



Howard Headlines



Key dates:

- **Friday 2nd December** – Own clothes day for the Festive Tombolas
- **Monday 5th December** – Raffle Tickets go on sale in the playground after school.
- **Thursday 8th December** – Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas dinner.
- **Wednesday 14th December** – Howard Winter Wonderland!
- **Friday 16th December** – Last day of term
- **Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January** – Christmas Break
- **Tuesday 3rd January** – Staff inset day

Own clothes day

We would like to invite the children to wear their own clothes to school on **Friday December 2nd**. Instead of the usual financial donation, we are requesting contributions to our tombolas.

Reception – Year 2: Please bring chocolate bars / boxes / bags for our chocolate tombola. We ask that donations do not contain nuts, inline with our school policy.

Year 3 – Year 6: Please bring a full, unopened bottle of any kind (could be squash, shower gel, ketchup, wine, vanilla essence...anything, as long as it's a bottle!)

Winter Wonderland

We are delighted to announce that, following a few years of COVID induced absence, the Howard Primary School Winter Wonderland is returning!



Howard
Winter Wonderland
Wednesday 14th December
2022
3.30 – 5.30pm



These events are hugely important for our school fundraising and we look forward to seeing you there for some festive fun!



Howard Winter Wonderland Needs You!

Do you have any connections to businesses or organisations that might be willing to donate a raffle prize? Please let the office know at office@howard.croydon.sch.uk.

Trying to declutter prior to Christmas? We will be holding a second hand book stall for both children's and adult books at the Winter Wonderland. We will also be accepting donations of pre-loved toys that are still in good condition. If you would like to contribute, please bring your second hand items to the Assembly Hall at the beginning of the day during the week beginning 5th December.



We would like to run a homemade (nut free) cake stall at the event too. If you are able to contribute, please contact Miss Winser at year5@howard.croydon.sch.uk



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What's been happening in...

Reception	<p>We would like to welcome the recent Reception starters at Howard Primary. We are excited to see you grow in all different ways as you progress through our school. Reception have been studying Light and Dark this half term, including learning about a variety of festivals. They have also had the opportunity to visit our Forest School regularly.</p>	
Year 1	<p>Year 1 have made some fantastic jar aquariums in conjunction with their learning about life under the sea. Recently, they enjoyed learning about chronology by looking at different photos of each other when they were babies. They are looking forward to their visit to Croydon Library soon for the Brit School Christmas performance too!</p>	
Year 2		<p>Year 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London as their History topic. They made some incredible models of homes from the time, which they will be burning at their special event this week. We can't wait to see some pictures!</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 are off to Croydon Minster for a Christmas concert this week. They have been busy getting to grips with the violin and cello in their music lessons.</p>	
Year 4	<p>This week, Year 4 are making their own packaging for their Design and Technology project. They have also made their own instruments. Currently, Southwark class are taking their turn to go to swimming lessons every Tuesday.</p>	
Year 5	<p>Recently, Year 5 have been to the Fairfield Halls for a musical extravaganza performed by Whitgift School. Cannon Street will be visiting Whitgift all of this week for an Enrichment Project, whilst London Bridge are participating in an Enterprise / Enrichment week here at Howard, including a visit to Trinity School for a workshop on the Anglo Saxons.</p>	
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have been making cookies for their DT unit recently and had the opportunity to attend a concert at Trinity School last week, where they saw performances from the jazz band, Chamber orchestra, choir and rock band. Some members of Year 6 will be singing at Croydon Minster on 6th December.</p>	

Eco- Howard

Recently, we have been the beneficiaries of a number of trees from the Woodland Trust which are in the process of being planted in our school grounds. These include cherry, apple and pear trees. We look forward to seeing them grow, enriching our school environment and eventually bearing fruit!





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Poster Competition

This weekend we launched the Howard Winter Wonderland Poster Competition! Details are also on Google Classroom. Entries are open to all year groups and the deadline is **Thursday 1st December**.

Posters need to include:

- Name of event (Howard Primary Winter Wonderland)
- Timings (3.30 – 5.30pm on Wednesday 14th December)
- Some events (raffle, tombolas, second hand books / toys / uniform stalls, food, games, festive photo booth, live music)
- Event is cash only

Posters should be A4 size and can be completed using any medium (paints / felt tips / collage / digital software etc). Any digital entries should be emailed to Miss Winsor at year5@howard.croydon.sch.uk

The winner will be announced on Monday 5th December and their poster will be shared throughout our school community. They will also receive some complimentary tokens to spend on activities of their choice at the event itself.

Our new Dining Hall

Recently, our partners at Pabulum, who provide our school lunches, have had a rebranding! Members of School Council and Curriculum Committee were invited to contribute ideas to a giant mural to be displayed in our canteen area that reflects our school and local area. They chose a variety of Croydon landmarks, transport connections, places that are important to them and even some familiar local wildlife!

Our servery will be open during Winter Wonderland so do come and have a look at this fantastic piece of artwork!

Howard Successes

It has been a hugely successful few weeks for Howard Primary School! Here are a few of the things we have been celebrating...

- ❖ Mr Liguori, father of Luciano (Y1) and Annalise (Y4) entered Howard Primary in a competition run by Yamaha Music School to win a brand new keyboard...and he won! Thank you so much for putting us forward for this opportunity. This new keyboard will be used regularly in music lessons and rehearsals.
- ❖ Four Year 5 girls (Abigail, Naa Ayorkor, Suvisha and Sharaya) were invited to take part in a Maths Circus at Old Palace School at the beginning of November. As a team, they competed against 15+ teams from other schools in Croydon. They worked brilliantly together on all the mathematical challenges they faced and we are delighted to announce they came 4th! We are so proud of you!

- ❖ Last week, a number of Key Stage 2 children participated in the Panathlon Multi-Sports Competition. They had the opportunity to compete in a variety of competitive sports and the Howard Team (Stanley, Vethesh, Mashish, Tome, Hasan and Frank) came in at first place, winning the Gold Trophy! A tremendous achievement and we are very proud of all our athletes!



We wish you a super start to December and look forward to seeing you at the Howard Winter Wonderland!