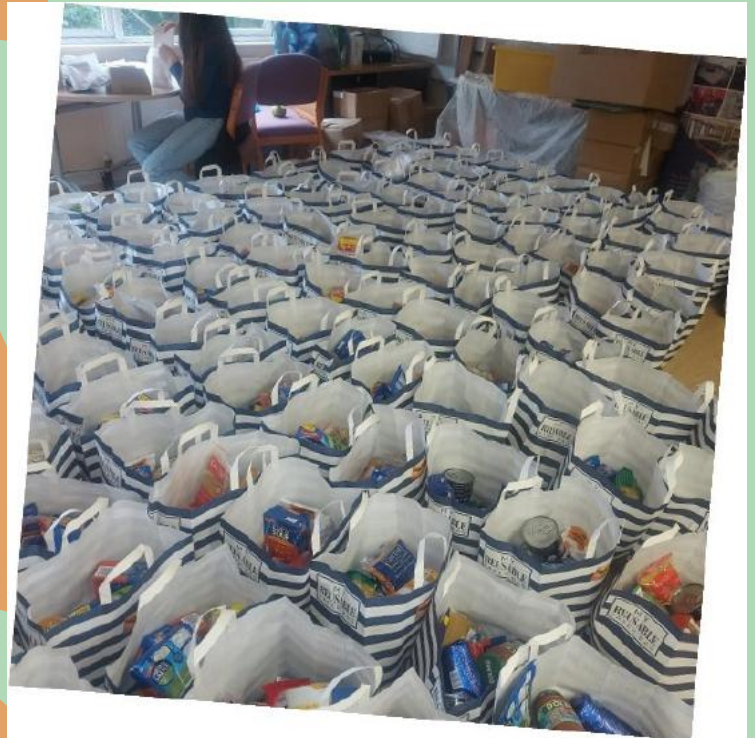
FAMILY FOOD HUB STILL GOING STRONG

The HAOS team do not believe that any family in our community should have to face going hungry. That's with the support of Fairshare, Neighbourly and some amazing donations from across our community we are able to provide nutritionally balanced emergency food, hygiene packs and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. By being supported to rescue surplus, quality food from supermarkets, that would otherwise go to waste, we are working in partnership to keep children fed. This also helps keep food out of landfill and cut down on pollution.

In the majority of cases we are able to support people in overcoming their food crisis in the short term, for instance if benefits have not been received. For those in need of further support, and recognising the unsustainability of handing out food parcels on a regular basis, HAOS offers additional support and guidance. We work in partnership with specialist agencies to help people overcome the often complex underlying problems that have led to them having to approach the foodbank, like: household debt, worklessness, homelessness, addiction and not claiming full benefit entitlements. Our approach is ongoing in helping families to re-engage further within the community.

British Science week

We would like to give out 'Science of Spice' Kits to 100 families accessing our food bank to support learning around how to grow and use spices at home to help meals go further. Kits will be full of spices to try, recipe cards, ingredients, seeds to plant, and an activity book for families to work through, all designed to help families enhance their cooking skills with the science behind it. Taking the periodic table of spices as a starting point, the 'Science of Spice' Kits will help families to explore the science behind growing "exotic" spices at home and learn how knowing more about science helps them to release the flavour in their dishes. This will hopefully encourage family's interest in knowing more and inspire them to get involved in our spicy 'Grow to Know' gardening workshops in community venues and at our new allotment patch during Science Week and beyond.



OUR GROWING TEAM OF NEW STAFF, TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

Our team is expanding as we are offering an increasing range of activities and services. A huge thank you to everyone is a part of our charitable work.



A special thank you to Birmingham University and the dedication of all the student volunteers supporting HAOS.

Why Early Help?

The Birmingham wide Early Help offer managed by Birmingham Childrens Partnership provides organisations with additional support to help families. Effective early help relies upon families, communities and local agencies working together to:

- Identify children, young people and families who would benefit from early help;
- Undertake an assessment of the need for early help;
- Provide targeted early help services to address the assessed needs of a child, young person and their family which focuses on activity to significantly improve the outcomes for them.
- Early help should happen as soon as possible when difficulties emerge in order to prevent problems from becoming entrenched or escalated.
- Early help is underpinned by universal services to identify the need for support at an early stage for those families who may need it.
- An effective early help offer is the responsibility of all partners.
- All families will have access to co-ordinated early help in accordance with need as soon as difficulties are identified. This support should be personalised, multi-agency, evidence based and embedded within a whole family approach. Children and young people in those families will be supported to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives, and to develop into responsible adult citizens.
- Early help can break the intergenerational cycle of risk and vulnerability that some families become entrenched in.
- Families will become more resilient and develop capabilities to prevent and resolve problems themselves.
- Local communities will become resilient through early help.



All from the Coommunity Connector Team based at HAOS

Our package of training offers a variety of ways professionals can access additional information about the process of an Early Help Assessment



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2022!!!

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Delivering the Next
Generation Awards

READING VOLUNTEERS



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
LITERACY TRUST

GREEN INFLUENCERS SCHEME



Supported by the Ernest
Cook Trust

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR TEAM

EARLY HELP TRAINING OFFER

Access FREE training available for all
organisations in Birmingham who work with
children and young people.
In partnership with
Spurgeons sponsored by
Birmingham Childrens Trust

FAMILY FOOD HUB



Children in Need Emergency
grant referrers

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS



NEW TRAINING AND CPD
OPPORTUNITIES THIS COMING YEAR

MIS ADVENTURE GIRLS ACTIVITY GROUPS



Funded by Bikeability Trust
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SOS AND WOW HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Funded by BCC Bring it on
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PLUS LOTS MORE!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK -
KICKSTART YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENTS -
WINTER WARM CAMPAIGN -
ECO LIFE CENTER - FAMILY
SUPPORT WORKERS --
SEINFEST- SPRING BEETS
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